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Sunday 8th December 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sun 8th Dec:		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
	10.30am:	Mass: Mass for the People of the Parish. Michael & Maggie McGuinness & Son Michael, Church Street. Frank, John, Mary Kate & Johnny McMahon, Legacurry, and Helen Quinn née McMahon, Legacurry. Betty & Billy McCormick, Killyfole. Deceased Members of the Meehan Family, Inishammon and the McGinnity Family, Shanroe.
Mon 9th Dec:	7.30pm	THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Francis, Rose and Susan Lynch, Kibb.
Tues 10th Dec:	9.30am:	Mass: Michael Quigley, Aughnashammer & Drumguiff and Deceased Members of the Quigley Family.
Thurs 12th Dec:	9.30am:	Mass: John Patrick, Mary Alice and Deceased Members of the McKenna Family, Dernawilt East and the McMahon Family, Milligans.
Fri 13th 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: (1 st Ann.) Alec McNamee, Finn Park. Eddie & Teresa Mullarkey, Dernahesco and Sean Mullarkey, Lannet.
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. Eileen & Jimmy Flynn, Greaghverrin and Deceased Members of the Flynn Family, Corraleek. Rose & Hugh Boyle, and their son Paul, Roslea & Clones.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday 9th December: We celebrate Mary, who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne was *'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.'* The Feast is the Church's starting gun to the Christmas Season. Masses in the Parish of Roslea are 10.00am. in St. Mary's Church & 7.30pm in St. Tierney's Church.

The Gathering of the Leaves at St. Tierney's Church Graveyard: A big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who attended the big clean-up of leaves at St. Tierney's Church Graveyard last Monday morning armed with rakes, blowers and wheelbarrows. They made the church grounds so tidy for Christmas. Míle Buíochas!

Parish of Roslea Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their annual Christmas collection this weekend after Masses on 7th/8th December. Please be generous. Thank you!

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

Sat 7th Dec:		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish. John McDonald, Loughooney.
Mon 9th Dec:		THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
	10.00am.	Mass:
Wed 11th Dec:	10.00am:	Mass:
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 10.30am – 12.00 noon.
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8.00pm – 9.00pm.
Sat 14th Dec:		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Vigil 6.00pm:	Mass for the People of the Parish.

Contributions to the Parish on Sunday 1st December 2024: Upkeep: £335.70 & €290, Loose Plate: £87.33 & €167.68, Priests: £660.60 & €822.00, Sick & Retired Priests: €75, Christmas Dues: €20, Cathedral Fund: £15, Education: £15, St. Tierney's Shrine weekly: £44.50 & €33.27, St. Mary's Shrines fortnightly: £2.69 & €199.43, November Dead Offerings: £873 & €980., Standing Orders for November: £2,050 & €930, Stole Fees from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: £240 & €150. *Thanks to all who contributed.*

Parish Envelopes for 2025: The parish envelopes for 2025 are ready this weekend for collection by the distributors in St. Tierney's & St. Mary's Churches. Distributors are encouraged to distribute the boxes and envelopes over the next fortnight. Thanks to them. Each household will receive 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.

Parish School Carol Services: 7.00pm Thursday 12th December in St. Mary's Church: Scoil Mhuire, Magherarney. **6.30pm Tuesday 17th December** in St. Mary's Church: Scoil Mhuire, Gransha. **6.30pm Thursday 19th December** in St. Tierney's Church: St. Tierney's Primary School.

The Social Dance & Christmas Party will take place in the GAA Complex, Roslea on Friday night 13th December. Music by Brendan Magee and Eugene Cunningham, dancing 9.00pm – 11.30pm. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome!

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.

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.



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.

Advent Calendar: The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of *#Hope*, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

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 66 325 2811

Free Online Advent Retreat from The Priory Institute, Tallaght: The retreat comprises of four talks entitled *Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God*. The Retreat Giver, Stephen Cummins OP, is a Dominican friar currently based in Kilkenny. Participants can download the Gospels, watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed, so people can register at any time during Advent.

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>

St Macartan's Cathedral Feasibility Study – Many thanks to everyone who completed our recent survey. Your opinions were invaluable and enabled us to make a more informed decision around the future of our beautiful Cathedral. Please take a copy of the summary, which is available at the rear of your church. We hope you find the results informative and reassuring as we move into the next phase of restoring St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan.

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 Carlo 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. We are always open to welcoming new members.

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.