

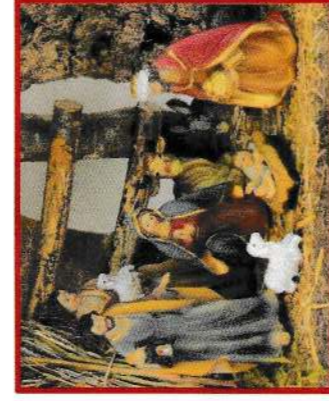
Christmas Eve Readers	Christmas Day Readers
6pm: Anne O'Hare	10.00am: Jemma Boden
7.30pm: Marie Cowan	11.30am: Oonagh McAleavey
6pm: Joleen Morgan	

RECENTLY DECEASED
We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Annie Travers, 4 St Anne's Terrace, Cabra** and **Alice Kelly, Yellow Road** who were interred during the week.
May they rest in peace

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Society's is pleased to announce that its Journal Seanchas Dhroim Mor 2020 is now on sale price £10 or £15 to include p&p Seanchas Dhroim Mor 2020 120pp includes articles on :
Dr Patrick Donnelly 1649-1719 Bishop of Dromore and "Bard of Armagh" Thomas B. Keane. The Story of the Sisters of Mercy, Lurgan. Sr. Dr Evelyn Kenny
Columbans from the Diocese of Dromore
Edward Mulhern, Lord Bishop of Dromore 1916-1943
The Grinan Crosses, Clonlea Graveyard & the Mooney family
Elizabeth Hughes
The Function of Art: The Great Depression, Papal Encyclicals, and Editorial Cartoons
Barry Sheppard
Newry streets in the 1911 Census; (an online study in time of Covid)
Please contact any of the following to purchase a copy: Martin Goss, Newry 30262849 (answerphone) or goss.jim@gmail.com Michael Keenan, Burren: 41772543

RECENTLY BAPTISED
We welcome into our faith community **Rossa Sean Farrell** son of Darren and Sarah and **Daithi Edward McMahon** son of Gavin and Sheena

CHRISTMAS TIME

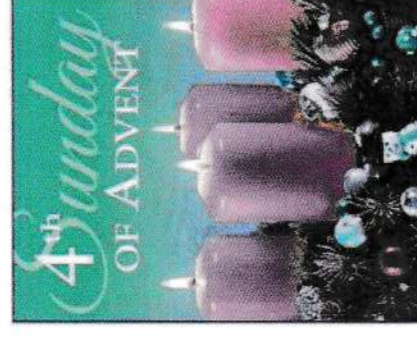


The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the Nativity: "For by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him a God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen."

During the Christmas season there is an extensive exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Hath He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th December 2020
The Four Sunday of Advent



Jesus' dignity is great for he is the Son of the Most High.
Luke. 1: 26-38



NOTICE REGARDING CHRISTMAS MASSES IN CLONDUFF

Please be advised that all 7 Christmas Masses in the Parish of Clonduff are now **FULLY BOOKED**. In order to adhere to Public Health guidance and Social Distancing we are unable to accept anymore applications for seats at any of the Masses. Those who have already applied for seats will be contacted in the coming days. It is **important to emphasise** that only those who have been allocated seats at a certain Mass may attend that specific Mass this year.

All Masses will be streamed live via Webcam.

We would encourage those who are unable to attend Mass in person to participate from home via Webcam or visit the beautiful Cribs in our Chapels over the festive season.

www.clonduffparish.com or www.churchmedia.tv

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606 or email cbyrne26@icloud.com

Sat 19th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, CABRA Public Mass: Barney, Susan & Josephine McShane, Rathfriland Road; John & Magdalene Doyle & Francis Doyle, Hilltown; Sean Lynch, Castlewellaan Road; Eugene Grant; Bernard & Margaret Smith, Mullaghmore
Sun 20th Dec 9.00am St Mary's Cabra:	Public Mass: Sallie, Robert & Mary Ann Henning & Susan Cull, Stang Road
Sun 20th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Public Mass: John & Rose Anne Quinn, Kennedy Drive; Peter & Teresa Farnan, Kinghill Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road; Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane; Pat Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family members, Yellow Road; Patrick Hugh Rooney, Rathfriland; Vivion Fegan, St Patrick's Park John & Kathleen McAleenan, Dana Place & Deceased members of the Rice Family, Lisnamulligan
Mon 21st Dec 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tues 22nd Dec 9.00am	Public Mass: Hugh John McEvoy, Castlewellaan Road; Hugh & Mary Ann Brown, Cleomac
Wed 23rd Dec 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	Christmas Eve: Bronagh Pertwee & deceased Kelly Family, Yellow Road BALLYMAGHERY: Christmas Eve:
Thur 24th Dec 6.00pm BALLYGORIAN	Christmas Eve: Ballymoghery: Christmas Eve:
Thur 24th Dec 6.00pm & 7.30pm	Christmas Eve: CABRA: Fri 25 th Dec 9.00am CABRA:
Fri 25th Dec 10.00am	Christmas Day: MM Mary Rodgers, Patrick & Josephine Rodgers, Cabra
Fri 25th Dec 11.30am	BALLYGORIAN: Christmas Day:
Sat 26th Dec 10.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Christmas Day:
Sat 26th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Public Mass: Hugh & Ellen Kearney, Bann View
Sun 27th Dec 9.00am	Public Mass: St Mary's Cabra:
Sun 27th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Public Mass: James, Teresa & Sr Mary Teresa Rice & Deceased Family members, Bryansford Road; James & Bridget Ann McConville, Mullaghmore

PARISH OF CLONDUFF SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Sunday Readings Cycle B – Weekday Readings Cycle 1)

PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile 07764941606. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. *Fr Charles Byrne*

Your continued financial support to Parish life and Parish upkeep is very much appreciated during these anxious and challenging days due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic.
Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewellaan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.
Thanks for your support last week £1,439.00

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741.

A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

Thanks to the stewards and cleaners who are doing a great job enabling us to keep our Churches open over the Christmas Season. Please continue to adhere to social distancing, sanitising and wearing masks at all times.

Eucharistic Ministers 19th – 20th December 6pm Marie Murray 11.30am: Ursula Murphy	Eucharistic Ministers 19th – 20th December 6pm: Susan Brannigan 11.30am: P J Quinn
Readers 19th – 20th December 6pm: Anne O'Hare 11.30am: Kieran Murphy	Readers 26th – 27th December 6pm: Sinead & Meabh McPolin 11.30am: Laura Murray
BALLYGORIAN Eucharistic Ministers Thur 24 th Dec 6pm: Geraldine Smyth Mary McGreevey Fri 25 th Dec 10.00am: Ursula Murphy Susan Brannigan	BALLYMAGHERY Eucharistic Ministers Thur 24 th Dec 6pm Joseph Farrell 7.30pm P J Quinn Fri 25 th Dec 11.30am: Des McNeill
CABRA Eucharistic Ministers Thur 24 th Dec 7.30pm: Jerome Lynch Fri 25 th Dec 9.00am: Sean McAlinden Sun 27 th Dec 9.00am: Anne O'Hare	CABRA Readers Thur 24 th Dec 7.30pm: Angela Gribben Fri 25 th Dec 9.00am: Kate Woods Sun 27 th Dec 9.00am: Deirbhile Devlin

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