

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass

Eve of Holydays & eve of First

Fridays:

10.30am. and before evening Mass

BAPTISMS DATES:

7th and 21st December

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Weekday Rota for December

Mon 10.00am	Paul Kyte
	Matt Deehan
7.15pm	Myra Merrigan
	Neill Barr
Tues 10.00am	Sr. Anne
	Sally Cassidy
7.15pm	Doreen Rice Wray
	Mark Mc Chrystal
Wed 10.00am	Danny Kivelehan
	Maria Kivelehan
7.15pm	Bronagh Sharkey
	Gerry Sharkey
Thurs 10.00am	Paddy Breslin
	Alec Bradley
7.15pm	Matthew Woodcock
	Frank Keogh
Fri 10.00am	Marian Boyle
	Brigid McNutt
7.15pm	John Garnon
	Geraldine Duddy
Sat 10.00am	Brian McLaughlin
	Joe Doherty



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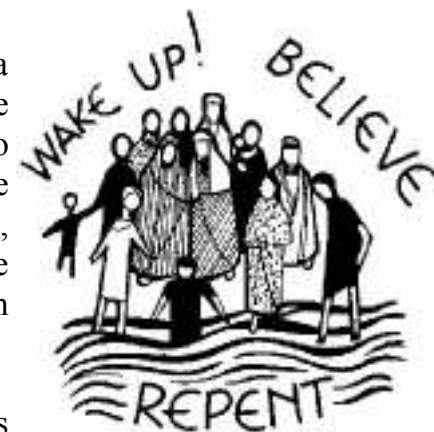
ADVENT

Too often we view Advent as a penitential season rather than as a time to focus our lives. The effort to observe Advent as a 'mini-Lent' while carrying out Christmas shopping, listening to Carols and joining in the optimistic mood prevailing is often jarring.

Perhaps we would be better this Advent to abandon the struggle of trying to overhaul our lives and instead focus on our relationship with God. Perhaps we need to 'do' less in order for God to 'do' more. Let's focus on what Advent is instead.

Advent is the season of the pilgrim God, the God who hungers for our love, the God who intrudes into humans' history by being born as one of us. For a people who speak. For a people who often speak of our journey toward God, we forget that it is God who does most of the travelling. The God who is already present in the very depths of where we are draws nearer and invites us to respond. This God insists on breaking through the wasteland into the wilderness of our hearts.

'God of exiles, keep calling us home. You know the yearnings of our hearts. You also know how easily we can lose our way. May this Advent season be a time of coming home to the best of who we are'. Amen



SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Diarmuid McMonagle 86 Springvale Park and Danny Doherty Liscannor Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS Our Parish Family welcomes:
Niah Paige Francis 17 Sherriff's Glen
Madison Rose Ryan-Doherty
6 Harty Court
Emmet Anthony Fisher
7 Merriman Court
Eabha Grace nicPhaidin
5 Allingham Close
Farragh Ellen McDaid 3 O'Connor Ct.
Shannon and Brandon Luff
9 Templeard
Blake Dylan McNally 63 Ardgrange

FIRST FRIDAY Friday is the first Friday of December. All the sick will be visited on the week beginning 16th December, There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday 7.45-8.45pm

NOVENA Our Parish Novena continues tomorrow (**Monday**) at the 7.15pm Mass Please pick up a petition card at the main door of the church and place it in the special petition box **before 7.05pm** on Monday night. Please tick if you do **not** want it read out

Anniversaries We pray for:
Fr Shaun O'Donnell, John O'Donnell,
Joan Nixon, Gary Campbell,
Rose Bradley, Peter McDaid,
Mary Breslin

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Zoe Murphy & family

12.30pm Kayla Deehan & family
These children will make their First Communion next year

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
6.00pm Children from Mrs Mc Cusker's Class

12.30pm Children from Mrs Mc Cusker's Class

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24th
November amounted to £2205.67
and €162.63

PARISH DRAW This weekend books of tickets may be picked up again at all church exits or if you simply wish to buy a single ticket you may do so as your leave.

Children in Crossfire's 2012 Advent Appeal collection boxes are available to collect at the church doors after Mass.

FOLLOW THE STAR Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas taking place on Fri 13th Dec - Sun 15th, Wed 18th, Friday 20th - Sun 22nd December. Pre-booking essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre (00353) 74 9384866

Special Candle-light Rosary Procession will take place in Derry on Sunday 8th December, assembling in Guildhall Square at 4.30pm, and proceed through the streets behind the *Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Ireland*. The Rosary will be led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. You are invited to come along and carry a 'Light for Life' and pray for the protection of Ireland's unborn children. Candles will be supplied. For further information, contact Precious Life on 9027 8484

ACCORD DERRY Marriage Preparation Workshops *January 10th/11th February 7th/8th and March 7th/8th 2014* in Ardmore Parish Centre Bookings are now being taken online www.accordni.com Contact Accord Tel 71362475 derry@accordni.com

PRAXIS CARE relies on the support of volunteers to visit those lonely or isolated due to their mental ill health. If you feel you could befriend someone and give a commitment of a few hours per week please contact Phyllis on 71308020 for information. Training is given and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Your friendship could make all the difference

Holy Family Primary & Nursery School Application forms for Nursery and Primary 1 are now available at the school office for admission in September 2014 Nursery and P1 forms should be completed and returned to the school by Noon on Friday 10th January 2014

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES

MEDJUGORJE: 7-14th May.
£575 (£475 if paid in full before
12th December). Ex Dublin Deposit
£150.

LOURDES: 16-21ST JULY. £625.
Ex Belfast. Deposit £200.

Tel **07732468511** or call at
Parochial House for booking form

NAISCOIL NA DAROGIE Irish Language Pre School will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 4th December 4-6pm for children who will be starting pre school in September 2014

DIABETIC ASSOCIATION
Meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in MDU Altnagelvin . All welcome.

SURESTART Little Hands SureStart are running a 2 hour messy play workshop on Friday 29th November as part of their regular Child-minder Drop In every Friday morning For further info, Tel Susan Harper 71 367524.

Community Library, at the Ringfort Road Family Centre is now open every Friday term time from 8.30am to 2pm. Two sessions of Story and Rhyme Time the first at 11.15am and then again at 1pm.

EASTER PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI 17th April. **FATIMA** 19 June Tel Sean Mulrine 71265926