



The **Irish Pilgrimage Trust** is having a night of music in **St. Therese's Church Banbridge** on the **8th December 2019** starring **Malachi Cush, Liam Lawton, Karl McGuckin** with special guests **Fiona Flynn & Mary Queen of Peace Junior Choir**. Tickets are £20 and can be purchased at **Banbridge Parish office, Newry Parish office** or by ringing **07855 802 011**.

Each year **PIPS Hope & Support** hold a memorial service for those who are bereaved or touched by suicide. The service is open to everyone, and we warmly invite anyone touched by suicide to attend; it is a unique opportunity for people to come together in a spirit of comfort and hope. It is conducted in an atmosphere of peace and serenity, the service offers time to reflect, and remember loved ones. During the ceremony everyone has an opportunity to take part by either participating in the memory tree ceremony or the candle light possession or both. Refreshments are served afterwards and this provides an opportunity for those affected by suicide to meet others who unfortunately have experienced similar experiences. This is the 16th year of the service and it will be held in **Church of St Mary of the Assumption (Drumalane Church) Newry** on **Sunday 8th December 2019 at 4.00pm**.

CHAPEL CLEANERS FOR BALLYMAGHERY IN DECEMBER ARE Mary Brannigan, Cathy Fitzpatrick, Fionulla Rooney, Ann Mullholland, Caroline Grant & Josephine Fegan



2020 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
20th May to 27th May and 12th August to 18th August
Gift Vouchers available
Contact Jerome Lynch on 07739092399

Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his third coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th December 2019
 Second Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance. Matt. 3: 1-12.

On Thursday 21st November there was a joint Clonduff/Drumgath Council meeting to discuss weekday Masses for the two Parishes. After deliberation the following schedule for Weekday Masses was decided upon.

Monday: 8.45am Ballymaghery. 7.00pm Rathfriland
Tuesday: 9.30am Rathfriland
Wednesday: 8.45am Ballygorgan
Thursday: 9.30am Eucharistic Prayer Service, Rathfriland
Friday: 8.45am Ballymaghery. 9.30am Rathfriland.
7.30pm Cabra (First Fridays, Lent and November)

In the event of a Funeral taking place there will be no morning Mass in that Parish.

These new daily arrangements begin from **Monday 2nd December 2019**.

Mass Times in other local parishes:

Benedictine Monastery 11.30am each day.
Rostrevor 9.30am Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri.
Mayobridge Mon 10.00am. Wed 7.30pm
Burren Tue 9.30am. Fri 7.00pm
Castlewellan 9.30am each day

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606



PARISH OF CLONDUFF 8th DECEMBER 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN & CABRA	
Sat 7th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Sally Lively, St Patrick's Park; Rosaleen McKeown, Castlewellan Road; Sally Morgan, Ballydo; Francis & Mary Brannigan, Rostrevor Road; Arthur & Anne Brannigan & Deceased Family, Carculion; Sean Fegan, Main Street; Joe & Mary Catherine Brannigan, Spelga Park
Sun 8th Dec 9.00am CABRA:	Barney Morgan & Deceased Family, Fofenyreagh; John Gribben, Kinghill; James & Mary Anne Maginnis, Ballyweely; Anne McParland, Cabra; John Thomas McPolin, Kinghill. Deceased family members of the McPolin family, Ballykeel Road; John Maginnis, Drumlee
Sun 8th Dec 12.00pm BALLYGORIAN:	Rosemary Carr, Mourne View; Yvonne Lowry, Rathfriland Road; Mary Rose McCartney & John & Pat McCartney & Deceased Family, Yellow Rd
Sat 14th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Brian Darby, Rathfriland Road; Patrick & Elizabeth Grant & Deceased family, Carculion; Sean Lynch, Castlewellan Road; Joe & Mary Catherine Brannigan, Spelga Park; Sally Henning, Stang Road; Stephen, Sarah, Sean & Steve McPolin, Stang; Michael & Anne Kane, Belfast
Sun 15th Dec 9.00am Sun 15th Dec 12.00pm BALLYGORIAN:	CABRA: Owen & Margaret Gribben, Lenish MM Eileen Ward, Ardmore Park; Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road; Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane
BALLYMAGHERY: Mon & Fri 8.45am. BALLYGORIAN: Wed 8.45am. CABRA: First Friday 7.30pm	
READERS FOR DECEMBER	
BALLYMAGHERY 6.00pm Lorna Fitzpatrick; Marie Cowan	BALLYGORIAN 12.00pm Kayleigh & Jordan McPolin
CABRA Sun 15th Dec Kate Woods	

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for next year, the dates are 12th – 17th May 2020

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In accordance with the Liturgical Calendar: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday December 9th this year and accordingly it loses its obligation. Sunday 8th December 2019 is celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: Friday 20th December Ballymaghery 7.00pm – 8.00pm
 Monday 23rd December Cabra 7.00pm – 8.00pm

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS
Christmas Eve: Ballymaghery 6.00pm Cabra 8.00pm Ballygorgan 9.00pm
CHRISTMAS MORNING: Ballymaghery 11.30am

Collection: €1,6580.00 Thanks for your continuing support.
Adoration Times: Ballymaghery: Wed 9am – 12pm Ballygorgan: Wed 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Cabra: Fri 6.30pm – 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE if someone is sick or elderly at home and not able to come to Mass and has not been visited please contact me on (028) 40630206 or 07764941606 Also if there is someone in hospital please let me know. **Fr. C. Byrne**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
BALLYMAGHERY Sat 14th Dec 6.00pm: Bernice McAleenan; Paddy Morgan; Geraldine Smith; Asling Lively	BALLYGORIAN Sun 15th Dec 12.00pm: Mary O'Hare; Des McNeill
ALTAR SERVERS	
BALLYMAGHERY Sat 14th Dec 6.00pm: Grace & Zara Kelly; Ellie May McCormiskey	BALLYGORIAN Sun 15th Dec 12.00pm: Sinead McPolin; Ciara McPolin
CABRA Sun 15th Dec 9.00am: Ann O'Hare; Jerome Lynch; Darragh McAllinden	
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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 rrrth & MaPolicy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

LEGION OF MARY

Senior Citizens Christmas Social in INF Hall today Sunday 8th December at 2.00pm

Unfortunately, for many people, one small problem can lead to crisis or poverty. We in SVP have found that a little help at the right time can stop a family experiencing prolonged hardship. Please support our **Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. Church door collections this weekend Cabra 8th December, Hilltown 7th/8th December and 14th/15th December. Thank You!

CHOIR practice for Senior & Junior choirs on Monday 9th December at 7.00pm

St Paul's Primary School Cabra Carol Service Tuesday 17th December 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Cabra. School Carol Service Thursday 19th December in Ballymaghery at 7.00pm

CABRA ALTAR SOCIETY: Sheila Gribben and Helpers for Christmas

New BAPTISM Arrangements
 Contact the Baptism Team Coordinator on **07803272403**

The Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotions will be recited in front of Our Lady's Statue in St John the Evangelist Church this Sunday 8 December at 3pm.

All welcome to participate and meditate in these beautiful mysteries. With the Holy Rosary prayer made together with Our Heavenly Mother, we can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion.