

<p><b>PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>ST MARY’S CHURCH, CLONMANY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday—Thursday: 9:30am</li> <li>Friday: 7:30pm—Confessions from 7pm</li> <li>Saturday 6:30pm V Mass—Confessions from 6pm</li> <li>Sunday: 11:30am Mass</li> </ul> <p><b>ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, URRIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday: 10am Mass</li> <li>Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm</li> </ul> <p><b>ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30—8:30pm</li> </ul> <p><b>ST MARY’S CHURCH, CLONMANY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm—3:30pm in the room behind the Altar</li> </ul>	<h1>Clonmany Parish Newsletter</h1> <p>Fr John McDevitt PP Tel 0749376273 or 085 8237119</p> <p>Fr Karl Haan CC Tel 0749379107</p> <p>Parish Office Tel 0749376114 Email: <a href="mailto:clonmanyparish1@outlook.com">clonmanyparish1@outlook.com</a></p> <p>Clonmany Parish Website: <a href="http://www.clonmanyparish.ie">www.clonmanyparish.ie</a></p>		<p><b>Advent Prayer Week Three</b></p> <p>God of Joy, as we get closer to the celebration of the birth of your Son, we remain filled with joy. We know that life often presents us with challenges and that it is difficult to always be optimistic and cheerful. However, we know that you wish us to be a joy-filled people. Help us to focus on our blessings, to be appreciative of the many people who support us, and to be ever mindful of your constant presence. As we approach the celebration of Jesus’ birth, may the peace and joy of the season fill our hearts. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Parish Penitential Service</b></p> <p>As part of our Advent preparations for Christmas there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday 21 December in St Mary’s Church, Clonmany starting at 5pm. There will be several priests available for the celebration.</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass</b></p> <p>7.30pm Mass in St Mary’s, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be offered for Bernard Doherty, Cloontagh, on the first anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace.</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions this Weekend</b></p> <p>6:30 Vigil Mass – Elizabeth and Danny McLaughlin and daughter Virginia Byrne, Ballyliffin</p> <p>10am Mass – Friel Family, Dunaff</p> <p>11:30am Mass - Blaithín McGlinchey, Clogherna</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>Patrick Grant, Upper Annagh</p> <p>Rosa McDonald</p> <p>Rose McLaughlin, Figart</p> <p>Mary Kathleen McLaughlin nee Gill</p> <p>Packie and Kathleen McGonigle, Isle of Doagh</p> <p><b>Saints of the Week:</b></p> <p>Thursday: St. Flannan, Bishop; Saturday: St. Fachanan, Bishop</p> <p><b>Collection:</b> Thank you for your generosity to the parish collection for 7/8<sup>th</sup> December which amounted to €1915.</p> <p><b>Parish Office</b></p> <p>The Parish Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week between 10am and 2pm. Christmas Mass cards are available in the Parish Office.</p> <p><b>Parish Carol Service</b></p> <p>You are invited to St. Mary’s Church, Clonmany for a service of carols, readings and reflections on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm to prepare for the Christmas season. All are welcome.</p>	<p><b>Parish Draw</b></p> <p>Promoters are asked to make their returns this week for the draw on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School</b></p> <p>For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don’t leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <a href="http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey">gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey</a></p> <p><b>Vocations</b></p> <p>For our seminarians and all those who will be the future priests of our diocese, that they will be prophetic proclaimers of the Good News of God's liberating love revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Clonmany Shamrocks News</b></p> <p>Lotto Numbers on 04/12/25 were 05,11,19,36. There was no winner of our Jackpot €15,000. €20 Prizes went to : Katie Harkin, Altahalla; William Gill Gortfad ; Frank Doherty (R) ,Clonmany. Our next draw will take place on Thursday 11th December. The Jackpot is €15,000. Due to Lotto Envelopes now having to be uploaded onto the Lottery platform we use, the deadline for physical Lotto envelopes for each weeks draw is each Tuesday @ 6pm. Lotto envelopes entered after this are entered into the following week's draw. Online entries can still be entered up to 7pm on the day of the draw. Online entries after this time are automatically entered into the following week 's draw. Online link to Club Profile on Klubfunder below : <a href="https://hub.klubfunder.com/">https://hub.klubfunder.com/</a> Tickets available for collection &amp; return at : Centra, Clonmany &amp; Mac Tam's. 200 Club Draw: Our 200 Club Draws will resume in December/ January. Draw promoters will be in touch with previous subscribers. Tickets are available from all club members. Results :Sunday 06/12/25; Premier Div: Clonmany Shamrocks 1 Cockhill Celtic 2 Div 2: Illies Res v Clonmany Res ( Postponed ) Fixtures: Sunday 14/12/25: Div 2: Clonmany Res v Carn Res @11am.</p>	<p><b>Inishowen Florist</b></p> <p>Is now taking orders for Christmas bouquets, wreaths and table displays. Free delivery in Clonmany area. Call Sinéad on 0879457925.</p> <p><b>Clonmany SVP Branch</b></p> <p>The SVP Annual Christmas Church Gate Collection will be held after all Masses this weekend on Sat 13th and Sun 14th of Dec. Your generosity can help us, to help those in need in our community. All donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate online to our local conference can do so at <a href="http://www.svp.ie">www.svp.ie</a> choosing St Mary's Clonmany in the drop down options. If anyone is experiencing difficulties at this time please contact any member of SVP or call us on 086 2388789 in the strictest of confidence. Please do not struggle in silence. We are here to help.</p> <p><b>A Time of Advent Prayer and Reflection</b></p> <p><i>Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus</i>, will continue on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall. It will be an opportunity to slow down and focus on the Lord Jesus in what can be a busy time. All are welcome.</p> <p><b>Children in Crossfire 2025</b></p> <p>As Christmas fast approaches, Children in Crossfire would like to thank all the parishioners who have already supported our Advent Appeal. If you would like to donate, packs are still available from the back of the church. You can donate directly or return via the chapel in the New Year. The focus of this year's appeal is on children living in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, whose days are split between going to school and scavenging on a huge rubbish dump nearby, searching for items to sell for food. Children in Crossfire's goal, with your support, is to give those children the better future they deserve. You will learn more about the work in the pack or see our video here: <a href="https://www.childrenincrossfire.org/addis-ababa-25/">https://www.childrenincrossfire.org/addis-ababa-25/</a> . Thank you for your support</p> <p><b>Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:</b></p> <p>Mary’s Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world’s poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. To donate, go to <a href="http://www.marysmeals.ie">www.marysmeals.ie</a> or phone 01 853 5163.</p>	<p><b>Trócaire</b></p> <p><i>'Gifts of Change'</i> are gifts that transform lives, bringing real hope and opportunities to families and communities living in poverty. There are 24 Gifts to choose from starting at €5 for the 'Gift of Soap' for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. You can buy a Gift and help change lives this Christmas by going online at <a href="http://www.trocaire.org/gifts">www.trocaire.org/gifts</a>, calling 1800 408 408 <b>or</b> visiting our office at 60 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ.</p> <p><b>Bambinelli Sunday</b></p> <p>The Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter’s Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. We will celebrate “Bambinelli Sunday” at all Masses on December 13th/14th, Gaudete Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass this weekend to be blessed. Families can even make their own “bambinelli” if they want.</p> <p><u>Prayer of blessing:</u> God our Father, you loved us so much you sent us your only Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, our family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us, and see him in those who need our love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen</p> <p>Following the blessing, take your “bambinelli” home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas morning. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.</p> 