



PARISH PRIEST

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The Mission of Loughgilly Parish Pastoral Council is ...

“To be aware of our Parish needs, bringing together God’s people to enrich and develop our faith, so that we may reflect the image of a true disciple of Christ”.

CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday at 6.30pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

St Brigid’s @ 10am

St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

ADORATION:

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm in St Brigid’s Church.

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday: St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

Wednesday: St Teresa’s @ 10.00am

Thursday: St Malachy’s @ 10.00am

First Friday Only: St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

(In the event of a Funeral, 10am Mass will be cancelled)

BAPTISMS:

1st Saturday of the Month in St Malachy’s at 6.00pm. *(Book on Parish Website)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30am-2.30pm

SVP Helpline: 0756101117

Weekly Parish Bulletin – 10th December 2023

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Downey, Dylan Vallely, Ciara McElvanna, Patrick & Ciera Grimley.

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 9th December – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

Mary, James & Bernard Finnegan

Sunday 10th December – St Brigid’s @ 10am

Tommy Smith

David McParland

Joseph & Cissie McCoy

Sunday 10th December – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

James & Mary McKeown

Thomas, Judy & Eugene Ferris & DM

Lizzie, Philip & Andrew Nesbitt

Elizabeth, Mary & Rose Quinn

Saturday 16th December – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

Margaret Caherty

Charlie Kennedy

Sunday 17th December – St Brigid’s @ 10am

Maureen O’Callaghan

Kathleen McDermott

Sunday 17th December – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

Anna, John & Winnie McParland

Patrick O’Rourke

Bernard SNR & Bernard JNR O’Rourke

Sean McCann

TROCAIRE GIFTS ON SALE

Gifts will be available on the weekends of 16th/17th December and evening Mass on 23rd December.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

3rd December – Main Collection 109 Env £1361.00

SVP COLLECTION TAKES PLACE AFTER HOLY COMMUNION!

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Cards available from all Sacristies, from Whitecross and Belleeks shops and from the Parish Office. £2. Intentions will be remembered at all Christmas Masses in the Parish.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Available while stocks last from all Churches and the Parish Office priced at £2.00

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS

In the event of an emergency sick call for those living at home, Parishioners should contact the Parochial House.

For those who are in hospital, you should ask the Ward Sister to contact the Chaplain. Pastoral Area contact number in case of being unable to contact me are:

Cullyhanna – Canon Toner – 02830861235

Crossmaglen – Fr Maloney – 02830861208



UPDATED!!!!

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday 24th December Vigil @ 5.30pm in St Teresa’s

Sunday 24th December Vigil @ 7.00pm in St Malachy’s

Sunday 24th December Vigil @ 8.30pm in St Brigid’s

Christmas Day Mass

Monday 25th December– St Brigid’s Church @10am

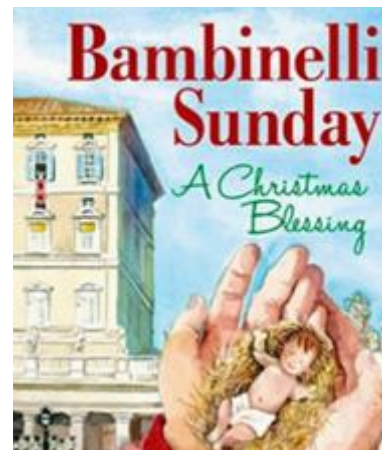
PLEASE NOTE – due to the Christmas Vigil being on a Sunday there will be No Normal Sunday morning Mass on this day – I invite Parishioners to attend Mass on the evening of Saturday 23rd December in St Malachy’s Ballymoyer at 7.00pm which will fulfil the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Attending the Christmas vigil does NOT fulfil the requirement to attend Sunday Mass.



PARISH CAROL SERVICE

This Sunday 10th December at 6.00pm in St Malachy’s Church Followed by refreshments in St Malachy’s School. Join us as we journey through the Nativity with Carols and Reflections!

We welcome donations of Christmas Poinsettia for decorations in our Churches. If you would like to donate a Poinsettia simply leave it in any of our Churches this coming week.



The Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to

St. Peter’s Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. This year we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday in the Parish at all masses next weekend the 16/17th December. All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed.



Second Collection at Masses THIS weekend for SVP.

You can also make Bank Transfer or set up a regular standing order to support the work of SVP locally. The Account details are SVP ST JOHN PAUL 11

Sort code 98-11-40 Account Number 14269072.

Donations can also be made by visiting www.svpni.co.uk.



Sit out at Fiveways takes place from Monday 11th December. Volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts. If you can help please contact Eileen Leonard on 07767040177

PARISH DRAW – WINNERS SEPT/OCT/NOV

- £500 – NO. 74 Aisling Faye
- £200 – NO. 96 Eithne McElroy
- £100 – NO. 367 Rita Murray
- £500 – NO. 191 Colin Ferris
- £200 – NO. 465 Claire and Mary McCone
- £100 – NO. 413 Cara, Moya & Elise Hayes
- £500 – NO. 141 John O’Callaghan
- £200 – NO. 266 Catherine Sherry
- £100 – NO. 342 Ann McKeown

Thank you to our Buyers and Sellers!!



CHURCH CLEANING

In Preparation for Christmas we would be grateful if parishioners would volunteer to assist in cleaning the Churches. Please contact each Church Sacristan.

COMING BACK TO MASS THIS ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ...

Our Churches will be full over Christmas as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child among us. His birth in Bethlehem brought all kinds of people together – a young married couple who became parents, shepherds, Magi, inn keeper, visitors, strangers. Our celebration of Mass in Church will also ‘bring people together’ – family, neighbours, visitors, strangers. All gathered for one purpose.

The covid crisis, which still lives among us, changed many habits in life, not least of all the habit of attending Mass on Sundays/Saturday evening. I would like to encourage individuals and families to make a regular attendance at Mass a norm in their lives as we begin a new year. Christmas, Easter, Lent, anniversaries, Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and funerals are all occasions when the Church In her liturgy ‘brings people together.’ But that happens every Saturday evening/Sunday morning and I invite all to be a part of that faith community. Not all of us are blessed with, what some call strong faith, but we do, if we are honest need some nourishment and encouragement to live as God intends from day to day. I believe that attending Mass will answer that need.

Pope Benedict said this about Mass: *The Mass is not only a meal among friends who have come together to remember the Lord’s Last Supper through the common breaking of bread. The Mass is the common sacrifice of the Church, in which the Lord prays with us and for us and communicates himself to us. It is the sacramental renewal of Christ’s sacrifice: consequently, its redeeming power extends to all, those present and those far away, the living and the dead.*

Be a PART of the Mass community and not APART from it.