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Sunday 13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday

Gaudete (Latin for Joy) Sunday gets its joy from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass '*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.*'

Advent Prayer Resources are available on the Diocese of Clogher website www.clogherdiocese.ie and via the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page. They include prayers for family and school, links to the Advent Calendar with prayers, reflections and music for each day.

Advent Reflection with Bishop Larry: You can join Bishop Larry on www.clogherdiocese.ie or on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page. The service at 5pm on each Saturday of Advent is uploaded. Bishop Larry lights a candle on the Advent Wreath and gives a short reflection on that Sunday's Gospel reading.

Parish Bulletin: Copies of the weekly parish bulletin are available in the churches. The bulletin is also available on the parish website.

Churches in Northern Ireland: The relaxation of restrictions last Thursday night allows for the reintroduction of public worship, the number of worshippers dictated by the size of the church, and it's the same for funerals and weddings. Baptisms are also permitted. Masses in St. Tierney's Church also continue to be offered on-line. Holy Communion is available up to 12 noon after the 10.30a.m. Sunday Mass.

The Irish Bishops in their statement entitled *Keep Christ at the Centre of Christmas* state:

'We strongly encourage the faithful to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas this year. Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be widely available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to "tune in" from the "domestic churches" of their living rooms and join

with those who are gathering in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.

Year of St. Joseph 08.12.20 – 08.12.21. Pope Francis in an Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, to conclude on 8 December 2021. This news comes at a time when we in the Diocese of Clogher, in answer to Bishop Larry's request, have placed the statue of St Joseph in a prominent place in each church during Advent, enabling people to place prayer petitions for inclusion in Masses over Christmas. The letter is accessible via this link: [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francis/apostolic-letters/20191208_apostolic-letter-patris-corde_en.html)

This Week's Feasts:

- Sunday: Gaudete (Joy) Sunday.
- Monday: St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.

Masses & Intentions in St. Tierney's for the Coming Week:

Sun 13th Dec: 10.30a.m: Johnny, Teresa & Hugh Reilly, Derryleigan & Mickey Reilly, Luton.
John & Mary Kate & d'd of the McMahon Family, Legacurry.
Johnny, Frank, Iris, Paddy & Helen Quinn.
Joe Smyth, Derrylea, Scotstown.

9.30a.m. Mass Tues, Wed & Thurs

Fri 18th Dec: 7pm: Teresa & Edward Mullarkey, Dernahesco, Sean Mullarkey, Lannaght and d'd of the Mullarkey Family.

Sun 20th Dec: 10.30a.m: Month's Mind: Tom Mulligan, Scribby.
Eileen Flynn, Greaghverrin & d'd Flynn Family, Corraleek.
Eugene & Josephine McMahon & d'd family members, Dernawilt West.

St. Mary's Church: Masses are in public and limited to no more than 50 in attendance. Mass in St. Mary's Church at 10.00a.m on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Weekend Vigil Mass each Saturday at 6pm.

Saturday 12th Dec: 6pm: Elizabeth & Patrick Hurson, Tyredigan & d'd Corley & Hurson Families.

Saturday 19th Dec: 6pm:

Mgr. Vincent Connolly is available in St. Mary's Church for Holy Communion each Sunday from 10.00a.m to 10.30a.m, and also after 10.30a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

December 2020 Intention of Pope Francis: That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

2021 Parish Envelopes: The new parish envelopes for 2021 will be delivered to homes in the coming days. A special thanks to all the distributors making the delivery possible. All homes will receive a 2019 parish financial statement, a 2021 parish calendar and an outline of Christmas Masses. If by the new year you have not received parish envelopes contact the Parish Office. Thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of the parish by envelopes or standing order or by donation. Cheques can be made payable to Roslea Parish Church. Your support is the backbone of the parish finances. **Have you considered the Gift Aid/Tax Relief Scheme?** The parish can reclaim a refund of the tax you paid on the donation you make to the Parish. **If you have not already signed up for it you might consider signing the card in the box of envelopes to request a Gift Aid Declaration or a CHY3 Enduring Certificate.** Please contact the parish office if you are new to the parish and wish to be added to the envelope/standing order list.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in the Parish of Roslea: Those wishing to attend a Mass on one of these days must complete a booking form which can be collected in either of the churches or downloaded from the parish website, www.parishofroslea.com. Your booking must be in by Thursday 17th December. Where the number of bookings exceeds the number of places then the forms will be taken from a hat. You will receive a response later. Attendance is severely restricted.

Christmas Eve Masses:

- St. Tierney's Church: 6pm & 8pm
- St. Mary's Church: 6pm & 8pm

Christmas Day Masses:

- St. Tierney's Church: 10.30a.m.
- St. Mary's Church: 10.30a.m.

Christmas St. Vincent De Paul Collection: Due to Covid 19 there will not be a church-gate collection. However if you wish to help local families you can pick up a labelled envelope in the local churches, shops, businesses etc. You are asked to return the envelope to the Parochial House, Roslea or deposit it on the offerings box in the church porch at any of the Masses.

Pioneer Magazine/Sacred Heart Messenger: Orders will be taken during December for the Pioneer magazine, €20. Sacred Heart Messenger is €22 for 2021. Please return the subscription envelope to the box in St. Tierney's Church. Extra Messengers are available in the church where you are welcome to take one. A book each month would make a lovely Christmas present.

Roslea Shamrocks Lotto: There was no winner of the Cairde Seamroga Ros Liath lotto jackpot on Sunday 6th December. The numbers drawn were 5, 9, 20 and 25. Next draw is for £6,200. All valid ONLINE and 10-WEEK ENVELOPES on Sunday 27th December will be entered into a separate bonus draw for £100! The cut off for online sales is 6.30pm each Sunday, all sales after 6.30pm go into the following week's draw. Thank you for your ongoing support during these trying times.

Éire Óg Lotto: Lotto: Winning numbers: 1, 5, 17, 25. There was no winner of this week's jackpot. Lucky dip winners: Katie Reilly, Chicago, Harry Casey, Mullindava, Paddy Monaghan, Shankill, Online, Paddy Monaghan, Shankill, Online, Darach McCluskey, Magherarney, Online. Next week's jackpot is €8800. To enter next week's draw, download the Clubforce app and follow EireOgNaMullai or play using the paper envelopes. The winners of this week's Christmas hampers are Jim O'Rourke, Magherney and Damien Casey, Mullindava. A huge thanks to Dan Toal and Melting Moments for donating the hampers.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat online this year. We would be grateful if you could include it in your bulletins/ social media etc. The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

Gospel for 3rd Sunday of Advent from St. John, Chapter 1:

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ'. 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No'. So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: *a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord*'.

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap'. This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.