

PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

ST MARY’S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Monday—Thursday: 9:30am
- Friday: 7:30pm—Confessions from 7pm
- Saturday 6:30pm V Mass—Confessions from 6pm
- Sunday: 11:30am Mass

ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, URRIS

- Sunday: 10am Mass
- Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm

ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

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

ST MARY’S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm—3:30pm in the room behind the Altar

Monday 8th December

Is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are;  
***Monday - 10am St Michael’s Church, Urris and 11.30 am and 7pm in St. Mary’s Church, Clonmany.***  
Please note that there is no vigil Mass on Sunday evening.

Sympathy

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Doherty, nee Conaghan, who died in Ealing, London during the week.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass

7:30 Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December will be offered for Bernard Doherty on the first anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace.

Mass Intentions this Weekend

10am Mass – Eileen Doherty, Dunaff  
11:30 Mass on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Mary McGroarty, Rasheney

Saints of the Week:

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Tuesday: St. Juan Diego. Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto. Thursday: St. Damasus 1, Pope. Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; St. Finian. Saturday: St. Lucy.

Parish Draw Results

	Prize	Winner	Promoter
1 <sup>ST</sup>	€1000	Bridget Kelly	Liam Doherty
2 <sup>ND</sup>	€150	Sally & Philip Devlin	Mary Harkin
3 <sup>RD</sup>	€150	Cathal Doherty (Roe)	Daniel Doherty
4 <sup>TH</sup>	€150	Teresa McDaid	Breege McEleney
5 <sup>TH</sup>	€150	Margaret Toland	Maureen & Madeline
6 <sup>TH</sup>	€150	E.D C/O Joseph McLaughlin	Alice & Kathleen
7 <sup>TH</sup>	€100	Emma Gallen	Maureen & Madeline
8 <sup>TH</sup>	€100	Brian & Eilish Kelly	Edward McLaughlin
9 <sup>TH</sup>	€100	Sadie Grant	Carmel Doherty
10 <sup>TH</sup>	€100	Rose Doherty (Gill)	Fearghal Harkin

# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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Advent Prayer and Reflection

A time of Advent prayer and reflection, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, will continue on Monday 8 and 15 December. Please note the change of venue this Monday to the Adoration room at the back of St. Mary’s church at 7.45pm. It will be an opportunity to slow down and focus on the Lord Jesus in what can be a busy time. All are welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday

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 14th/15th, Gaudete Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass next weekend to be blessed. Families can even make their own “bambinelli” if they want. 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.

Clonmany Shamrocks News

Lotto Numbers on 27/11/25 were 01,17,21,31. There was no winner of our Jackpot €15,000. €20 Prizes went to :Darragh Diver,Tullagh; Shaun Gill,Gortaran ; Linda Harkin, Boharna. Our next draw will take place on Thursday 4th December. The Jackpot is €15,000. 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. Draw subscriptions can also be made online using link below :  
<https://hub.klubfunder.com/ClonmanyShamrocksFC/payit/ticketsale/200-club-draw/detail>  
Fixtures :Sunday 06/12/25;  
Premier Div: Clonmany Shamrocks v Cockhill Celtic 2pm  
Div 2: Illies Res v Clonmany Res @11am.  
Results: Sunday 30/11/25:  
Premier Div; Redcastle Utd 1 Clonmany Shamrocks 1  
Div 2: Clonmany Res 8 Moville Res 0

Vocations

For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. For our currents seminarians and all those discerning the Lord’s will for them, that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day John the Baptists— voices preparing “...a way for the Lord” and making his paths straight.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

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 - gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

**Advent Pastoral Letter from Bishop McKeown** Last weekend Bishop Donal McKeown shared his Advent Pastoral Letter, Moving Forward Together in Changing Times, inviting all of us to a renewed focus on prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, and working together in mission. He reflects on the challenges faced by families and communities today and reminds us that Advent assures us of God’s closeness and hope. The bishop highlights the importance of parish collaboration — supporting one another in sacramental life, outreach, and faith formation — while recognising the vital role of our priests, parish leaders, coordinators, and volunteers whose dedication sustains parish life. Bishop McKeown goes on to state his intention that ongoing discussions about forming pastoral areas – bringing parishes together in shared mission – will be completed before Easter 2026. He also points to the existing encouraging signs of renewed prayer and growing youth involvement across the diocese. We are encouraged to walk forward in faith: Christ is with us and continues to lead His Church.

Inishowen Medical

Is hosting an additional Winter Vaccination clinic at Inishowen Medical, Clonmany on Wednesday 10th December . If you have not winter-proofed yourself, come along to avail of free flu, COVID-19 & pneumococcal vaccines. Please call us on 93 76173 or 93 61800 to make an appointment.

Inishowen Florist

Is now taking orders for Christmas bouquets, wreaths and table displays. Free delivery in Clonmany area. Call Sinéad on 0879457925.

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:

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. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary’s Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Advent Prayer Week Two

God of Love, during the Advent season, when life is busy and excitement is in the air, we take time to think about the awesome gift of the birth of Jesus. We reflect on the great love you have for us that will be shown through your Son, Jesus. May the light of this second candle reflect the light that resides within each of us, the love that we can bring to this world, and the healing we can offer those who are suffering. Amen.

Christmas Tree blessing

The Christmas tree brings great cheer to the family home. The tree reminds us of all that is beautiful, all that is filled with the gentleness and the promise of God. It stands in our midst as a tree of light, that we might promise the light of Christ to one another and to our world. It stands like that tree of paradise that God made into the tree of life, the cross of Jesus. Gather together around the Christmas tree with the lights off. Bless the star or angel from the top of the tree with Holy water, pray together and when you say Amen, turn the lights on.

A Prayer of Blessing

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord

