



Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday Cycle B



Mass & Confession Times

13th December 2020

Sacred Heart Church - Sunday Mass Times

Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday : 9.00 am, 11 am & 1.00 pm
Mass in the Polish Language at 5pm.

St Mary's Drumragh
Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Adoration every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church.
All are welcome to come and pray. Please maintain social distancing.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day pose a particular concern, given the much larger number of people who will attend church over a 24-hour period and the relaxation of wider COVID-19 restrictions on travel, as well as the potential formation of 'Christmas bubbles'.

Of particular concern is the risk of queues forming at the doors of the church either before or after Mass and the risk that people become lax with regard to social distancing, and the other measures that the Public Health Authority (PHA) ask us to observe for safety during this time of pandemic. **Please wear your masks, sanitize and wash your hands.** We are asked to keep our church well ventilated so if you are feeling chilly make sure you wear warm clothing.

Masses on Christmas Eve are fully booked and for the safety of everyone, we cannot admit anyone who has not booked – there is presently a small number of spaces at the 1.00 pm on Christmas Day. If you feel you would like to attend Mass over the Christmas period and have been unable to book a place for Christmas Day please consider another day during the Christmas Octave (December 26th to January 1st) and be assured that you can always join through the parish webcam.

Thank you for keeping yourself and others around you safe.

Ushers, cleaners and the Covid19 support team have played a very important role in our faith community over the past few months – we are grateful to them all, and your co-operation with them in every way will be most appreciated.

Anyone showing symptoms of the Covid19 virus should not attend church at this time or anyone who may be in a 'at risk' category as advised by the Public Health Authority (PHA).

<p style="text-align: center;">Feasts of the Week Week Beginning Sunday 13th December</p> <p>Monday 14 – St John of the Cross, bishop and doctor of the Church Friday 18 – St Flannan, bishop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Further Information on....</p> <p>Carol Service As with many other things this year we are unable to host our Parish Carol Service in 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.</p> <p>Funerals We cannot hold funerals on Sundays due to Covid restrictions and the schedule on that day.</p> <p>Baptisms Baptisms can be booked for Sunday afternoons at 3.00 pm – restricted to the presence of parents and godparents plus one other family member who may take photographs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacred Heart Church 7.30 pm Mass Intentions</p> <p>Monday Sean McNamee – 1st Anniversary Tuesday Tony Phillips – Month’s Mind Wednesday Dermott Nelson – Month’s Mind Thursday Deceased Members of Pioneer Association Friday Mary Earley – 1st Anniversary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Message from Trócaire</p> <p>Trócaire have written to thank the parishioners of Drumragh for their generous donations totalling £3360.79. This has been donated in spite of the way Covid 19 has affected peoples’ lives. They also wish to express their thanks to those in the parish who sent donations directly to their office in Belfast. With this help they can continue to create long-term change in countries throughout the developing world, ensuring people have access to food, shelter, and education and that they can support their own families.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Deaths</p> <p>We pray for the families of the following who died recently:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maureen Smithson Emily O’Neill Gerard Kirk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May they rest in peace.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Gift to the Priests</p> <p>This exceptional annual collection is normally gathered via envelopes or loose plate collection. This year, due to Covid 19, we cannot have a loose plate collection. Furthermore, there are many people now paying by standing order, which does not include this collection. If you wish to contribute, and you do not have an envelope, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it ‘Christmas Gift to the Priests’. We thank you for your support.</p>
<p>COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions</p> <p>Anyone wishing to book an Anniversary or Month’s Mind Mass should contact the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 (weekdays from 9 am to 12.30 pm). All Masses must be booked in this way and NOT in the Church Sacristy.</p>	



Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is not possible this year to have the customary Christmas Penitential Service or the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with large numbers, due to the Covid Pandemic. However, the priests of the parish will offer you the opportunity to receive the sacrament individually after 10 am Mass and from 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm each day from Monday 14th until Wednesday 23rd December (not Sunday 20th).

We can use the confessional box in front of Our Lady's altar. Please remember to keep your social distancing while waiting – use a mask and sanitize. Thank you for keeping yourself and others around you safe.

Tattysallagh Crib Festival

Unfortunately, the annual crib festival at Tattysallagh will not go ahead this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, because so many have expressed an interest in an online version, we will do a post on Facebook each day of Advent. If you are not on Facebook you can still view the cribs if you google 'Tattysallagh Crib Festival 2020'.



Obviously, the Mellon Educate school building blitz to South Africa did not take place this year. Instead the charity has funded food parcel and sanitation pack deliveries to the impoverished people living in overcrowded shanty towns where the unhygienic conditions and lack of effective sanitation encourage Covid 19 transmission. If you would like to make a donation to Mellon Educate, it would be greatly appreciated, and it will make a huge difference to the lives of South Africa's poverty-stricken families.

View the cribs on Facebook or Google Tattysallagh Crib Festival 2020. You can also donate at the link below. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/babs-barrett>

Omagh St. Enda's Supporting SVP

Omagh St. Enda's GAA Club has been supporting St Vincent de Paul (SVP) throughout this pandemic. We are reaching out again to help support those most in need in our community during these difficult times, and especially over Christmas. We have produced a Christmas Charity CD, in aid of SVP, which is on sale in a lot of local businesses in town.

On Sunday 13th December we are doing a Food Appeal in Omagh St Enda's Main Hall from 11 am to 3 pm. Goods which would be appreciated include tinned veg/beans/fish/meat, cereals, rice/pasta, biscuits, tea/coffee, toiletries including tissues, soaps, shower creams! Again, anything we receive will be greatly appreciated.

We are minimising contact and therefore we are asking people to drive up to side door and a club member will take donated goods. Club Volunteers will sort all the goods for distribution by SVP.

Any donation big or small would be greatly appreciated by those who are in need at this time. As a club and community let's come together and support each other to help others. Once again, we thank you for the support of club and community at this time.



Christmas Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in piercing cold. In that hour promise, oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



St Joseph's Hall

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions, it is in the best interests of everyone to close the Hall until the New Year. The situation will be reviewed after the Christmas period.

For all enquiries about booking and access to St Joseph's Hall, please call the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 during office hours.



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