

The Sunday Newsletter

Knockninny

ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN

20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions: Sat 19 December: 8pm: Special Intention
Sun 20 December: 11.15am: Tom McBrien (Mullyneeny)
Mon 21 December: 10am: Tommy McAvinue & deceased family members (Derrymacausey) and Pat & Seamus McBrien (Cornahoule)
Tues 22 December: 10am: John Thomas, Bridget & Johnny Kellagher (Main St)
Wed 23 December: 10am: Bridget McGovern & deceased members of The McGovern Family (Cornaleck)
Thur 24 December: Christmas Eve: 11:15am: Special Intention
Thur 24 December: Christmas Eve: 9pm: Special Intention
Fri 25 December: Christmas Day: 9am: Special Intention
Fri 25 December: Christmas Day: 11.30am: Special Intention
Sat 26th Dec: Mass for St Stephen's Day: 10.00am : Special Intention
Sat 26 December: 7pm: Dickie Maguire (Toneyvarnogue) **AND**
Mary O'Donoghue (Oak Grove)
Sun 27 December: 11.15am: Adrian Power
Mon 28 December: 10am: Oisín McGovern (1st Anniversary)
Tues 29 December: 10am: Special Intention
Wed 30 December: 10am: Special Intention
Thur 31 December: 10am: Special Intention
Fri 01 January: 10am: Special Intention
Sat 02 January: 7pm: Special Intention
Sun 03 January: 11.15am: Nick McCabe Month's Mind Mass
Saturday 19th 7.00pm: Reader: Orlaith McIntyre
Eucharistic Ministers Simon Kilgannon Aoife Boyle
Sunday 20th 11.15am: Reader McBrien Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Alannah Leonard Mary Shannon
Thursday 24th Christmas Eve: Readers: **11.15am:** Ciara Gunn – **9pm** Conaill Boyle
Eucharistic Ministers:11.15am: Brenda O'Rourke –
9.00pm: Martin McBrien, Diarmuid Scallon
Friday 25th Christmas Day: Readers: **9am:** Ellen McCaffrey **11.30am:** Maeve Mooney
Eucharistic Ministers:9.00am Agnes Martin Colette Cassidy
11.30am: Sinead Lunney, Mary Mooney
Saturday 26th 8.00pm: Reader: Maguire Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Philip McCarron Valerie McManus
Sunday 27th 11.15am: Reader Power family
Eucharistic Ministers: Anne McBrien Tomas Scallon
Saturday 2nd January: Reader: Orlaith McIntyre
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine McCaffrey James Dolan
Sunday 3rd January; Reader McCabe family
Eucharistic Ministers: Caroline Flanagan Jacqueline McKenna

ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE

13th December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions Sun 20 December: 9.45am: Deceased family members of
The Cassidy Family (Drumlught)

Wed 23 December: No Mass

Thurs 24 December: Christmas Eve: 10am: Noel Donohoe

Thurs 24 December: Christmas Eve: 7.30pm: Special Intention

Fri 25 December: Christmas Day: 10.15am: Special Intention

Sun 27 December: 9.45am: Special Intention

Wed 30 December: No Mass

Fri 01 January: 7pm: John & Margaret Burke (Derryhooley), Edward Maguire & Michael
Martin (Toneymore), Ted & Kathleen Maguire

Sun 03 January: 9.45am: Special Intention

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER: Readings: Ethan Prunty. Prayers Of The Faithful: Marie Murphy.

Eucharistic Minister: Megan Curry / Susan McCusker.

Christmas Eve Morning Mass: Readings: Mary Burke. Prayers Of The Faithful: Breege Rice.

Eucharistic Minister: Killian Barrett & Ciara Clarke.

Christmas Eve Evening Mass: **Readings:** Mary Drumm. Prayers Of The Faithful: Martin
McAvinue. **Eucharistic Minister:** Gerry Brady.

Christmas Morning Mass: Readings: Clair Waterson. Prayers Of The Faithful: Grainne McCaffrey.
Eucharistic Minister: Breege Clarke.

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER: Readings: Martina Curry. Prayers Of The Faithful: Ciara Burke.

Eucharistic Minister: James McBarron.

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY: Readings: Orlagh McBrien. Prayers Of The Faithful: Aoife

McBarron. **Eucharistic Minister:** Tommy McGovern / Kathleen McManus.

Eucharistic Ministers For January > Tommy McGovern / Kathleen McManus / Youth Minister.

Altar Society For January > Rosemary Boyle & Sandra Hughes

Car Supervision For January: Sunday 3rd January: Gerry Reilly & Eamon Drumm.

Sunday 10th January: Patrick Reilly & R McDermott

Sunday 17th January: Ronan Watterson & M Donnelly

Sunday 24th January: James Drumm & S MCGurn

Sunday 31st January: Patsy Gilronan & P Connolly

**IF YOUR NAME IS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE ROTAS AND YOU KNOW YOU WILL NOT
BE AVAILABLE PLEASE SWITCH OR ADVISE SO THAT THE CURRENT LISTS CAN BE
UPDATED.**

Society of St Vincent de Paul St Ninnidh's Conference can be contacted for support at any
time on 07873240493.

**Parish Office will be closed Wed 23rd Dec - Tues 5th Jan (inclusive). The Parish
Office will reopen on Wed 6th January at 10am**

St Mary's Primary School As we approach the first anniversary of the death of our beloved pupil,
friend and classmate, Oisín McGovern, our whole school community very much continues to hold his
parents and little brother, his grandparents, extended family and friends in our hearts, thoughts and
prayers. We ask that the Lord God of Hope, in this Advent time of hope, is especially close to Oisín's
parents, Declan and Joanne, giving them peace and assurance that He is with them throughout their
pain, and pouring His light of love into their hearts.

CB Radio: If anyone in the parish is unable to access the web cam to view our local mass and would
like to listen to it via a CB. There is a few returned. Many thanks to our parishioners. If someone is
interested contact Paddy Mc Avinnue or Gerry Mc Manus

Clachan Court As Covid restrictions remain in place Clachan Court Coffee Morning has been unable
to resume. Best rest assured we will return. In the meantime we would like to wish our patrons a safe
and Happy Christmas

Offertory Envelopes 2021 are now available to collect in both Churches.

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. Ninnidh's P.S Derrylin would like to thank our community for their generous support towards our recent School Council Raffle and Christmas jumper day in aid of our local St. Vincent de Paul branch. A total of £500.00 was raised and will be of huge benefit to our local area this Christmas.

St. Ninnidh's P.S Derrylin were delighted to welcome our Health Minister Robin Swann to our School last Thursday morning via Zoom! Our Primary 5 pupil, Ellie Rose Maguire, recently sent Robin Swann a letter to thank him for all of his hard work in keeping us safe. Robin responded by surprising Ellie and her classmates with a special Zoom call to meet Ellie himself and give her and her classmates the opportunity to ask him questions! We thank Robin Swann for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet our pupils and for all of his efforts in keeping us safe this year.

The Board of Governors, Principal, Staff and pupils of St. Ninnidh's P.S Derrylin wish everyone in our community a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Teemore Women's Group: Members who have not submitted their Lists of recorded Good News Items are requested to do so by **Wednesday 23rd December**. We wish all Members of the Community a Healthy & Peaceful Christmas.

Mixed Circuits @ parish hall - Tuesday January 5th and Thursday 7th -@ 6pm.
Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th @ 7pm. men's circuits To book a place contact 07565420024.

Derrylin O'Connells

LOTTO: 11th December: Lotto numbers: 9, 11, 17, 32. No Jackpot winner. A consolation prize of £20 went to Paul Farrelly, Derrylin and £10 prizes went to Ciara Shannon, derrylin; Kevin Taylor c/o Brandywell & Sean Carson, Inishmore. **Next week's Jackpot is £4600.** Play locally or online at *Klubfunder.com* **Lotto team for December: Steven Curry, Deirdre Donnelly.**

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

Good luck to our club players – Cathair, Conaill, Michal, Padraic and Diarmuid, who are on the County Minor Panel, ahead of their Ulster Championship Quarter Final against Down on Sunday.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New year. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Teemore Shamrocks

Lotto: Draw held on 14/12/2020. Numbers drawn were: 8, 12, 22, 30. No jackpot winner. £20 - Patrick Gilroy. £10 - Anthony Drumm. £10 - Phelim McCorry. Next week's Jackpot is £3650. Play our Club Lotto online via this link - https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/lotto. Thank you to everyone for supporting our club lotto.

Christmas Draw: We are running a special Christmas Draw to win a huge trailer load of cut sticks! All money raised in our draw will be going to St. Mary's Primary School, Teemore and St. Aidan's High School, Derrylin! Tickets are £5 each or 3 for £10 and can be bought on our Klubfunder website via the links below! We are encouraging all our club members to support our draw to help out or two local Schools! The link to 3 tickets option -

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/Events/Three_Tickets_for_St_Aidans_and_St_Marys_fundraiser

The link to the single ticket option -

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/Events/Single_Ticket_for_St_Aidans_and_St_Marys_fundraiser

Sympathies; We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and all involved with Erne Gaels GAA Club Belleek on the passing of fellow Gael and former County player Shane O'Brien. May he rest in peace.

We would like to wish all our players, members, supporters and sponsors, both locally and abroad, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In these challenging lockdown times we ask everyone connected with our club to look out for each other this Season and to stay safe and well.

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



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20th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021

Christmas Greetings

Fr Murray and Fr Alwill wish you, our parishioners
a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

We also thank you for your encouragement, your support
and your prayers during 2020.

We wish you a happy New Year and a safe and healthy 2021.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love

The fourth Candle of Advent is the Candle of love.

Thank you God for the love you give us. Help us today, and everyday to worship You, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing Your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Advent - Keep awake

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times.

On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?

'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh – this time, within me – as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago.'

Edward Hays

Reflection for Christmas - 'Glory to God in the highest heaven!'

The account we read this evening from Luke's Gospel shows Jesus being born into a situation of total oppression. Luke reminds us of the political regime which controls the land and the effect this has on the people. Luke only gives one sentence to the actual birth of Jesus and then focuses his attention on the shepherds. There is a reason for their presence. Shepherds were considered 'ritually unclean' because of their close contact with animals. Their lives would have been full of poverty, fear and struggle. So, this scene that Luke paints is not a tranquil setting, this is a setting on the margins. Everything about this story is provocative and uneasy. It is into this 'mess' God comes as a homeless child. We are being invited to expect the unexpected.

Luke begins his gospel as he means to continue, turning the world upside down in solidarity with the outcast. He places angels rejoicing with shepherds, the 'highest' and the 'lowest', giving glory to God together. The good news of Jesus' birth goes first to the marginalised. It is in their name that the shepherds are chosen. As you sing the *Gloria* during this Christmas season, come back to this marginal space where it was first sung, with the angels and the shepherds in a field. No boundaries, no walls, no purification rituals, but the promise of a deep peace for all, a peace for which the world desperately longs. It is for this reason we rejoice. We are invited to Bethlehem today, to open up our hearts to the One who has come. We return, like the shepherds '*glorifying and praising God for all they have seen and heard*'. All are welcome to the manger. May we welcome all as God does, with compassion and love.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God-among-us.'

Edward Hays

Reflection for the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

27 December 2020

The Presentation in the Temple

Simeon and Anna welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the Temple. They have been waiting for this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon welcomes this family who must have seemed 'ordinary' and poor. He can see that this child will be '*a light...for the glory of your people*'. Already there is a note of reversal; of boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child '*is destined for the fall and the rising of many*'. There will be challenging times ahead for this family. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed for God's invitation and welcome has no boundaries and this radical hospitality might not sit well with everyone. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for a change, for hope, she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the Gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all may not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road.

Many situations in our own world today need a shake-up, especially in our church. This can be uncomfortable as we have to let go of certain things and invite freshness. What situations in our own society and in our church require a shake-up; an uncomfortable but necessary change so that God's love and welcome can shine through? Jesus came to show us how to live. We must constantly look back at his example.

'We often make do with looking at the ground...I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?' Pope Francis