

The Sunday Newsletter

Knockninny

ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN

6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

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SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER -For the Web Cam Mass 11.15am

Mass Intentions:

Hubert Gunn & Family (Corratistune)

John & Mary Ellen Murray (Barr)

Nick McCabe (Month's Mind)

Brian & Bridget Fee (Doon)

Jack & Jim McCusker and parents, Roseanne & John (Derrymacausey)

Philip & Mary Curry (Kinoughtra)

Tuesday 8th December 11.15am Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass on Web Cam. See Intentions for Sunday.

Margaret Gilleece RIP: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Gilleece, Knockninny Park. Her funeral took place on Friday.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY 10

Mass Intentions:

Friday 11th 10.00am: Special Intention

Sat 12 Dec: 8pm Con, Anna & Hughie Boyle & Family

Sun 13 Dec: 11.15am Derrylin: Katie, Thomas, Charlene, Angela, Mona & Richard McBrien AND Claire Curry (Fortlea)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK 14th to 18th December

Derrylin 10.00am: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri - All Special Intention

Saturday 12th 8.00pm: Reader: Laurina Shergill

Eucharistic Ministers: Agnes Martin James Boyle

Sunday 13th 11.15am: Reader Caitlin McIntyre

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda O'Rourke Niall Donegan

First Friday Visits: Fr Alwill had hoped that he would be able to visit the sick and housebound members of our parish community before Christmas. However, given the current Covid regulations and given the continued prevalence of the virus, he now considers that it would be very unwise to proceed with the Christmas visits. He acknowledges that many will be very disappointed not to have a visit for the Christmas season, but their health and safety must remain the priority. Please God the situation will improve in the New Year as vaccines become more readily available.

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE

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Mass Intentions.....

Friday 11 Dec 7.00 pm Teemore:: Michael McManus, parents Mary Anne & Patrick. Joe McQuillan (Aughyoule) and Mary McManus (Ballyconnell Rd)

Saturday 12th Dec: 11.00am Teemore: Frances Gunn (Months Mind)

Sun 13 Dec: 9.45am Teemore: James, Thomas & Kathleen Rowntree (The Burough)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK 14th to 18th December

Wed 16th December 7.00pm: : Special Intention

Fri 18th December 7.00pm: : Eileen Murray (1st Anniv) (Aughindisert)

SUNDAY 13TH December: Readings: Pauric Rice. Prayers Of The Faithful: Aoibhean Donohoe.

Eucharistic Ministers: Killian Barrett / Eileen McBarron / Ciara Clarke.

SUPERVISION OF CAR-PARK:

Sunday 13th December: Eoin McManus & John Owens.

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.**

Tiny Tots Parent & Toddler Group: Now available on Zoom. To register please email 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 2nd July 2017 and 1st 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 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.

Masses on Parish web cams. and can be accessed on www.mcmedia.tv and church services. CB Radio is also on air.

Teemore Women's Group: Members are reminded to continue recording one Good News Item each Friday for the following two weeks of Lockdown. Submission of full record on 11th Dec please. Please continue to support fellow Members with regular phone calls and text message

Knockniny Credit Union Ltd Annual General Meeting

The 48th AGM of Knockniny 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 knockninycu@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 s. It is hoped to start again on 11th December.

Mixed Circuits @ parish hall - Tuesday January 5th and Thursday 7th -@ 6pm.
Male Circuits Thursday 7th @ 7pm.

Derrylin O'Connells

LOTTO: Due to the increased restrictions in place from Friday, we have decided to postpone our next lotto draw for 2 weeks. Lotto jackpot stands at £4550.

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

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

There are a number of positions still to be filled on the executive. Adjourned AGM TBC.

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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Second Sunday of Advent

Peace



The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. Peace is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when He first came to us and He will bring everlasting peace when He comes again.

When Jesus came He taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called children of God. We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through Him peace is found. We pray, Thank you God for the peace you give us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing Your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Spread Peace this week

*May peace reign in our homes, our schools
and our parish*

- *Pray for those who long for peace and are caught up in conflict*
 - *Seek out a lost friend and mend a quarrel*
 - *Let go of a grudge*
 - *Forgive an enemy*
 - *Say sorry!*

The beginning of the good news

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely and spent a lot of time in the desert, '*the voice of one crying out in the wilderness*'. Yet it seems he was very popular with '*all the people of Jerusalem*' went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. In John the Baptist's time, the people lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire and were waiting for someone who would liberate them. John points to one that is greater than he, he points the people to Jesus.

When Pope Francis released the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* in October this year he noted that dark clouds hang over our world and he urged everyone to embrace a spirit of friendship, kindness, compassion and solidarity as we move forward, to help ensure the dignity of every person and a more sustainable world for all. We have certainly experienced a type of *wilderness* this year as we continue to battle the effects of COVID19 and find a way forward. Our communities need messengers, like John, who bring good news, hope and a vision for the future, who point us towards a new way forward.

As we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives once more, let's make the most of this advent time, the most of this waiting time. May we use this space to reflect on what type of world can be born out of this wilderness we find ourselves in. May we reach out to those who are crying out for hope during these difficult months, like John the Baptist, offering a positive vision for the future.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8 December 2020

Immaculate conception

When have you felt God's presence in someone you met or someone who visited you? The Gospel today is a reminder of God continuously present in our lives. We, like Mary, are invited to welcome those whom God sends us, even if we are amazed and alarmed by their message. We can ask ourselves: who brings us good news?

Advent is a season of hope, a season where we are reminded that God is present even when God appears to be hidden. God present in Mary's womb speaks to us of God's hidden presence in the world. We were reminded last Sunday to 'keep awake' and today this beautiful feast invites us to be more aware of God's presence, through the messengers he sends us; in the most hidden parts of ourselves and the most hidden parts of society.

Perhaps at the end of each day you can glance back over the day and see the moments where God was present, the light, the joys, the gestures, the words. Where was there hope in your day? Was anything revealed to you today? Who were the messengers for you today? Keep alert in these days of Advent and watch for God's presence in your daily life.

'It is no use saying that we are born 2,000 years too late to give room to ChristChrist is always with us, always asking for room in our heartsAnd giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ.'

ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER

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.

