

# The Sunday Newsletter

## Knockninny

**ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN / ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE**  
**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 First Sunday of Advent**  
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### **Mass Intentions:**

#### **Sun 29 November: 11.15am:**

Kathleen & James Maguire & Family (Mullyneeny)  
John, Veronica & Bridget Seery & Family (Aughyoule)  
Noel Donohoe (Dernagore)  
Hugh Joe Curry & Family (Drumlucht)  
John, Hugh & Bridget Cassidy (Barr)  
Patsy McCaffrey & Family (Ummerra)  
James & Mary Bridget Murray (Derryhooly)  
Hugh Joe & Annie Martin (Corradover)  
Johnny & Sadie Hughes (Killymacken)  
Margaret Keary, née Flynn, Tamlaght, Enniskillen, who died on Wednesday.

**Margaret Keary RIP:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Keary, née Flynn, Tamlaght, Enniskillen, formerly Killymacken, who died on Wednesday, 25th November. She was the wife of the late Leonard Keary. Funeral arrangements later.

### **SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER**

Hubert Gunn & Family (Corratistune)  
John & Mary Ellen Murray (Barr)  
Frances Gunn (Months Mind)  
Nick McCabe (Month's Mind)  
Brian & Bridget Fee (Doon)  
Jack & Jim McCusker and parents, Roseanne & John (Derrymacausey)  
Philip & Mary Curry (Kinoughtra)  
Michael McManus, parents Mary Anne & Patrick. AND  
Joe McQuillan (Aughyoule) and Mary McManus (Ballyconnell Rd)

**The churches are closed for two weeks.**

**The only Masses on webcam will be the 11.15 am Mass from St Ninnidh's Church on Sunday 29th November and on Sunday 7th December.**

**The Mass intentions for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November will include those anniversary Masses booked for that weekend and anniversary Masses booked for the weekdays of the following week.**

**The Mass intentions for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December will include those anniversary Masses booked for that weekend and anniversary Masses booked for the weekdays of the following week**

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** St Ninnidh's Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07873240493. Next Collection on weekend 12/13th Dec.

**Offertory & Dues Envelopes 2021** are now available to collect from the Parish Office before they are left in the Churches in late Dec/Jan. If anyone wishes to collect their envelopes, the Parish Office is open Mon-Thurs 10am-1pm.

If anyone wishes to make cheque payments for the 2020 collections, **Knockninny Parish No.1 A/C** is for offertory and **Knockninny Parish Priests Revenue** is for Dues. For Euro, the account name is **Knockninny Parish**. Envelopes can be left in the safe in the back porch of Derrylin Church or dropped into the Parish Office.

**Tiny Tots Parent & Toddler Group:** Now available on Zoom. To register please email [tinytotsderrylin@btinternet.com](mailto:tinytotsderrylin@btinternet.com). You will receive a code or link which will allow you to access the session. Meetings held on Thursday mornings from 10:00am until 12 mid-day.

**Kindertee Community Playgroup** are now completing their waiting list for pre-school places for September, 2021 starts. If your child is born between 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, and you would like them to attend playgroup, please contact us either by phone or email to ensure we have all of your details. Our contact details are Telephone: 02867742033 or [kinderteeplay@btconnect.com](mailto:kinderteeplay@btconnect.com) Applications for funded places must be completed online from early January and your child's birth certificate must be presented in playgroup as evidence of age eligibility. We require your child's name, date of birth, contact address for parent and a contact number and email address. Please share this information with anyone who may require it.

**Annual Graan Draw:** The Annual Graan Draw takes place on 8th December. If you would like to buy a book of tickets please phone the. The Graan Monastery on (028) 6632 2272 or write to The Graan Monastery, 73 Derrygonnelly Rd, Enniskillen, BT74 5PB, or email [thegraan@btconnect.com](mailto:thegraan@btconnect.com). Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book of 6 tickets. The First Prize is £5000.

**Masses on Parish web cams. and can be accessed on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) and church services. CB Radio is also on air.**

**The 48th AGM of Knockninny Credit Union** will be held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 7pm. Due to Covid 19 restrictions this year's AGM will not be a physical meeting but rather a virtual meeting via MS Teams. Members who wish to attend the virtual meeting must forward your email address to [knockninnycu@gmail.com](mailto:knockninnycu@gmail.com) to register your interest and to allow us to send you the link to attend the meeting. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 02867742888.

**Derrylin Parish Bingo** is Cancelled for the next two weeks. It is hoped to start again on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Derrylin O'Connells**

**LOTTO: 20<sup>th</sup> November - Lotto numbers: 7, 10, 13, 14.** No Jackpot winner. A consolation prize of £20 went to Sheila Boyle, Kinawley and £10 prizes went to Rosemary McKenna, Cornahoule; Ciaran McKiernan, Corragole; Kieran Lee, Online. **Next Jackpot is £4550.** Play locally or online at [Klubfunder.com](http://Klubfunder.com)

***Due to the increased restrictions in place from Friday, we have decided to postpone our next lotto draw for 2 weeks.***

**As per Fermanagh GAA, all training and games have been suspended until further notice.**

The club AGM will take place on Sunday 29th November at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

If anyone would like to link in and attend the AGM, please forward your email address to 0773227992 or email [secretary.derrylinconnells.fermanagh@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.derrylinconnells.fermanagh@gaa.ie) -.

If you need any assistance setting up Microsoft Teams, please let us know.

#### **Teemore Shamrocks**

**Lotto:** Draw held on 23/11/2020. Numbers drawn were 7, 10, 16, 23. No jackpot winner. £20 - Cliona Hamil. £10 - Rosemary Owens. £10 - Anthony Drumm. Next week's Jackpot is £3500. Play our Club Lotto online via this link - [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore\\_Shamrocks\\_GFC/lotto](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/lotto). Thank you to everyone for supporting our club lotto.

**NI Children's Hospice 5k/ 10k walk or run:** Joanne and Declan McGovern, parents of wee Oisín McGovern who passed away last December, are running a virtual 5k /10k walk or run in his memory. The money they raise will go towards the NI Children's Hospice which has been an immense and incredible support for their family over the last 11 months. Joanne and Declan have raised over £19,000 in their son's memory. An amazing amount so far! Their virtual run / walk takes place on Sunday 6th December. Please donate to their amazing cause or even take part in the virtual run yourself!

Click on this link to donate and find out more about their fundraiser-

[https://www.facebook.com/donate/1311056082564867/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/1311056082564867/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

**Fermanagh Senior Ladies Team:** Good luck to the Fermanagh Senior Ladies team in the TG4 All Ireland Junior Final next Saturday 5th December at 4pm in Parnell Park, Dublin. The match is live on TG4.

**Fermanagh Senior Hurling Team:** We wish the very best of luck to the Fermanagh Senior Hurling team in this weekend's Lory Meagher Cup Final against Louth.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Advent calendar:** Please find attached the link for the annual online interactive **Advent Calendar** from the Irish Bishops Conference. It will go live on the First Sunday of Advent on 29 November 2020. Behind each door there will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season.

The theme of the Advent Calendar this year is Hope.

[Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference | Advent Calendar 2020](#)

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### **The Advent Wreath.**

This wreath is made from a circle covered in evergreen leaves, with candles and ribbons. The four candles around the Advent Wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and the thousands of years the people of God awaited the promised Messiah.

### **First Week of Advent - Hope**

Today we light the first purple candle, the candle of hope. The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and were not disappointed. We see hope for the world in Jesus Christ. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.

We pray: *Thank you God for the hope you give us.  
May the light of your word shine in our lives  
so that we may always know what is good and right.  
Protect us from sin and keep us true to you.  
We ask this through Jesus, your Son*

**Give Hope this week**

***Be like a lit candle, burn brightly for Jesus***

- *Reach out to someone in need*
- *Give companionship to those alone*
- *Give comfort to someone suffering from an illness*
- *Offer reassurance for those who are plagued by doubt or fear*

**Finding our feet**

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the ‘lockdown’. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn’t make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn’t know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today’s gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to ‘stay awake’. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are ‘awake’ to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

‘In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: ‘Rejoice.’

**Fr Ragheed Ganni – Martyred 2007**

Fr Billy Swan – the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Ferns has written a short article recalling his memories of Fr Ragheed Ganni, who was martyred in Iraq in 2007. Fr Ganni lived in the Irish College in Rome during the time when Fr Swan was the Director of Formation in the Irish College. Not many of us personally know someone who has suffered persecution or who has been martyred for their faith. The story of Fr Ganni is inspiring. He has been recognised as a servant of God and his cause has been opened by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Should you like to read Fr Swan’s article it can be found here:

<https://vocations.ie/2020/11/25/the-inspiring-witness-of-fr-ragheed-ganni-servant-of-god/>

Words of Fr Ragheed Ganni - Without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live. For us, the terrorists take life, but the Eucharist gives it back’. He spoke these words as one of hundreds of people who took their life into their own hands by gathering for Eucharist each Sunday. He also shared on that occasion: ‘There are days when I feel frail and full of fear. But when, holding the Eucharist, I say ‘Behold the Lamb of God. Behold He who takes away the sin of the world’. Then I feel His strength in me. When I hold the Host in my hands, it is really He who is holding me and all of us’.

## ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

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Dear God, thank you for giving us  
these four weeks to prepare to celebrate  
the birth of your Son.

We are so thankful for all the people  
that help us along this path we're traveling  
to welcome Jesus.

God, bless our family and prepare our home  
and hearts to welcome your Son,  
Jesus Christ, into the world.

AMEN.

