



CHARITY SALE

Ballysaggart Area Community Association will be holding a **Sale of Work** in An Seansiopa on **Thurs 5 Dec from 10am-2pm**, in aid of **St. Vincent De Paul**

IRISH CEILIDH DANCING

Classes on **Thurs from 8-10pm** in the Iggy Jones Room. Everyone welcome.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

STEP invites you to a Christmas Coffee morning on **Wed 18 Dec** from 10.30am to 12noon at The Cube, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, 2 Coalisland Rd, Dungannon. All proceeds will go to **deterMND: Tackling Motor Neurone Disease**. For more details visit www.stepni.org

CIORCAL COMHRÁ

CHONRADH NA GAELIGE

Beidh an ciorcal comhrá Gaeilge ar siúl sa leabharlann Dé Sathairn 7 Nollaig ag 11.00 r.n.

DUNGANNON GAELIC FORUM

Meeting on **Mon 2 Dec at 8pm** in the Iggy Jones room in O'Neill Park. The only item on the agenda is the St Patrick's Day Parade in the town. All are welcome to attend and bring along ideas.

ST JEROME LECTURE

Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh, **Tue 3 Dec at 7pm**. Admission FREE. Anne Callanan, (artist/art historian) will give a lecture on St Jerome and his significance within the Church, discussing how he has been presented in Art through time and talk about her drawing of St Jerome which is on permanent loan to the library.

SCOUT HALL

BINGO every **Monday at 8.30pm sharp**. Please show your support for your local Scout Hall. Free tea/coffee. Snowball, Flyover and Lotto. Free prize draw each week. Books £5. Flyer £2.

PHILIPPINES FUNDRAISER

Run by Columban Missionaries. 1946 classic film **"It's a Wonderful Life"** in high definition at the Ritz Multiplex, Cookstown, **Wed 11 Dec**. Donation £10. Christmas refreshments on arrival at 7pm. Tickets from the Box Office (028 867 665182) and for local details ring Teresa at 07876 767 776.

LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

'A Celtic Christmas', St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt on **Thurs 19 Dec**. Doors open at 7.30pm. The St. Mary's School Choir will also perform. Tickets £20 - tel 028 796 32320. Light refreshments will be served.

CANCER CHOICES

SANTA SUNDAY

Sun 15 Dec from 11am to 5pm in The Cube, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, 2 Coalisland Road, Dungannon

DGN THOMAS CLARKE GFC

Lotto: 2, 9, 22, 23. 7 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £2,350

TABLE QUIZ

Thurs 12 Dec at 9pm in Dungannon Rugby Club. All proceeds to **1st Tyrone Scout Group**, Dungannon

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St. Brigid's



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1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2013

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. During the season of Advent, which runs from today until 24th December, we are preparing for the coming of Christ. While there is a tendency to concentrate on the Nativity as the celebration of Christ's historical coming in to the world, I think it is important that we don't lose sight of the other aspects of his coming as well. During these days of Advent we should try to reflect on the coming of Christ in a threefold way:

We commemorate the historical birth of Jesus as Son of God. "The Word was made flesh and lived among us". Jesus shared in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.

We acknowledge the fact that Christ continues to come to us in mystery every day, especially in his Word and in his Sacraments. The Lord's abiding presence is with us and within us.

We look forward in hope to Christ's final coming at the end of time. The Lord will come again in glory and hand over the Kingdom to the Father.

In short – we celebrate Christ's coming in HISTORY at Bethlehem;
we celebrate Christ's coming in MYSTERY each day;
we celebrate Christ's coming in MAJESTY at the end of time.

In the meantime society will propel us towards Christmas with alarming speed, giving us a regular countdown of the number of shopping days left. In the midst of all the many distractions, we have to be careful not to miss 'the reason for the season'. Despite our best efforts to acknowledge the annual slogan to - "Put Christ back in to Christmas", we can feel over whelmed by so much commercialisation.

Let us be watchful! Let us be awake! Let our prayer be 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

With every blessing, Colum Curry PP



Sunday Masses (including Vigil):

St. Patrick's: Sat at 6.15pm
Sun: 8am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Polish Mass: Sun at 5.30pm
(3pm on 8 Dec)

Edendork: Sun at 10am & 12noon

Clonmore: Sun at 10am

Killyman: Sun at 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Patrick's:

Mon - Fri 7.45am 10am & 7.30pm

Sat: 10am

St Malachy's: Fri at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Patrick's:

Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 9.55am

Saturday: 12.30pm - 1.00pm
5.30pm - 6.00pm

Novena prayers will be said during the 7.30pm Mass on Monday

Baptisms

St Patrick's: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 1.30pm; Country Churches: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month after Mass. We welcome into our community Eoghan Conor O'Neill, Aoife Mary Coulter and Niall Martin McKernan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gertie McKenna, Mullaghmore Park
Peter McGorry, Newtown's Court
Frances Ferris, Dunavon Heights
Willie John Duffy, Altmore Drive
Joseph Stewart, Gortin Heights
Maura McGee, Dunclare Heights
Dermot McGee, Killymeal Road

FIRST FRIDAY (6 December)

Masses:

St Patrick's: 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm
Edendork: 10.00am
Clonmore: 7.30pm
Killyman: 11.00am

The sick and housebound will be visited during the week.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Sunday 1 Dec at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Wednesday at 8pm in the convent

OUR LADY'S GROTTO

EDENDORK

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday. Everyone welcome!

HALO YOUTH GROUP

meets **Saturdays at 7pm** in the Convent. Everyone aged 15-29 is welcome to attend.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The inaugural meeting of the new PPC will take place on **Tue 3 Dec at 8pm** in the former Convent of Mercy.

COFFEE MORNING

Tea/coffee and Mince Pies will be served in St Teresa's Hall after 10am Mass on **Fri 6 Dec**. Come along and enjoy some festive cheer! Everyone welcome.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Extraordinary Form, **Sat 7 Dec at 2pm** in St Patrick's Church

Collection Sunday 24 November

TOTAL: £4,080

SPRED MASS

Christmas Mass for SPRED will be celebrated in the SPRED rooms on **Wed 11 Dec at 7.30pm**. Refreshments available afterwards. All welcome.

SYRIA/PHILIPPINES COLLECTION

Total: £10,386. Trócaire thanks parishioners for their continued generosity.

MAGAZINES 2014

Sacred Heart Messenger, St Martin Magazine, Far East Magazine. If you would like to get any of these during 2014 please contact Sr Marian or Sr M Anthony on 028 8772 2623

VOCATIONS EVENING

Is God calling you to live the life of a Priest in the Archdiocese of Armagh?

An evening of prayer and reflection will take place in The Servite Priory, Benburb on **Wed 4 Dec from 5pm - 7.30pm**. For further info contact: Fr Peter McAnenly, 42 Abbey Street, Armagh, BT61 7DZ. Tel: 028 3752 2802.

p.mcanenly@btopenworld.com

CONFIRMATION 2014:

St Patrick's PS **Sat 31 May**
All other schools **Sun 1 June**

Both Ceremonies at **3pm**

YOUTH EVENT

ALIVE is a social and prayer event, for young people aged 16-30. This is planned to be a fantastic evening of celebration, through a vibrant Youth Mass, great music, games, socialising and guest speaker, Mickey Harte. So come along!! Sat 7 Dec 5.30pm - 9.30pm in St Brigid's Parochial Centre, Cookstown.

KNOCK SHRINE VIGIL

41st Eucharistic Annual All Night Vigil, **Sat 7 Dec**. Coach £15. For info and booking Gabrielle (028)8778 4964 mob: -07933 521 105 or Grace (028) 8778 4942

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS

Choose a life-changing gift this Christmas. Trócaire Gifts will be on sale in **St Teresa's Hall 7/8 Dec** after weekend Masses. Please support this worthy cause.

CAROL SERVICE

Clonmore Choir Carol Service takes place on **Sun 8 Dec at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. With a selection of old favourites and new carols it will be a wonderful evening of reflection. The choir's Christmas CD will be on sale afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Dungannon Branch

Applications are now being taken for next year's pilgrimage, 12-17 May 2014. Booking office open **Thurs 5 Dec and Thurs 12 Dec** (and each Thurs from 9 Jan 2014) between 7.30pm and 9pm or tel. Lourdes Office on 07511 047 866. The booking office is in the former convent; please follow the signs from the rear car park.

WALK OF HOPE

Suicide and Mental Health support groups, community groups and churches in Mid Ulster will be participating in a 'Walk of Hope' and 'Service of Hope' on **Sunday 1 Dec** in Cookstown - (assemble 4.15pm at Holy Trinity College car park). Service of Hope at the Christmas Tree 5pm-5.30pm. Further details on notice board in St Patrick's Church