



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
28th December 2025

and
Second Sunday of Christmas
4th January 2026

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Masses

Sat 27 th December 7.30pm	St Mary's Church, Teemore John Francis, Kathleen & Conor Maguire (Gortmullan)
Sat 3 rd January 7.30pm	Oisin McGovern (Derrylea)
Sat 10 th January 7.30pm	Frank & Hugh McGovern and deceased family (Drumanymore) AND Packie & Bridie McBrien (Fortlea)
Sun 28 th December 11.15am	St Ninnidh's Church, Derrylin Margaret Maguire 1 st Anniversary & her husband Dickie(Toneyvarnogue) AND Deceased members of the Cassidy family (Drumlught) AND Adrian Power
Sun 4 th January 11.15am	Hugh Joe Curry & deceased of the Curry family (Drumlught) AND Melissa Kearns (Aughakillymaude) AND Gerry & Mary Maguire (Drumroosk)
Sun 11 th January 11.15am	Brigid McAloon (Camletter) AND Gretta Leonard (Derrymacausey)

Masses During the Week

Mon 29 th Dec	10.00am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Tues 30 th Dec	10.00am	Derrylin	NO MASS
Wed 31 st Dec	10.00am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Wed 31 st Dec	7.00pm	Teemore	NO MASS
Thurs 1 st Jan	10.00 am	Derrylin	New Year's Day Mass
Thurs 1 st Jan	7.00pm	Teemore	New Year's Day Mass
Fri 2 nd Jan	10.00 am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Fri 2 nd Jan	7.00 pm	Teemore	Sean Drumm (Drumetta)
Mon 5 th Jan	10.00am	Derrylin	NO MASS
Mon 5 th Jan	7.00pm	Teemore	Vigil Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord
Tues 6 th Jan	10.00am	Derrylin	The Epiphany of the Lord
Wed 7 th Jan	10.00am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Wed 7 th Jan	7.00pm	Teemore	Special Intention
Thurs 8 th Jan	10.00am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Fri 9 th Jan	10.00am	Derrylin	Special Intention
Fri 9 th Jan	7.00pm	Teemore	Special Intention

Ministers & Helpers

Teemore

Readers	Sat 27 th December	Sean Reilly Sofie McManus (Prayer of the Faithful) James McManus & Family (Gifts)
	Thurs 1 st January	James McBarron (Sr) & Family (Gifts)
	Sat 3 rd January	Tommy McGovern Sheana Murray (Prayer of the Faithful) Annie Connolly & Family (Gifts)
	Mon 5 th January	Marie McDonald & Family (Gifts)
	Sat 10 th January	McGovern Family Lucy Flanagan (Prayer of the Faithful) Shay Curry & Family (Gifts)
Eucharistic Ministers	Sat 27 th December	Marie McCaffrey, Nicole Curry, Aoibhinn McGrath
	Thurs 1 st January	T McGovern, M Murphy, K McManus, N Curry
	Sat 3 rd January	T McGovern, E Waterson, K McManus, N Curry
	Mon 5 th January	T McGovern, A Clarke, K McManus, E Waterson
	Sat 10 th January	T McGovern, A Clarke, K McManus, A McGrath
Basket Collectors	January	Jimmy Maguire & Michael Donnelly
Care of Altar	January	Cliona Hamill & Sharon McBrien

Ministers & Helpers

Derrylin

Readers	Sun 28 th December	Maguire Family Owen McBrien (Prayer of the Faithful) Ella Martin & Family (Gifts)
	Sun 4 th January	Naoise McKiernan Conal O'Reilly (Prayer of the Faithful) Ben McCaffrey & Family (Gifts)
	Sun 11 th January	Leonard Family Daniel Owens (Prayer of the Faithful) Vanessa McCaffrey & Family (Gifts)
Eucharistic Ministers	Sun 28 th December	Debbie Murphy & Eunan Maguire
	Thurs 1 st January	Marie McBarron & Valerie McManus
	Sun 4 th January	Martina Freehill & Karen Gunn
	Tues 6 th January	Agnes Martin & Connie Murphy
	Sun 11 th January	Brian McManus & Liam Gilheaney
Basket Collectors	January	Brian McManus & Brian Lunney
Care of Altar	January	Bronagh Lunney

Parish Office will re-open on Monday 5th January 2026 at 10am.

St. Vincent de Paul: St Ninnidh's Conference can be contacted for support at any time on [07873240493](tel:07873240493)

Bishop to Visit Our Parish: On Friday, 9th January, Bishop Martin Hayes will make a pastoral visit to Knockninny Parish. He will begin by celebrating the 10am Mass in St Ninnidh's Church, followed by a cuppa for all in St Ninnidh's PS. He will then visit the staff and pupils of the Primary School. After that he plans to visit the residents in Clachan Court. After lunch, he will visit St Mary's PS and St Aidan's HS. He will also meet with members the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, St Vincent de Paul Society. He also plans to meet with Chairs of the three School Boards of Governors and with members of the Pope John Paul II group. He will finish the day by celebrating the 7pm Mass in St Mary's Church and, afterwards, with a social in St Mary's Hall.

Big Bingo is taking a Christmas Break. It will re-commence on Friday 9th January 2026 in St Ninnidh's Parish Hall at 8.30pm. Great Prizes and Jackpot of £3,800 to be won, 45 calls or less.

Clachan Court: Coffee morning is now over till January. Jayne Orr (Chiropodist) will return on Tuesday 27th January 2026, to make an appointment ring 00 353 71 985 1772.

Offertory/Dues/Special Collection Envelopes Anyone who wishes to pay their green/yellow envelope contribution by cheque, please make the cheque payable to '*Knockninny Parish No.1 Account*'. Dues cheques to be made payable to '*Knockninny Parish Priests Revenue*'. Euro cheques, please make them payable to '*Knockninny Parish*'. If anyone wishes to pay by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for bank details. You can also now pay via PayPal on our web page www.knockninnyparish.com

Did you know? In December 1964 Teemore Shamrocks Intermediate team won the league. County board officials came to St. Mary's Hall, Teemore to present the team with their cup & medals.

In January 1971 singer Brian Coll presented prizes to Derrylin Youth Club in St. Ninnidh's Hall, Derrylin. He also sang a number of his hits backed by the Kaisers Showband.

The New Year is open
The old ones now shut,
Embrace new beginnings
Get out of the rut
Praise all last year's triumphs
Learn from last year's mistakes,
Hold tight to its memories
Forget the heartaches
The New Year is open
And needs all our smiles,
Hopes and ambitions
of all colour and styles
So, make New Year wishes
Set New Year goals
Plan New Year adventures
you're never too old
The New Year is open
Come in, lap it up!
May health and contentment
Be the full of your cup
Long may you prosper
long may you cheer,
From my home to your home
Have a Happy New Year!

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The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.

Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide “all peoples”, “all couples”, “all parents”. But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a “place” to encounter or reject God's presence.

Everything is a sign for those who believe.

Vatican News



When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run half of her swift course, the all-powerful word leaped down from heaven, and from the royal throne. (Wisdom 18:14-15)