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Sunday 24th December 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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

Sun 24th Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	10.30am:	Mass: Mass for the People
	6.00pm:	Mass: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Mon 25th Dec:	10.30am:	Mass: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Fri 29th Dec:	6pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
	7pm:	Mass: Charlie & Mary Murray, Dernawilt East. Sadie & Vincent Donaghy, Ashvale Avenue and Bedford.
Sun 31st Dec:		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
	10.30am:	Mass: Mass for the People

Masses & Intentions for the Coming Week in St. Mary's Church

Sat 23rd Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6pm:	Mass: Mass for the People
Sun 24th Dec:	7.30pm:	MASS THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
Sat 30th Dec:		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
	Vigil 6pm:	Mass: Mass for the People



A Joyful and Peaceful Christmas to All.

The Pope's Intention for December: *That people with disabilities be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.*

Recently Deceased: Mary Teresa (Maureen) Lappin, Tynan, Co. Armagh, mother of Norah Rooney, Eshnadarragh. *May the angels lead her into paradise. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

Raising an Awareness and Promoting the Option of Fostering on Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Archbishop of Armagh Eamon Martin wishes a letter to be read at Masses next weekend raising awareness and promoting the option of Fostering in our homes and parishes. He asks us to pray for those who are foster carers and that more people will step forward to generously consider this option, in order to give a child the possibility of a brighter future.

57th World Day for Peace on New Year's Day: World Day of Peace will be marked on 1st January 2024. The theme this year is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'.

Contributions to the Parish on Sunday 16th/17th December: Upkeep: £538.41 & €1,362.70, Priests £45 & €519, Maintenance: £30 & €200, Sick & Retired: £38 & €102.00, Diocesan Levy: €5, Christmas Dues: £10 & €185, Cemetery Sunday: €30, St. Tierney's Shrine (weekly): £56.68 & €38.86, St. Mary's Shrine (fortnightly) £3.25 & €132.57. Thanks to all who contributed.

Parish Envelopes for 2024: Most of the parish envelopes for 2024 are now with the volunteer distributors. Many thanks to them for undertaking this role. Distributors are encouraged to distribute the envelopes to the homes in their area in time for the New Year. If by the New Year a household did not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal: If you were unable to donate to the annual Christmas Appeal you can collect a white SVP envelope in the Mass missalette holders at St. Tierney's and St. Mary's Churches and place your donation in the offertory collection at weekend Masses. Thank you.

PTAA: Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 27th December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10.00am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org.

St. Macartan's College Carol Service 2023, From Our Community to Yours, is available on YouTube as a compilation of song, music, and prayer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCt8SKjRkpc>

A celebration of Fermanagh's success in Ulster and All Ireland 2023 Fleadhs. Special guests All Ireland Senior Ceili Band champions, Pipers Cross. Fri 5th Jan 24, Westville Hotel, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Adm £10. Tickets available on the night or phone Sarah 077 7926 7620 or Ann 073 4053 0807 to guarantee entry. A night not to be missed!

Trócaire School Volunteers: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Clogher Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent, then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 028 9080 8033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org

Mary's Meals: We have incredible news! From today until 22nd January 2024, every donation made to our Double the Love appeal will be matched, up to £1 million. Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your kindness will go even further. The impacts of rising costs, climate change and conflict have brought fear and uncertainty to many children and right now our life-changing school meals have never been more important. Together, through **Double The Love**, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. See www.marysmeals.org.uk

Scotstown GAA Health & Wellbeing Initiative: 'We warmly extend an open invitation to everyone to play cards in the complex on Friday 12th January @ 8.00pm. This is an opportunity for all ages interested in the game of '45' or who would like to learn how to play '45'. Experienced card players available to help and guide all newcomers. Come along for a bit of fun as well. Don't let our traditional card games die out. All welcome, especially young folk, supper served. Any queries, call 086 816 1700. A new year and a new pass-time to enjoy.'

The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Fermanagh Rural Community Initiative (FRCI) Team are currently delivering a free programme of support called **REAP**, which supports economically inactive (those not in paid work) with short courses, qualifications, mentoring, coaching, health and well-being, support with CV's, application forms and interviews, work experience, etc. For more information, Tel: Omagh 028 8224 6535 or Enniskillen 028 6632 6478. Email: reap@fermanaghomagh.com or Facebook REAP Employability Programme.

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

Special Monaghan / Fermanagh Pilgrimage to Fatima last remaining places only 5 places left Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th-14th June 2024 visit Saint Anthonys Baptismal Font in Lisbon and house where he was born contact James Treacy 061 921 470 or 00 353 61 921 470

Take the Risk for Christ: The Bishops of Ireland have chosen the theme of 'Take the Risk for Christ' as its logo for the promotion of the diocesan priesthood in 2023. They invite families and parishes to pray the well-known prayer for vocations composed by Saint Pope John XXIII: 'O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give to your Church helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.'

Livestreaming Masses in the Parish's Churches – Church Data Protection Regulations require churches not to have continuous livestream running throughout the day. Weekday and Sunday Masses will be livestreamed, and no password is required for these Masses. Funerals and weddings will be streamed live unless otherwise requested by the family/couple. Funerals may be recorded by permission of the bereaved family and password-protected for use by the bereaved family only.

www.universalis.com: Universalis is an app that provides the Mass readings of the day and the forthcoming weeks. It also provides the Order of the Mass, Morning, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer from the Divine Office, as well as prayers for other times of the day. It is a very useful spiritual companion and costs between £9.99 and £19.00 to download. The Parish Priest uses it.

Family Addiction Support Network, FASN: Peer-support group meeting for Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction behaviour in the IONTAS Centre Monaghan. Contact info.fasn@gmail or call 042 9355 251 or 087 9046 405 for information or to join. If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop call alcoholics anonymous Belfast 028 90 351 222 or Dublin 1 8420 700.