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Sunday 31st December 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
A Peaceful and Blessed New Year to You!

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

Sun 31st Dec:		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
	10.30a.m:	Mass: Mass for the People John & Bridget Murray, Knockavea.
Mon 1st Jan:	7pm:	Mass: MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD & World Day of Prayer for Peace.
Tues 2nd Jan:	9.30a.m:	Mass
Thurs 4th Jan:	9.30a.m:	Mass
Fri 5th Jan:	6pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
	7pm:	Mass: 1 st Ann. Rose Boyle, Main Street, Roslea, her husband Hugh and their son Paul. Mary & John McClave, Derryneece.
Sat 6th Jan:		THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
	9.30a.m:	Mass: Frank & Catherine O'Rourke, Drummerheave.
Sun 7th Jan:		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	10.30a.m:	Mass: Mass for the People

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

Sat 30th Dec:		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
	Vigil 6pm:	Mass: Mass for the People Keith Doran, Mulladuff.
Mon 1st Jan:	10.00a.m:	Mass: MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD & World Day of Prayer for Peace.
Wed 3rd Jan:	10.00a.m:	Mass: Adrian Boyle, Selloo.
	10.30a.m:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6th Jan:		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	Vigil 6pm:	Mass: Mass for the People Gus McGuinness, Main Street, Smithboro, The McGuinness & Murphy Families. Mary & Michael Walsh and the Walsh & St. John Families, Belfast. Marie & Richard O'Donnell, Newcastle, Co. Down Caroline Laverty, Belfast and Jim McCarthy, London & Cork and The McCarthy Family.

The Pope's Intention for January: *FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH: that the Holy Spirit may help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.*

Recently Deceased: **Nuala McAleer née Corrigan**, Eshnadarragh, wife of James, and mother of Declan, Deirdre, and Martin. **Charlie Breen**, 7 Oakview, Clones, died 11th December. *May the angels lead them into paradise. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

Fostering: **Archbishop Eamon Martin has written a letter for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph to promote the awareness regarding the option of fostering: His message is as follows:** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph no doubt experienced many of the same joys and struggles as any family. Over the Christmas season our hearts and minds have been drawn to the importance in all of our lives of family, friends and neighbours. Amidst the happiness of the seasonal visits, celebrations and good wishes, we also feel the loss at this time of the year of those who are no longer with us.*

I write to you today to ask your assistance in raising awareness and promoting the option of Fostering in our homes and parishes. Foster carers are ordinary people who make an extraordinary difference to the lives of those children and young people who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to live with their birth families.

Mary and Joseph searched for somewhere safe and warm to have their child, and although there was no room for them, a kindly innkeeper pointed them to the stable where Jesus was born. Foster carers generously open their hearts and their homes on a daily basis to provide care, support and love to children in need. Unfortunately, there are times when there are no available spaces left for foster care placements. That is why I'm encouraging you today to reach out and support HSC NI Foster Care and to help find new families who may have some space and time in their lives to come forward and consider fostering.

There are many struggles and challenges which lead to children and young people requiring foster care: sometimes material poverty and hardship; or parental struggles due to relationship difficulties or addictions. On the weekend of the 14th and 28th January 2024, staff from HSC NI Foster Care will be making themselves available around Mass time in some of the churches of our parishes and, indeed, at churches across Northern Ireland. If your parish is one of those selected, I encourage you to welcome the HSC fostering staff involved and engage with them to find out more information for yourselves or someone you feel may be interested or simply curious to know more about fostering. Remember, if you do have a chat with our visitors, you are not committing to anything. Perhaps you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming a foster carer; this may be the time to put that thought into action.

I invite you also 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.

Should your Church not be one of those chosen in the initial phase of this initiative I ask that you still consider promoting and praying for Fostering during the month of January. A very happy New Year to you. + Eamon Martin

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

Contributions to the Parish on Sunday 23rd/24th/25th December: Upkeep: £858 & €2077, Cash & coin in the Basket: £665.26 & €874.18, Priests: £199.10 & €1059.40, Maintenance: £175 & €383, Pope's Collection: £40, Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese: £64 & €145, Christmas Dues: £1600 & €2752.10, Cathedral Fund: £15 & €10, St. Tierney's Shrine (weekly): £66.23 & €61.72, Stole Fees from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: £130 & €150. Thanks to all who contributed.

Parish Envelopes for 2024: If by the New Year a household did not receive a package, please contact the Parish Office.

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 8pm. Adm £10. Tickets available on the night or phone Sarah (07779267620) or Ann (07340530807) to guarantee entry. A night not to be missed!

Scotstown GAA Health & Wellbeing Initiative: 'We warmly extend an open invitation to everyone to play cards in the complex on Friday 12th January @8pm. This is an opportunity for all ages interested in the game of '45' or 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 past-time to enjoy.

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 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org

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 061921470 or 00353 61921470

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 9355251/087 9046405 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 8420700.