

PARISH OF ROSLEA (ST. TIERNEY'S & ST. MARY'S)

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SAINT TIERNEY'S

Sun. 10.30am: **Eileen Flynn, Greaghverrin and deceased members of Flynn family, Corraleek**
Mon. 8pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Tue. 10.30am **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Fri. 7pm: **James Reilly, Innishammon 80th Birthday Celebratory Mass**
Sun. 10.30am: **MMM Bridget Quigley, Greaghwarren Angela Murray, Knockavea (1st Anniversary) Deceased members of Murray family, Knockavea Charlie and Mary Murray, Dernawilt East**

No Mass Wednesday or Thursday morning.

SAINT MARY'S

Sat. 22nd 6pm: **Vigil Mass**
Mon. 24th 6pm **CHRISTMAS EVE**

No Mass Wednesday or Thursday morning. Mass on Friday morning at 10am.

Sat. 29th 6pm: **Vigil Mass**

Recently Deceased: Brian McCarron, RIP, Killyvane, Monaghan (father of Jenny Leonard, Smithborough and Ciara Smyth, Derryledigan, Scotstown). May the faithful departed rest in peace.

Upkeep of Parish Collection: £499.04; €948.58.

For the Maintenance of our Churches: £505.40; €800.07.

Christmas Reconciliation Service today Sunday 23rd December: in St. Tierney's Church at 4pm. It will consist of a communal service lead by Mgr Dick Mohan followed by individual confession. Priests from the pastoral area will be present. The same service will also take place at 5pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Clones and 6.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Lisnaskea. Please support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11am on Christmas Eve in St. Mary's.

Toys will be blessed at the 10.30am Christmas Day Mass in St. Tierney's Church.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Tierney's Church Sacristy Friday 9am– 6.50pm (in the Church from 6.30pm).

Sacred Heart Messenger: Orders are now being taken for the 2019 Messenger. Subscription of €21 or £19.20. Please place the subscription envelope in the box at the Altar. **Pioneer Magazine** for 2019 is €17. Orders taken by James Reilly, Sonnie Mc Dermott or Jimmy Reilly.

Carol Service in Presbyterian Church, Smithborough on Sunday 23rd December at 3pm.

St Tierney's Primary School would like to thank all local business for their donations to the school draws. Thank you also to all parents for supporting the draws.

Give a Gift of Hope and Healing this Christmas. Vouchers are now available for *The Hope, Health & Healing Well-Being Day* – Saturday 5th of January 2019, SW College Skills Centre, Enniskillen - Inspiring Speakers share their life stories, Presentations, Self-Care & Resilience Seminars & Workshops, Complementary Therapy Taster Sessions and much more. Vouchers are only £15 for information contact 028 66 500750. All proceeds from the event are being donated to The Aisling

**Sunday, 23rd December 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

✠ FEASTS & READINGS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES ✠

*Christmas Eve p99; Christmas Day p109;
Friday p129*

Tuesday: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Wednesday: St Stephen, First Martyr

Thursday: St John, Apostle and Evangelist

Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Next Sunday is The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C (page 114)

Centre counselling service.

Music Classes for all ages: Classes are offered in Monaghan Town and Carrickmacross commencing week beginning Monday 28 January 2019 for 8 weeks in a range of instruments. Also Kinder Music (in Carrickmacross only) for 4-6 year olds. Closing Date for Applications is Friday 18 January. For more information please contact: School of Music, Cavan and Monaghan ETB, Market Street, Monaghan Tel 047 – 30888 or visit www.cmetb.ie/School-of-Music

*Jesus became poor by choosing to share the limitations, frustrations and harsh realities of our sort of life - our pains, our sorrows and even our death. The stable is the symbol of Christ's poverty which is seen most clearly in his simplicity. Perhaps that is why St Francis of Assisi is the most universally revered of all the saints. His simplicity and poverty weren't sentimental; he had a pretty fierce side. We are afraid of becoming poor; he dreaded that any person should be rich. From the **Joint Christmas Message from Bishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, and Monsignor Joseph McGuinness, Diocesan Administrator of Clogher.***

St. Stephen: St. Stephen's Day gets its name from Stephen, the Church's first martyr, put to death by stoning in 35AD for the crime of blasphemy. He preached in Jerusalem and incurred the anger of Saul the Pharisee who became St. Paul. Freelance journalist Kieran Phelan wrote: 'In Ireland, St. Stephen's Day is known as Lá an Dreoilín, the Day of the Wren. According to the Irish legend Stephen was betrayed by a wren while hiding from his enemies. Another legend tells of a Viking raid in Ireland on St. Stephen's Day sometime around the year 750AD. As the Irish soldiers were approaching the Viking camp to drive out the intruders, a wren started eating crumbs from a drum and alerted the Vikings to the presence of the Irish. Hence some people felt that wrens betrayed them and should be stoned to death, just as St. Stephen was.' (Spirituality Vol 22 Nov/Dec 2016, p384)

Christmas Greetings 2018

2018 focused on the importance of the family in all its forms and manifestations. Christmas is essentially a family celebration; there are homecomings of sons, daughters and relations, and contacts renewed. It's also a time for remembering and sharing stories about those not present.

I wish you a very peaceful and blessed Christmas, and I pay tribute to the volunteers in the community who enabled others to begin their celebration of Christmas, and also the children and staff of the parish's schools for the beautiful carol services that ignited in others the spirit and celebration of Christmas. May 2019 bring you blessings and joy.

Fr. John Chester P.P