



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 – 5th January 2025



Remembering our lately Decensed:
Jim Mc Keown (London),
Michael O'Rourke (Newry)
Tommy Reidy,
Pauline Cunningham.

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

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

Pat McParland

Peter McKernan

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

Pat Toner

Epiphany – Monday 6th Jan St Brigid's @ 7.00pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 11th January St Malachy's @ 6.00pm

Maureen Finegan

Sunday 12th January – St Brigid's Church @ 10.00am

Brigid Kells 1st Anniversary

Eileen McCann

Mary & William McKnight

Nan O'Hare

Sunday 12th January – St Teresa's Church @ 11.30am

Brigid Magennis

PARISH COLLECTIONS

22nd December - Main Collection £1686.75 - 123 Env

Christmas Day – Priest Dues – 2417.75 – 134 Env

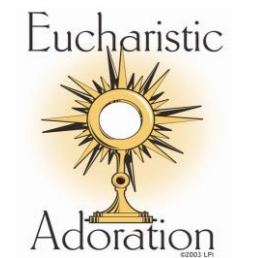
Christmas Day – Main – 463.50 – 36 Env

29th December – Main – 1124.08 – 116 Env

29th December – Priest Dues – 187.50 – 16 Env

Religious Gifts

The Parish is now selling Religious items such as Medals, Baptismal 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.



Eucharistic Adoration resumes on Tuesday 7th January from 7pm to 9pm and continues each Tuesday thereafter. Perhaps you might make Eucharistic Adoration a goal in your New Year plans.



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Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk for 2025

The Epiphany chalking of the door is an ancient Catholic tradition that will take place on 6th January 2025, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The tradition involves chalking a special inscription above the entrance of a home.

The inscription is a request for Christ to bless the home and stay with its inhabitants throughout the year. The tradition symbolizes an open invitation for the Lord's presence and blessing.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6th January. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah.

According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. **Epiphany** comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to humanity.

Family Prayer for a New Year



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR EARLY 2025

JANUARY For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

MARCH For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

APRIL For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

MAY For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

JUNE That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

BELLEKS CHAPEL RESTORATION UPDATE!

We wish to keep you updated on the works project to restore Belleeks Chapel.

In order to complete the works to the roof where we have encountered significant problems, we will need to raise a further £30,000.00.

A committee has been formed to co-ordinate and organise a fund-raising campaign which should raise the required funding. This campaign will require assistance from all parishioners and in particular the families of loved ones who are interred in the graveyard in Belleek.

The committee has agreed that the best way of successfully achieving our goal is to ask the families of loved ones who are interred in the graveyard to contribute £500.00 towards the completion of the roof.

We would also welcome contributions from all parishioners and others.

When the roof is complete the Parish will actively seek the required funding to complete all works to restore Belleek Chapel to a high standard in line with the other churches in the parish.

We would ask that you do your utmost to help us with this project. Members of the fundraising committee will be in contact with you in the new year.

We thank you in advance for your support.

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.