



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday Cycle B



20th December 2020

Dear Parishioners of Drumragh,

As our Advent season draws to a close and we celebrate Christmas on Friday, we wish to take this opportunity to extend to you our gratitude for your unwavering support during this unprecedented year.

The past ten months have been an anxious and unsettling time and, for many, this Christmas will be celebrated without the company of family and friends.

If you are affected in this way, we hope you will take encouragement from this quote by the late spiritual writer Henri Nouwen which we offer as our prayer and Christmas 2020 wish for you.....

“This is the great mystery of Christmas that continues to give us comfort and consolation:

we are not alone on our journey.

The God of love who gave us life sent his only Son to be with us at all times and in all places, so that we never have to feel lost in our struggles but always can trust that he walks with us.!”




May God grant you a meaningful and blessed Christmas and
New Year 2021 – Stay safe.

Frs Eugene Hasson, Christopher McDermott & Ignacy Saniuta

During the past week I was in contact the clergy in our neighbouring churches – in previous years they came to Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve, bringing good wishes and blessings from their respective communities, and we, the priests of the parish, reciprocated by visiting their churches. Covid19 prevents us from doing so this year but we all expressed the desire to continue to exchange our prayers and good wishes with warm hearts. I have done so on behalf of our parish and I have been asked to share the same with you from **Rev. Eleanor Hayden** (Methodist), **Rev Jane Nelson** (First Omagh Presbyterian), **Rev. Robert Heron** (Trinity Presbyterian) and **Rev. Robert Clarke & Rev. Derek Quinn** (on behalf of Saint Columba's CoI who are currently without a resident minister)

Fr Eugene Hasson

<p style="text-align: center;">Feasts of the Week Week Beginning Sunday 20th December Monday 21 – St Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church Wednesday 23 – St John of Kanty, priest</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Office Closure</p>  <p>Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for Christmas holidays from Wednesday 23rd December until Monday 4th January. The next newsletter will be on 9th and 10th January. Anyone wishing to submit an article for this newsletter can do so by post to the Parish Office or by email to info@drumraghparish.com by Thursday 7th January. Parishioners are asked, that during the closure of the office, please use the Emergency Mobile number ONLY in the event of an emergency.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacred Heart Church 7.30 pm Mass Intentions Week Beginning Monday 21st December Monday 21st Dessie McTeague – 1st Anniversary Wednesday 23rd Mary Mulcahy – 1st Anniversary Week Beginning Monday 28th December Monday 28th Sheila Burns – 1st Anniversary Tuesday 29th John McDonnell – 1st Anniversary Friday 1st January Ciaran Gallagher – Month’s Mind Week Beginning Monday 4th January Monday 4th Maureen Smithson – Month’s Mind Thursday 7th Patrick Treacy – 1st Anniversary Friday 8th Hugh McQuaid – Month’s Mind</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Stephen’s Day Mass</p> <p>Please note that on St Stephen’s Day (26th December) Mass will be at 12 pm. The normal Sunday schedule resumes that evening with the 6 pm Vigil Mass.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms We welcome into our Christian community: Ava Catherine Booth Troy Thomas Pearson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>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 Mass each day until Wednesday 23rd December (not Sunday 20th). Please remember to keep your social distancing while waiting – use a mask and sanitize.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Deaths We pray for the families of the following who died recently: Nan Mullan Fr Patrick McGoldrick 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 style="text-align: center;">Christmas Novena Prayer</p> <p>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.</p>	



Christmas Arrangements

As you may be aware, Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are fully booked, and for the safety of everyone, we cannot admit anyone who has not booked. The following are the arrangements for those of you who are attending Mass over the Christmas period:

At each Mass, you are asked to:

- Arrive 30 minutes early so that the church can be filled in an orderly way;
- Follow the instructions of the ushers who will show you to a seat.
- Wear a face covering on entry and exit to the church and throughout the Mass;
- Sanitise your hands on entry to and exit from the church;
- Observe social distancing at all times.
- Please try to avoid queues forming at the doors of the church either before or after Mass.
- Your booking will be held until 5 minutes before the start of Mass. After that, your seat cannot be guaranteed.

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.

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.



Drumragh Parish Draw Winners – December 2020

£2,000 – Olga Pinto. Promoter – Raymond McNally; **£1,000** – Michael Sweeney. Promoter – Carmel Tierney; **£500** – Hugh McElhill. Promoter – Elizabeth Broderick; **£250** – Joe O'Donnell. Promoter – Jean McCrystal; **£100** – Janice O'Brien. Promoter – Marian O'Doherty; **£100** – Dymrna McKay. Promoter – Raymond McNally; **£100** – Patricia Kerr. Promoter – Carmel Tierney; **£100** – Gary McKenna. Promoter – Brian McKenna; **£100** – Aoibhe Rutledge. Promoter – Rozella Kelly; **£100** – Marina McAlary. Promoter – Claire Grugan; **£100** – Fiona McElroy. Promoter – Bridie McElroy; **£100** – Fiona Gallagher. Promoter – Maggie Quinn; **£100** – Noreen Brennan. Promoter – Raymond McNally; **£100** – Lisa Hagan. Promoter – Marie Campbell; **£100 Promoter's Prize**: Jean McCrystal. **£5,000 Prize** – Declan & Olivia McCawley. Promoter – Kevin O'Gara. **£100** - Mary Feyerhern; **£100** – Fr Hasson. Promoter – Fr Hasson; **£100** – Siobhán McQuaid. Promoter – Siobhán McQuaid; **Promoters' Extra £100 Prizes**: Kevin McGinty, Geraldine Gallagher, Barry Mathers.

The Parish Draw will once again be held in 2021 and we there will be a registration day for the draw on Saturday 9th January in St Joseph's Hall to enable adequate social distancing. We are aware that this year there may be people who are unable to join the draw for various reasons. If you are unable to join the draw with one of our promoters, although the parish office is currently not open to the public, you can join the draw by sending your name, address and telephone number, with a cheque for £60, to the Parish Office, 48 Brook Street, Omagh. We will send you a membership card with your details by return of post. We thank you all for your generous support.



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 and sanitise. Wearing a face covering (mask and/or shield) is mandatory in church at present.

In the interests of your own safety and that of everyone else do not enter the church if you have symptoms of the Covid 19 virus.



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