

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

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**SAINT TIERNEY'S**

Sun. 10.30am: **MMM Bridget Quigley**, Greaghwarren  
**Angela Murray**, Knockavea (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**Deceased members of Murray family**, Knockavea  
**Charlie and Mary Murray**, Dernawilt East

Tue. 9.30am: **Deceased members of Goodwin family**, Lakefield

Fri. 7pm: **Thomas, James and Susan O'Rourke**, Drummerheave

Sun. 10.30am: *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
**MMM Paddy Sweeney**, Carn Court and Nart  
**Owen and Margaret McCusker**, Inver Close  
**Maggie and Michael McGuinness and Michael Junior**, Church Street

**No Mass Monday morning. Mass Wednesday and Thursday morning at 9.30am.**

**SAINT MARY'S**

Sat. 29th 6pm: **Vigil Mass**  
**Weekday Mass at 10am.**  
Sat. 5th 6pm: **Vigil Mass The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Adrian Boyle**, Selloo  
**Keith Doran**, Mulladuff

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Smyth, RIP, Derrylea, Scotstown. Frances Flanagan, RIP, Ballinode (mother of Mary Treanor, The Meadows, Smithborough). Margaret Gallagher, RIP, Fairview Crescent, Killygoan, Monaghan (sister of Jimmy and Tommy Scott). May the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** St Mary's Monday 10.30am – 1pm. St. Tierney's Church Sacristy Friday 9am– 6.50pm (in the Church from 6.30pm).

**Visitation of the Sick & Housebound** will take place this coming week.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** after 7pm Mass on Friday evening in St. Tierney's.

**Minister of the Word in St Mary's, Magherarney** for January: 6pm – Deirdre Toal. Prayer of Faithful can be obtained in the Sacristy.

**The Liturgy for the month of January in St Tierney's** will be taken care of by the families in Church Street, Inver Close out to Innishammon. The co-ordinators are Susan Toye and Una Goodwin. Please offer your help when you are invited.

**St. Tierney's Eucharistic Ministers Rota** for January and February has been sent via email.

**Pope's Intentions for January 2019.** Evangelisation: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**Social Dancing in Smithboro Community Hall** on Friday 4th January 2019. Music by Pat McKenna, Glenshane Country. Supper served. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday, 30th December 2018**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C)**

**✠ FEASTS & READINGS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES ✠**

*Monday p136; Tuesday p139; Wednesday p146;  
Thursday p148; Friday p150*

*Tuesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

*Wednesday: Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
bishops and doctors of the Church*

*Next Sunday is The Epiphany of The Lord Year C (page 161).*

**The Holy Family**

Each Christian family can first of all – as Mary and Joseph did – welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him, protect him, grow with him; and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family. And, what happened in those thirty years in Nazareth, can thus happen to us too: in seeking to make love and not hate normal, making mutual help commonplace, not indifference or enmity. It is no coincidence, then, that 'Nazareth' means 'She who weeps', as Mary, who – as the Gospel states – 'kept all these things in her heart' (cf. Lk 2:19, 51) (Intercom Dec 2018/Jan2019, p6)

**St. John XXIII** said *"Humanity is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."*

**Tsunami:** The Irish Bishops in their Autumn 2018 Statement prayed for all those killed and injured as a result of the tsunami which devastated the Indonesian city of Palu on 28<sup>th</sup> September, and for those working tirelessly to rescue survivors. On Christmas Eve 2018 a tsunami caused by the collapse of a section of the Anak Krakatau volcano brought devastation to the coastlines of Sumatra and Java. The full picture of loss and devastation is only emerging. We remember all affected in our prayers.

**Pope Visits Children's Cemetery:**

Christmas can be a difficult time for parents who have lost a child before birth, still born, and in infancy and childhood. The heart struggles to rise to the occasion. December 2018's Reality publication recorded a visit Pope Francis paid to a cemetery on the outskirts of Rome which has a special plot called the 'Garden of the Angels,' for still-born babies or children who died shortly after birth. He brought a bouquet of flowers and spent some time in prayer. *"Listen to the prayer we address to you for all the loved ones who have left this world; open the arms of your mercy and receive them in the glorious assembly of Holy Jerusalem,"* he prayed at the blessing of the graves. He then celebrated Mass in the cemetery. (Reality, December 2018, News Section).

**New Year**

Monsignor Vincent and I wish to say how uplifted we are by the turnout for the Christmas Masses in the parish. It was very heartening. We wish to thank all those who co-ordinated the liturgies and all those who participated in various ministries.

We wish you a peaceful and blessed New Year.

Fr. John Chester, P. P.