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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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| <b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:</b>  |              | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                  | 10.30am:     | Mass: Mass for the People of the Parish.                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                  | 6.00pm:      | Christmas Reconciliation Service.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b> | 9.30am:      | Mass: <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                  |              | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                  | 6.00pm:      | CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>  |              | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b> | 9.30am:      | Mass: <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>  | 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: (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) Nuala McAleer, Eshnadarragh.<br>Charlie & Mary Murray, Dernawilt East.                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>  |              | <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH:</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                  | 10.30am:     | Mass: Mass for the People of the Parish.<br>Month's Mind: Hughie Beggan, 8 St. Patrick's Park.<br>Jimmy & Eileen Flynn and Deceased Members of the of Flynn Family, Greaghverrin.<br>John & Bridget Murray, Knockavea. |

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

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| <b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:</b>  |               | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>                                                                                                    |
|                                  | Vigil 6.00pm: | Mass for the People of the Parish.<br>Elizabeth & Patrick Hurson, Tyredigan and Deceased Members of the Hurson & Corley Families. |
| <b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b> |               | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE:</b>                                                                                                             |
|                                  | Vigil 8.00pm: | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY OF THE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: MASS.</b>                                                            |
| <b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>  |               | <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>                                                                                |
|                                  | Vigil 6.00pm: | Mass for the People of the Parish.<br>Keith Doran, Mulladuff.<br>James & Mary McCarville, Stranagarvey.                           |

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

The Symbols of the Past Week and to Christmas on the Jesse Tree in St. Tierney's Church: December 16<sup>th</sup>: John the Baptist: shell with water, river. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Church begins to intensify the

**preparation for Christmas with the use of the “O” Antiphons from the Liturgy of the Hours. The symbols for the Jesses Tree from December 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> are based on the “O” Antiphons.** December 17<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus is Wisdom:** Isaiah 11: 1 – 2: *The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding.* Symbols of wisdom: Oil, lamp, book. December 18<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus is Lord:** burning bush, stone tablets. December 19<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus is the Flower of Jesse:** Is 11: 1: *A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse.* flower, plant with flower. December 20<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus is the Key of David:** Is 22: 22: *I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder:* key, broken chains. December 21<sup>st</sup>: **Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:** Psalm 19: 6: *He has his rising on the edge of heaven:* sun rising. December 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Jesus is King of the Gentiles:** Psalm 2: 8: *I will give you the nations for their heritage:* crown, sceptre. December 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Jesus is Emmanuel:** Isaiah 7: 14: *The Lord himself will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel:* tablets of stone, chalice and host. December 24<sup>th</sup>: **Jesus is the Light of the World:** John 1: 9: *The Word was the true light:* candle, flame, sun.

**Recently Deceased:** Mary McKenna, Clara, Co. Monaghan, mother of Fr. John McKenna, Scotshouse. **Jim Quail**, Ballyward, Co. Down, brother-in-law of John James Beggan, Derryard., May Rooney, Coraleek., Oweny Beggan (RIP), Derrygannon., Margaret Boyle (RIP). Mullaghconnolly. **Eileen Dempsey**, Manchester, sister of the late Bridie McCabe, Tattinbar. *May they rejoice in heaven’s light.*

**Contributions to the Parish on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024:** Upkeep: £692.91 & €826.50, Loose Plate: £77.05 & €119.92, Priests: £272.40 & €150, Sick & Retired: £212.10 & €105, Diocesan Levy: €5, Easter Dues: €5, Christmas Dues: €10, Cemetery Sunday: €15, Cathedral Fund: €5, education: €10, St. Tierney’s Shrine weekly: £71.87 & €45.25, St. Mary’s Shrine fortnightly: £5.24 & €148.36. *Thanks to all who contributed.*

**Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Katie Lynch, Mullinahinch on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last Thursday.**

**Sacred Heart Messenger:** During December, please place your order for the Sacred Heart Messenger by returning the subscription envelope to the white box at the Baptistry in St. Tierney’s Church, subscription of £25 or €30. Thank you.

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

**Eire Óg Lotto, 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Lotto: This week’s numbers are 12, 13, 14, 27. No Jackpot winner this week. Next week’s jackpot is €5,100. This week’s €20 winners: Veronica McGorman, Coolatty (online)., Amy Rooney, Castleblaney (Online)., Aodhan Boylan, Listillian (Online)., Grainne McCluskey, Luxembourg., Catherine McElvaney, Drumcrew. 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.

**Stop Smoking - 12 weekly Stop Smoking Support Group or One to One Support** starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am for 12 weeks in the Oak Healthy Living Centre Lisnaskea. Please contact Patricia on **075 9344 6202**

**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](http://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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of June. Cost is €805 if deposit of €200 is paid before January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 29 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](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025).

**Hope Healing Growth** – Aisling Centre Annual Day of Inspiration takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets now on sale via Eventbrite [bit.ly/HHG25](https://bit.ly/HHG25) (free to attend virtually). For further information from Aisling Centre [infor@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:infor@theaislingcentre.com) / 028 66 325 2811

**SYNOD on SYNODALITY** - The final document from the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.svp.ie) or email [info.northeast@svp.ie](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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@knightsocolumbanus.ie](mailto:info@knightsocolumbanus.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](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

**Information and Support for Birth Mothers** - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthininfo.ie](http://www.birthininfo.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.com](mailto:info.fasn@gmail.com) 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.***