

PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

Monday—10am Mas—Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
 Tuesday—Friday 9:30am
 Saturday: 6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)
 Sunday: 11:30am Mass

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

Sunday: 10am Mass
 Friday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*,
 3-6pm (Rosary at 5.40pm)

ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

Tuesday : *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
 7:30—8:30pm

ORATORY, ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH

Wednesday : *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*
 3pm-4pm

MONTH'S MIND MASS

11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church next Sunday 12th January will be offered for Eddie McDaid, Glebe, on his month's mind. May he rest in peace.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Sr Margaret Canny—10am Mass
 Bridget & Laurence Minihan—11:30am Mass

ANNIVERSARIES

Packie Farren, Clonmany
 Madge McLaughlin, Cloontagh
 Eddie Kelly, Mary Duffy & Catherine Canny, Dunaff.

CLONMANY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Families experiencing financial difficulties please contact the local SVP confidential number 086/2388789, Reg Office 074/9173933 or any member of SVP. Be assured of our strictest confidence at all times.

SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Sheila Doherty, Cleagh, and Patsy Toland, Golf Club Road, Ballyliffin, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

VOCATIONS

At the start of this new year and Jubilee of Hope we ask God's blessing on our seminarians and those discerning their vocation, remembering especially Gary Duddy, Gerry Friel, and Gary White as they begin their propaedeutic studies in Salamanca. With St Paul in our second reading this weekend, let us to pray for them.

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,060. Thank you for your generosity.

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6pm Friday—8am Monday call NOWDOC 0818400911



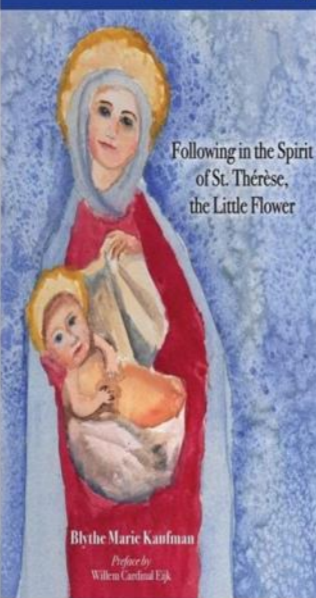
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This begins on 9th January

Child Consecration To Jesus through Mary



INVITATION TO 33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER

- Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary.
- It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at 7.00pm, starting on **Thursday 9 January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**.
- This is the (easy to follow) book that goes with the Prayer. It can be made available for families.
- Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at derrydiocese.org/consecration

please think of being part of it

GOD IS MISSING BUT NOT MISSED

If people don't find a reason to be in Church for Christmas, it seems that God has vanished from life for them. God has disappeared and is unnecessary. This isn't a 'judgement', just an observation.

The birth of Christ; the presence of Christ; the values of Christ; the Gospel of Christ, has been overtaken by other values and other issues, even the busyness of life. Christmas has been recaptured by the secular world.

That is not a reason for moaning, but is a description. Faith appears to be a cultural phenomenon which is out of date. We have to accept a new reality. As Church people, we can get weary and begin to blame ourselves. We can list the many reasons why it is happening :

Is it due to how we have presented Christ? Is it due to the failures of Church people? Is it due to society's forgetfulness, in regard to the big questions of life? It could be suggesting that we — both the secular world and the Faith world — need to stop doing things the way we are doing them and to begin addressing the deeper questions of life.



The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

Prayer:

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:
 today the star led the Magi to the manger;
 today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;
 today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 23/12/24—09,11,17,26. €20 went to: Deirdre McDaid, Milltown, Bunrana; Alisha Crawford, c/o Conor Diver; Croia Harkin, Annaugh. Lotto Numbers on 30/12/24— 01,02,13,22 €20 went to: Willie Gill, "St.Damian's", Gortaran; Anna Doherty, Letter & Anne Marie Farrell, Co. Leitrim. Next draw— 06/01/25 and the Jackpot will be €1,300. Fixture 5/1/25 Premier Div: Culdaff FC v Clonmany Shamrocks 2pm



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR — POPE FRANCIS

The words, *Holy Mother of God*, express the joyful certainty that the Lord, a tiny Child in his Mamma's arms, has forever united himself to our humanity. And Mary is also decisive in the lives of each of us ... for no one knows better than a Mother the stages of growth and the urgent needs of her children.

Let us entrust this coming year to THE MOTHER OF GOD. Let us consecrate our lives to her.

With tender love, she will open our eyes to their fullness. For she will lead us to Jesus, who is himself "the fullness of time", of every time, of our own time, of each one of us.



2025 IS A JUBILEE (HOLY) YEAR

The 2025 Jubilee ('Holy') Year began on Christmas Eve 2024 with the symbolic opening by Pope Francis of the Holy Door in Saint Peter's. It will conclude on 6 January 2026

WHAT IS A JUBILEE (HOLY) YEAR?

For Catholics, a 'Holy' Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The Jubilee Year is celebrated by our Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470.

THE THEME OF THIS HOLY YEAR IS "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

At the opening of the door, on Christmas Eve, Pope Francis said: "If God can visit us, even when our hearts seem like a lowly manger, we can truly say: Hope is not dead; hope is alive and it embraces our lives forever!"