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# Parish of Loughgilly

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 @ 7.00pm

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

**BAPTISMS:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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: 07561011117**

Weekly Parish Bulletin – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Hugh McParland, Peter John Loughran, Eileen McCaul.

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

Mary McParland

Deborah McKernan

**Christmas Eve - St Teresa’s @ 5.30pm**

*Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions*

Nan & Hugh O’Hare

Angela & Dessie McLoughlin

Frankie Finnegan

**Christmas Eve – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

*Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions*

**Christmas Eve – St Brigid’s @ 8.30pm**

*Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions*

James, Mary & Vera McGeough

Eugene McVerry

Charles McDonnell

**Christmas Day – St Brigid’s @ 10am**

*Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions*

Jack, Gerry & Pat Deighan

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – St Brigid’s @ 10am**

PJ & Joseph McKeown

Peter & Tessie O’Callaghan & DM

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Daniel Toner

Sean Tamney

Francis McCusker

Alice McNally

Peter & Pauline Carlisle

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January- St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

Maureen Finnegan

John Martin, Brian & Anthony Reavey

Una McKenna

Pat McParland

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

John McGivern

Theresa Carroll

Eileen McCann

William & Mary McKnight

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Brian & Claire Toner

Aidan, Olive & Ruairi Mackle

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

17<sup>th</sup> December – Main Collection 112 Env £1559.00

**Priest Dues collection taken up at all Christmas Masses.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS** Cards available from all

Sacristies, from Whitecross and Belleeks shops.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLES** Available from all Churches £2.



**Christmas Eve Masses**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Vigil @ 5.30pm in St Teresa’s

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Vigil @ 7.00pm in St Malachy’s

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Vigil @ 8.30pm in St Brigid’s

**Christmas Day Mass**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December– St Brigid’s Church @ 10am

**MASS CHANGES**

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS ON TUESDAY 26-29<sup>TH</sup>**

**DECEMBER AND FROM TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024.**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH BULLETIN NEXT WEEKEND.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Parish office will be closed until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

– For any **urgent requests** please call the Parochial House on 02837507214.

**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**

**Mass for Epiphany**

Vigil Mass at 7.00pm in St Brigid’s (Also First Friday Mass)

Epiphany is a Holy Day of Obligation. Peters Pence collection will be taken up at this Mass.

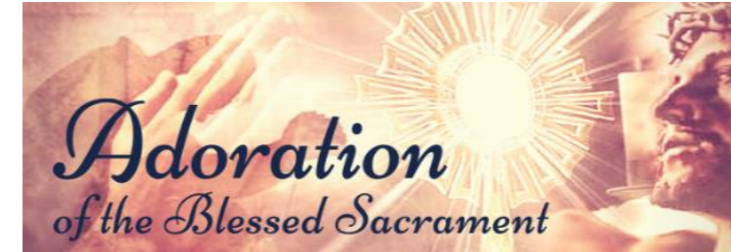
**PARISH DRAW – DECEMBER WINNERS**

£500 No. 429 Helen Murphy

£200 No. 242 Peter Carlisle

£100 No. 203 Bernie Murtagh

We thank all those who continue to support our Parish Draw.



Adoration will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from

7pm - 9pm in St Brigid’s Church.



**Parishioners are aware at this stage that we have two**

**ongoing Fundraising Appeals**

**1. Donate a Slate** – For Belleeks Church repair – Pay £10 per slate either in memory of someone who has died or as a gift

for someone living.

The new slates will not need to be repaired for at least 150 years so donating to this appeal really will leave a mark on history.

Dedications will be printed in a future publication and

current dedications are available on the website.

**2. Darkness to Light** – In order to repair the beautiful stained glass windows in Ballymoyer Church. – Make any donation,

large or small and again a dedication for anyone living or

deceased will be placed on our website and in future

publications.

While we have begun work to both of the Churches this work can only continue as long as the Parish receive donations to

support these projects.

Current Donations are as follows:

**Donate a Slate £16,070.00 Goal is £80,000.00**

**Darkness to Light £14,250.00 Goal is £65,000.00**

To Donate to either appeal donate via the envelopes in the Churches or visit [www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising](http://www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising)



Come Home for Christmas, New Year and Beyond...

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.**