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Sunday 3rd January 2021

The Second Sunday of Christmas



This Week's Feasts:

- Wednesday: The Epiphany (the Visit of the Wise Men) – Mass in St. Tierney's Church at 9.30a.m & 7.30pm.

Current Restrictions in Northern Ireland:

- Sunday and weekday Masses are open to the public.
- Face Coverings are mandatory in church.
- Funerals: No more than 25 people present, including the priest, sacristan and singers. No pre or post-funeral gatherings, not even wakes.
- Baptisms can go ahead – no more than 15 in attendance.

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

Sun 3rd Jan: 10.30a.m: James, Hugh & Mary Beggan, Derrygannon

9.30a.m. Mass Tues, Wed & Thurs

Tues 5th Jan: 9.30a.m: Owen & Margaret McCusker & Bernadette McCusker, Inver Close.

Wed 6th Jan: 9.30a.m: Mass of the Epiphany
7.30pm: Mass of the Epiphany.

Fri 8th Jan: 7pm: Frank & Catherine O'Rourke, Drummerheave.

Sun 10th Jan: 10.30a.m: Eamon McCluskey, Drumully.

Fr. Chester will be available in St. Tierney's Church after Sunday 10.30a.m Mass for anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion.

Current Covid-19 restrictions in the Republic of Ireland do not allow public Masses. **No Masses in St. Mary's Church, Magherarney until further notice.** St. Mary's Church is open for private worship. Funerals (RoI): attendance is limited to 10.

Sunday Holy Communion: Mgr. Vincent Connolly is available in St. Mary's Church for anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion each Sunday from 10.00a.m to 10.30a.m.

Sacred Heart Messenger for 2021: Final orders will be taken for the Sacred Heart Messenger for 2021. Please return subscription of £22 or €24 to the box at the Altar in St. Tierney's Church. **Pioneer Magazine**, please order from James Reilly, Innishammon or Jimmy Reilly, Roslea as soon as possible.

Happy New Year! Monsignor Vincent and I wish you a Happy New Year and every good wish for 2021. Thank you for your support to the parish throughout 2020. May the New Year see a return to normality.

New Year Prayer:

*God our Father,
give us an appreciation of the many gifts
you have given us during the past year.
Help us bless you in return for the coming year
by sharing some of our gifts with others
who have far, far less than we do. Amen* (taken from The Family Prayer Book by the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Episcopal Conference, Veritas, 2013.

The Church Leaders' New Year's Message:

The theme running through the message is interconnectedness: local, national and global. They state: *As 2021 begins, many people will be hopeful for a brighter and safer future. The pandemic of 2020 brought grief, anxiety and uncertainty, as well as economic loss and disruption of livelihoods. Many aspects of life that we had taken for granted, like visiting loved ones in nursing homes, or popping in to a see a friend, suddenly changed.....*
The events of 2020 have served to remind us of our interconnectedness as human beings.....

This coming year marks the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland and of Partition. We recognise that people will approach the centenary from a variety of perspectives - for some this is a cause for celebration, others will look upon the last century with a sense of loss and separation. For us, as Church Leaders, the centenary opens up opportunities for greater understanding of each other, for further healing and reconciliation between our communities. This centenary also provides the opportunity for us to reflect together on the failings of relationships and use of violence across the whole island which have marred our past and which in some ways continue to cast a shadow on the present. Mindful of our interconnectedness we recognise our different perspectives on this centenary even among us as Church Leaders. Still we commit ourselves to building a future together in which historic mistrust and division becomes a thing of the past. (Rt Rev. Dr. David Bruce, Presbyterian., Most Rev. John McDowell, Church of Ireland., Rev. Dr. Thomas McKnight, Methodist., Most Rev. Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic., Very Rev. Dr. Ivan Patterson, President of the Irish Council of Churches.)

Pope Francis has named Bishop Dermot Farrell of the Diocese of Ossory (Cathedral town Kilkenny) as the new Archbishop of Dublin Elect to succeed Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Dermot Farrell was born in 1954, the eldest of seven children of the late Dermot and Carmel Farrell, in Garthy, Castletown-Geoghegan, Co Westmeath, in the Diocese of Meath. After his primary education in Castletown-Geoghegan and Streamstown, he attended Saint Finian's College, Mullingar. In September 1972 he began his studies for the priesthood at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1976, as part of his philosophical studies. During his theological studies he was awarded a Bachelor in Divinity Degree in 1979 and a licence in Theology in 1981, both by the Pontifical University, Maynooth. He was ordained to the priesthood in Saint Michael's Church, Castletown-Geoghegan on 7 June 1980.

Pope Francis on St. Joseph: *"I have a great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have an image of Saint Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church."* (i.e the People of God).

Prayer to St. Joseph taken from the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter entitled 'With a Father's Heart:'

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Roslea Shamrocks Lotto: There was no winner of the Cairde Seamroga Ros Liath lotto jackpot on Sunday 27th December. The numbers drawn were 10, 23, 25 and 26. Seamus McMahon won the seller's prize and the five lucky dip winners of £50 were Sarah Jordan Tannaghboy, Mark McGuigan Tattinbarr, Nicola Rooney Main Street, Brian Maguire Derrygelia and Peter Callaghan Annagulgan. The winner of the £100 Bonus is Conor Lynam Moane's Cross. Next draw is for £6,500. Thank you for your ongoing support during these trying times.

GOSPEL John 1: 1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his
as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.