



PARISH PRIEST

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CONFESSIONS: Each Saturday at 5.30pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

St Malachy's @ 6.00pm

SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

St Brigid's @ 10.00am

St Teresa's @ 11.30am

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)

ADORATION:

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm & 1st Friday 6-7pm
in St Brigid's Church.

BAPTISMS:

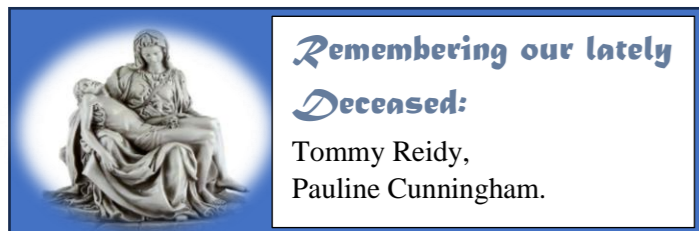
1st Saturday of the Month in St Malachy's
at 5.00pm. (Book on Parish Website)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10.30am-2.30pm

SVP Helpline: 0756101117

Weekly Parish Bulletin – Christmas Day December 2024



LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Christmas Eve – St Teresa's Church @ 5.30pm

Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions

Angela & Dessie McLoughlin

Frankie Finnegan

Christmas Eve – St Malachy's Church @ 7.00pm

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Linda Fegan

Roseanne Carr

Christmas Eve – St Brigid's Church @ 8.30pm

Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions

Christine & James Honeyford

Shirley Finnegan

James, Mary & Vera McGeough

Christmas Day – St Brigid's Church @ 10.00am

Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions

Jack, Gerry & Pat Deighan & DM

Sunday 29th December – St Brigid's Church @ 10.00am

Peter & Tessie O'Callaghan & DM

Patrick John, Felix & Joseph McKeown

Sunday 29th December – St Teresa's Church @ 11.30am

Sean Tamney

Daniel Toner

Saturday 4th January – St Malachy's Church @ 6.00pm

Pat McParland

Sunday 5th January – St Brigid's Church @ 10.00am

John McGivern

John Martin, Brian & Anthony Reavey

Una McKenna

Theresa Carroll

Sunday 5th January – St Teresa's Church @ 11.30am

Olive, Aiden & Rurui Mackle

Brian & Claire Toner & DM

Christmas Mass Bouquets & Religious Gifts

The Parish is now selling Religious items such as Medals, Baptism Candles, Rosary Beads etc from the Parish Office.

Please feel free to visit the Parish Office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Mass as normal at 10am – Tuesday 31st December.

No Mass – Thursday 2nd January 2025.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January – St Brigid's Church @ 7.00pm



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND FROM ALL CHURCHES OR BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE.

**Helen Markey – Belleeks
Pauline Ward – Tullyherron
Donna Smyth – Whitecross**

CAN YOU HELP?

As we continue to maintain and develop our Parish we do need financial support. We are therefore asking you to consider the following:

Do I have a box of Parish Envelopes – If you do not have a box of Envelopes this can be easily rectified by contacting the Parish Office.

If, perhaps because of work etc you are not able to contribute to your Parish each week perhaps you could sign up to a weekly or monthly Standing Order – the amount you specify could then be transferred regularly to the Parish.

Gift Aid – If you pay tax either from work or a pension then you can sign up for Gift Aid, just complete the form and we will do the rest. – This means that rather than your tax going totally to the government we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated.

FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO ALL CHURCHES.

A Christmas Message of welcome...to YOU

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Christmas is about family: our immediate family and the family of God. By God's family, I refer to you and me! We are part of God's family, sons and daughters of God the Father. But sadly, family members can sometimes drift apart from one another. With all the division and strife in our world today, we see that all too plainly.

But in this Christmas season, we celebrate a God who wanted to support our families in their brokenness. From his very own heart, God sent his Son Jesus Christ to enter into our poverty and strife. He didn't come as a worldly king. In that manger that served as an animal stable, he came into the midst of our poverty and strife, in order to bring his healing, unity, and fullness of life. Many of you may be here not feeling like a very close member of God's family.

As Parish Priest of Loughgilly Parish, I invite you to be an active member of God's family life again in any of our four Churches. It's not the same without you! We may be a little dysfunctional, but what family isn't? That's why God sent his Son Jesus to us, so that he can walk with us on our journey back to the heart of God the Father, where we will find healing and peace – both with God and with one another.

The Church is *"not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners,"* and Jesus comes to us as the Divine Physician.

And so, in this coming new year 2025, we invite you to take that step in getting to know Jesus a little better. Do not be afraid to open the door of your heart to his love. Thank you to all for your prayers, support and gifts this Christmas and throughout the year. I am truly grateful for those signs of appreciation you have for me. May our gift-giving to one another lead to our appreciation of the greatest gift of all, the gift of salvation and family unity in Jesus Christ, the new-born King.

A very Blessed Christmas and Peace filled New Year to you and your families.

Fr. Malachy

