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Sunday 15th December 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sun 15th Dec:		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
	10.30am:	Mass: Mass for the People of the Parish. Deceased Members of the Reilly Family, Derryledigan. Maureen Rooney, Dan & Teresa Rooney, Drummerheave, Charlie & Catherine Ellen & Minnie Rooney, Crockada. Michael & Mary Connolly, Mullaghbrady. Rose & Hugh Boyle, and their son Paul, Roslea & Clones.
Tues 17th Dec:	9.30am:	Mass:
Thurs 19th Dec:	9.30am:	Mass:
Fri 20th Dec:	10 – 1.00pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – sacristy
	4pm – 6pm:	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – sacristy
	6pm – 7pm:	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament – church
	7.00pm:	Mass: Mickey Mullan, Derryvullen & Johnny Flynn, Derryvullen, and Minnie & Barney Boyle, Derryheanlish. Joe Smyth, Derrylea & Deceased Members of the Smyth and Lynch Families. Kathleen Hughes, Main Street, Roslea.
Sun 22nd Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
	10.30am:	Mass: Mass for the People of the Parish.

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

Sat 14th Dec:		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Wed 18th Dec:	10.00am:	Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 10.30am – 12.00 noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.00pm – 9.00pm.
Sat 21st Dec:		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish. Elizabeth & Patrick Hurson, Tyredigan and Deceased Members of the Hurson & Corley Families.

Christmas Celebration of God's Mercy led by Fr. Gabriel Dolan, Aghadrumsee on Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm in St. Tierney's Church, Roslea and 7.00pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Clones.

Christmas Tree in the Women's Porch of St. Tierney's Church: Thanks to Marita Cosgrove of Foxglove & Ferns for her beautiful presentation of the Christmas Tree. Congratulations to her for her entry to the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee at the end of November.

The Symbols of the Past Week on the Jesse Tree in St. Tierney's Church: December 9th: **Moses:** baby in a basket, river and rushes. December 10th: **Samuel:** lamp, temple. December 11th: **Jesse:** crimson robe, shepherd's staff. December 12th: **David:** slingshot, 6-pointed star. December 13th: **Solomon:** scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword. December 14th: **Joseph the husband of Mary:** hammer, saw, chisel, angle. December 15th: **Mary:** lily, crown of stars, pierced heart. The Jesse Tree, which takes its name from Jesse the father of King David, highlights people in the Bible from the Book of Genesis to the Birth of Jesus.

Recently Deceased: Jody Gormley, laid to rest in Trillick on Friday. John McAree, London & formerly Mullindava. Katie Boyle née Rooney, Follum Big, mother of Michelle Quigley, Roisin Boyle & Eileen McCaffrey, sister of Michael Rooney, Crockada., Gerry Rooney, Inver Close., Maggie Mohan, St. Patrick's Park., Moya Jordan, Mullaghconnolly. *May they rejoice in heaven's light.*

Contributions to the Parish on Sunday 8th December 2024: Upkeep: £15 & €101, Loose Plate: £63.16 & €171.85, Priests: £195.50 & €217.60, Sick & Retired Priests: £533.60 & €533, Cathedral Fund: €10, St. Tierney's Shrine weekly: £53.56 & €37.20, Subscription to Irish Catholic Newspaper: €30. *Thanks to all who contributed.*

Parish Envelopes for 2025: Distributors are asked to distribute the boxes and envelopes before next weekend. Thanks to them. Each household receives a calendar for 2025, an accompanying letter, detail of the parish income and expenditure for 2023, and a schedule of liturgies for Christmas week. A big thank you to all who contribute to the upkeep of the parish.

Smithborough Presbyterian Church's 'Afternoon of Carols' on Sunday 15th December at 3.30pm. Assemble from 3.00pm. Music by Smithborough Church Choir, special guest James Kilbane. Collection for Drumkill Daycare Centre. All are welcome!

Vintage Coffee Morning in the Heritage Centre after Mass today 15th and 22nd December in aid of Dementia and Alzheimer Society and Heritage Centre. Enjoy some Christmas bakes at the hearth fire. Everyone welcome.

Scoil Mhuire N.S. Gransha's Carol Service takes place this Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Magherarney.

St. Tierney's Primary School presents a **Festive Carol Service** in St. Tierney's Church on Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm (not 6.30pm as advertised wrongly last week). All family, friends and community welcome. There will be no admission charge but small donations to school funds are welcome on the night.

Carn Court Thursday Variety Club is holding its Christmas Party on Thursday 19th December at 1.00pm in the Roslea Arms, everyone welcome. RSVP Mary 087 9852 705.

Eire Óg Lotto, 12th December: This week's numbers are 3, 6, 13, 16. Huge congratulations to this week's jackpot winner of €10,500, Colum McKenna, Drumgoast. Next week's jackpot is €5,000. This week's €20 winners: Gus McGorman, Coolatty (online)., Ciaran Leonard, Stranagarvagh (online)., Tegan & Kieran McMahon, Maple Grove., Tina McEniff, Clonamuncha., Paul & Jackie, Mulladuff. To enter next week's draw, download the Clubforce app and follow EireOgNaMullai, play using the paper envelopes or click the link on our social media pages.

St Macartan's Cathedral Restoration: We hope everyone had a chance to read the recent *Fundraising Feasibility Study Summary* that was made available. If you did not have a chance to pick up a copy, please see clogherdiocese.ie. As a follow-on from this, we have compiled a *Frequently Asked Questions Document* which should provide you with some further information on our campaign. This document is also available on clogherdiocese.ie. If you would like a hard copy of this *Frequently Asked Questions Document*, please contact the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje direct from Dublin to Mostar, 30 minutes from Medjugorje on 11th-18th of June. Cost is €805 if deposit of €200 is paid before January 31st 2025, otherwise €855 applies. Spiritual leader is Rev John Chester. Group leader Marian Kane 087 2713 260 for more information.



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025: Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year is one set aside by the Church to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent for our sins, to forgive and be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme for this forthcoming Holy year will be **"Pilgrims of Hope"**, thus bringing to the fore the journey of life that we are all on and our need to be people of hope, a hope rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome. **Locally, it will be opened in our**

Diocese on Sunday 29th December – Feast of the Holy Family – when Bishop Larry will be Chief Celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. Over the coming weeks, some online resources for the Jubilee Year will be made available on www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025.

Hope Healing Growth – Aisling Centre Annual Day of Inspiration takes place on Saturday 11th January. Tickets now on sale via Eventbrite bit.ly/HHG25 (free to attend virtually). For further information from Aisling Centre infor@theaislingcentre.com / 028 66 3252811

SYNOD on SYNODALITY - The final document from the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod has been published and is available below as a working translation in English. **ENG-final-document-Synod-2021-24.pdf**

"Dilexit nos - He loved us" - Encyclical of Pope Francis: Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on www.pioneers.ie

Bishop of Ireland Pastoral Letter – *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* The theme of the letter is about people welcoming the migrant in contemporary Ireland as modelled by the parable of the Good Samaritan. The letter, along with other resources, is available at www.catholicbishops.ie.

St. Vincent de Paul throughout Co. Monaghan are looking for volunteers to join their local parish conference and help support those in need in your local community. We need volunteers to respond with kindness and empathy to requests for help as well as volunteers to help with IT and accounting. If you have 2-3hrs a week to spare, please visit www.svp.ie or email info.northeast@svp.ie or Freephone SVP North East Office 1800 677 777 for further information or to request an application form. Please help us to continue helping others in your community.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, 15 years, to be canonised in April: Pope Francis announced during the week that he will raise to sainthood next April 25th – 27th Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 – 2006), dubbed 'the saint of the internet' who used his computer skills to record and spread the Good News of the Catholic Faith. Last year's P7 Class of St. Tierney's Primary, Roslea visited the relic of Blessed Caro at St. Macartan's Cathedral. Also for canonisation next year is **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 – 1925)**. He was a mountaineer and involved in the Apostleship of Prayer and Catholic Action. Doctors believe he caught polio while helping the sick.

The Knights of Columbanus: Since 1927 the Order of the Knights of Columbanus has been making a significant contribution to the faith life of the community of Monaghan Town and its wider environs. The Knights meet once a month in St. Macartan's College and offers a fraternal opportunity to explore ways of living and honouring the teachings of the Gospel while undertaking charitable endeavours. The emphasis is always on companionship and fun. If you would like to learn more about the work of the Knights, please contact 00353 1 (from NI) / 01 (in the RoI) followed by 67618335 or email info@knightsofcolumbanus.ie. We are always open to welcoming new members.

Accord Monaghan Recruiting: Fr. Chester and a parishioner of the Parish of Roslea facilitate marriage preparation courses in the County Monaghan. Accord Monaghan seeks recruits to become marriage preparation facilitators. Training is provided for those recruits selected. Accord Monaghan offers one marriage preparation course per month from September to June for up to 20 couples per course. If interested in coming forward as a course facilitator contact Fr. Chester for further information.

Could You Foster? Contact 0800 0720 137 HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care, adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

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

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.