



Chapel cleaners for Ballymaghery in December 2025 are Cathy Fitzpatrick, Mary Brannigan, Fionnula Rooney, Caroline Grant, Carol Magee, Josephine Fegan and Lorraine O'Hare

CLONDUFF SVP: St Vincent de Paul, St John's Conference, Clonduff will be supporting families in our local community. We will be collecting cash donations at our Annual Christmas Appeal after mass on 13th/14th and 20th/21st December. All donations, big or small, will be gratefully accepted. If anyone would like to donate online, we also accept bank transfers. The bank details are: Ulster Bank - Name: St Vincent de Paul St John's Conference. Account number: 59002043 and Sort Code: 98-13-60. Thank you for your continued support and generosity at this time. Together we can bring some comfort and relief to those who are struggling most this season. We really appreciate all your help.

Thank You to everyone for donating flowers for the Altar in St Mary's Cabra, throughout the year. *Sean & Roisin McAlinden*

Pope John Paul 11 Award Scheme. Any young people, parish volunteers aged 16 or 17 interested should contact Frances McNally by phone: 02830833898 or email: youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

Easter Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from Wednesday 1st of April to Wednesday 8th April. Pilgrimage includes..... Outbound flight, Dublin to Mostar direct (only half an hour from Medjugorje) Return flight Split to Dublin direct: Bus transfers to and from Medjugorje: Half board accommodation: Local guide for the week: Extra excursions of surrounding areas such as the Surmanci (Divine Mercy Chapel) and Mostar with it's world famous bridge, these are optional and will incur a small fee. Earlybird deal price of £725 pps if deposit paid before February 1st: Christmas gift vouchers available: Travel insurance, optional at £35: Contact Jerome Lynch on 07739092399

"When Our Lady enters a home, she brings her Son with her." The Legion of Mary invites you to welcome Our Lady of Graces Statue into your home. If you'd like to have the statue for a week, please contact Liz 07708 217549 or Bronagh 07872 694848, or Sheila 07795517503

Junior Set Dancing on Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the GAA Clubrooms.
Adult Set Dancing every Thursday night from 7.30 to 9pm in the Parochial Hall Hilltown
Everyone is welcome

BINGO EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 9.00PM IN INF HALL

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630306 or 07764941606 or email clonduffparish@dromorediocese.org or cbyrne26@icloud.com

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Matthew 1:18-24

Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 15th – 20th May 2026: £890.00 inc. transfers from Hilltown to Lourdes and return, full board for 5 days in the Agena or La Solitude Hotels and assistance of JWT Representatives while in Lourdes. Anyone wishing to travel as a pilgrim should contact any member of the local committee as soon as possible or **Joanne on 07845825029/ Sean on 07789757417**. We are able to facilitate staged payments or Gift Vouchers towards the fare. Anyone wishing to travel as an Assisted Pilgrim may do the same or leave their name in the boxes provided in the three Parish Churches. If you are nominating someone for an Assisted Pilgrim position, please check with them first that they are happy for you to do so.

Sat 20 th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Eugene Grant, Ardmore Park Mary Catherine & Joseph Brannigan, Spelga Park Matt & Susan McGinn, Leitrim Road/Chigago CABRA: Jim, Rose & James McParlan, Lenish
Sun 21 st Dec 9.00am	
Sun 21 st Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	MM Rosemary Brannigan, St Patrick's Park Teenie Wilson, Ballygorian Alice Kelly, Yellow Road, formerly Rostrevor Confessions
Sun 21 st Dec 6pm - 7pm	
Mon 22 nd Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Mon 22 nd Dec 7.00pm	St Mary's, Rathfriland:
Tues 23 rd Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Eucharistic Prayer Service
Wed 24 th Dec 6.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Christmas Eve Patrick & Annie Murphy, New Line
Wed 24 th Dec 7.30pm	CABRA: Christmas Eve
Wed 24 th Dec 8.00pm	BALLYGORIAN: Christmas Eve
Thur 25 th Dec 11.30am	BALLYMAGHERY: Mass
Fri 26 th Dec 9.30am	St Mary's, Rathfriland
Fri 26 th Dec 7.30pm	CABRA:
Sat 27 th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Sheila Brannigan James & Mary Ann McConville & Deceased McConville & Keenan Families, Mullaghmore
Sun 28 th Dec 9.00am	CABRA:
Sun 29 th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	MM Mary McPolin, Kennedy Drive Pat Bradley, Leitrim Road Lorraine Grant, St Patrick's Park Peter Joe & Margaret McEvoy, Castlewella Road Stephen, Mary Alice & Rose Murphy, Goward Road Fr John Gallagher, Scotland

A special word of thanks to all those who helped out in the Parish during the year. Church Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and those who organise the Rotas for these duties. Thanks also to Eileen and the Choir in Ballymaghery and Cathy, Geraldine, Roisin and the Childrens Choir in Cabra and all those who sing on other occasions. The Sacristians Des & Brian in Ballymaghery and Sean and Roisin in Cabra.
Many thanks to the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Lourdes Committee, Church Collectors, and Counters for your contribution to the life of the Parish in so many ways, it is very much appreciated.

A big thanks to you, the Parishioners, for your generous support to the Parish and to Deacon Gerry and myself during the year.
Wishing you all a Very Holy and Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.
Fr C Byrne and Rev Gerry McBrien

PARISH OF CLONDUFF SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY ADVENT

(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

You can now book your Anniversaries, Baptisms, Weddings or any other enquires by contacting the Parish Office Monday & Thursday 9am – 3pm (028) 30850270 or leaving a message on answering machine or

Email: clonduffparish@dromorediocese.org

Baptism Arrangements

First Sunday of the Month Ballymaghery 12.30pm

Third Sunday of the Month Cabra 12.30pm

Thanks for your generous support £2,915.23

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults:

Dromore Designated Person Mr Stephen Sherry 07301246329

A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for

reference in the Parish Rooms.

Sat 20 th Dec: Sarah McAlinden, Olivia Malley, Daniel Doyle, Cora Belle Murray, Charlie McCumiskey	BALLYMAGHERY ALTAR SERVERS	Sat 27 th Dec: Eibhlin McConville, Daire Gribben, Aisling Brown, Sarah Brannigan
Sun 21 st Dec: Aoife Dickson, Meabh Canning	Sun 28 th Dec: Leah McGarry, Frankie McGinn	
Eucharistic Ministers Ballymaghery		
Sat 20 th Dec 6pm: Murtagh Walls	Sun 21 st Dec 11.30am: Mary McGreevy	
Christmas Eve 6pm: Marian Farnon, Martin Farnon, Joe Farrell	Sat 27 th Dec 6pm: Aoibhin Brannigan	
Christmas Day 11.30am: Anne Murray	Sun 28 th Dec 11.30am: Marian Brannigan	
Readers		
Sat 20 th Dec 6pm: Rosaleen Brannigan	Christmas Day 11.30am: Darragh McSloy	
Sun 21 st Dec 11.30am: Aoibhin Eimear Byrne	Sat 27 th Dec 6pm: Tracy Lively	
Christmas Eve 6pm: Elaine McGreevy, Joleen Morgan	Sun 28 th Dec 11.30am: PJ Quinn	
Christmas Eve 8pm: Kiernan Murphy		
CABRA READERS		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Sun 21 st Dec 9.00am: Angela Gribben	Sun 21 st Dec 9.00am: Anne McPolin	
Christmas Eve 7.30pm: Lisa Gribben	Christmas Eve: Joanne McGinn, Jerome Lynch	
Sun 28 th Dec 9.00am: Gail Kane	Sun 28 th Dec 9.00am: Brian McAlinden	