

## COFFEE MORNING

Tea/Coffee will be served in St Teresa's Hall after 10am Mass on **Fri 3 Jan**. Everyone welcome.

## TRÓCAIRE GIFTS

The recent Trócaire Gift sales have realised £1,760.00. Sincere thanks to all for this Christmas generosity

## 40 DAYS PRAYER

Precious Life Ministries invite you to join them in 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting from **Wed 1 Jan to Sun 9 Feb**. Offer up your daily Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy, Holy Hour, and fast from a favourite food – imploring Heaven to protect Ireland from the scourge of abortion. **Precious Life (028) 9027 8484**.

## ACCORD

Next local Marriage Preparation Course is in Quinn's Corner on **Mon 4, Mon 10 and Tue 18 Feb 2014 from 7-10pm**. Couples are advised to book their place on a course at least 10 months before their wedding. Tel. 028 3833 4781.

## Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Dungannon Branch

Annual pilgrimage, 12-17 May 2014. Booking office open **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.

## GENTLE HATHA YOGA

6 week programmes start **Tue 14 and Thurs 16 Jan** at 10am and 7pm. Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs - 12 weeks - starts **March** - see [www.yogaforbacks.co.uk](http://www.yogaforbacks.co.uk) To book, tel. Madeleine McBride Holistic Lifestyle Coach BscHons IA, YFNI, CBRT on 07871 536 206. [www.madelinembcbride.co.uk](http://www.madelinembcbride.co.uk)

## 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.

## DGN THOMAS CLARKE GFC

**Lotto:** 2, 3, 17, 23. 10 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £2,550.

## KILLYMAN GFC

**Lotto:** 6, 11, 14, 23. No winners. A FIFA 14 XBOX competition is being run in the Community Centre on **Sun 29 Dec at 2pm**. Please Text your name to Nathan at 07523 364 924 if interested in taking part.

## Collection Sunday 15 December

TOTAL: £4,449

### Useful Phone Numbers

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St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

# Parish of Dungannon

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4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2013

Dear Parishioners,

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During this era someone wrote a carol as a 'catechism song' for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol had a code word for a religious theme that children could remember:

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ;
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments;
- Three French hens stood for Faith, Hope and Charity;
- The four calling birds were the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament;
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation;
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven sacraments;
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes;
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit;
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments;
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful apostles;
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolised the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Related specifically to today's gospel, we realise many of us are confronted with difficult questions at some stage in life: "How can this be? How will I handle that? Why me, Lord?" I think we have the beginnings of an answer in today's gospel: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you." If we reflect on those areas of our lives where we experience our own powerlessness we might discover a sense of hope. If we repeat to ourselves, over and over again, the words in today's gospel "Nothing is impossible to God. May everything you said come true", we might learn to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

*"Lord, little one and mighty one: be born in the Bethlehem of every town of the earth that has faith in you; in the Bethlehem of every home that has love for you; in the Bethlehem of every heart that hopes for you. Above all be born with your healing and peace in the houses of hearts divided by sin, and haunted by loss and loneliness. Be born among us and with us".*

On behalf of the other priests, I want to thank all of you for your support, your loyalty and your kindness demonstrated in so many ways. We wish all our parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas. May the Lord bless your homes and families and give you a share of his joy and peace.

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

**Edendork:** Sun at 10am & 12noon

**Clonmore:** Sun at 10am

**Killyman:** Sun at 11am

**Advent Devotions**

*Sun 22 Dec at 7.30pm* in St Patrick's

**OUR LADY'S GROTTO****EDENDORK**

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday.  
Everyone welcome!

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

The Extraordinary Form, *Sat 4 Jan at 2pm* in St Patrick's Church.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every Wednesday at 8pm in the convent

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

**Baptisms**

St Patrick's: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1.30pm; Country Churches: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass. We welcome into our community Ellen Jane Martin, Cathaoir James Henry Edmund McKernan and Jay Joseph Cunningham.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maura McGee, Dunclare Heights

Dermot McGee, Killymeal Road

Teresa Toal, Meadowvale

Tommy O'Neill, Quarry Lane

John Clements, Cloneen

Mamie Stewart

Vivian Sherry, Dunlea Vale

Jason O'Neill, Lisnahull Park

Alphie Campbell, Drumglass Way

Dr Conn McCluskey, formerly

Dungannon

John Mulgrew, Tullycullion Road

**BULLETIN**

Next bulletin will be on *Sun 12 Jan 2014*. Notices should reach the parish office by Wed 8 Jan.

**HALO YOUTH GROUP**

meets *Saturdays* at **7pm** in the **Convent**.

Everyone aged 15-29 is welcome to attend

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS****MONDAY 23 DEC**

*St Patrick's:* 9.15 – 9.55am

*Sacred Heart, Clonmore* at 7pm

*St Brigid's, Killyman* at 7.30pm

**NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE****CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS****Christmas Eve Vigil Masses**

**St Patrick's** 9pm  
(Carols at 8.30pm)

**St Brigid's, Killyman**

9pm

**Sacred Heart, Clonmore**

9pm

**St Malachy's, Edendork (By Candlelight)**

9pm

**Polish Mass – St Patrick's** Midnight

**Christmas Day**

**St Patrick's** 8am, 10.30am and 12.30pm

**St Malachy's, Edendork** 10am

**FIRST FRIDAY (3 Jan)**

**Dungannon** 7.45am, 10.00am, 7.30pm

**Edendork** 10.00am

**Killyman** 11.00am

**Clonmore** 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES****St Patrick's:**

Mon 23 Dec: 7.45am, 10am and 7.30pm

Tue 24 Dec: 7.45am and 10am

Thurs 26 Dec - Sat 28 Dec: 10.00am only

Thurs 26 Dec Polish Mass at 12noon

Mon 30 and Tue 31 Dec: 10.00am only

Wed 1 Jan: 12noon

Wed 1 Jan: Polish Mass at 6pm

Thurs 2 Jan & Sat 4 Jan: 10am

**The regular weekend Mass schedule will apply on Sat 28/Sun 29 Dec**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting on *Tue 7 Jan at 8pm* in the convent.

**SPRED**

Meetings for catechists resume from **Mon 6 Jan** with our special friends returning during the week commencing 13 Jan at the same time as previously. Those special friends joining the Tuesday evening group activities will note that meetings commence at 6.30pm each week.

**ROTA FOR JANUARY****Eucharistic Ministers****St Patrick's:**

6.15pm J McGirr, R Boyle  
J Mallon, M McQuaid  
8.00am M Fahy, N Jordan  
10.30am M McCarthy, P Farrell  
M Harvey, M McLaughlin  
12.30pm R Glackin, V Weir  
D McCann, R Corrigan

**Readers****St Patrick's:**

6.15pm D Casey  
8.00am S O'Kane  
10.30am H Kerr  
12.30pm A O'Kane

**Clonmore:**

05 Jan C McKee  
06 Jan L Foye  
12 Jan T Lyttle  
19 Jan J Ward  
26 Jan J Casey

**Killyman:**

05 Jan L Roche  
06 Jan N McArdle  
12 Jan P Roche  
19 Jan B Morgan  
26 Jan S McCann

**Edendork 10am:**

05 Jan S Fearon  
12 Jan D Mallon  
19 Jan A Currie  
26 Jan E Goodw

**12noon:**

05 Jan C Hughes  
12 Jan C McGeary  
19 Jan M Martin  
26 Jan G Mulholland

**STEWARDS**

6.15pm P Sherry, S Hamill  
T Bullock, I Donnelly  
K Murray, J McCann  
8.00am J Weir, S Murphy,  
J F Kelly, E Goodwin  
10.30am P Doris, A O'Neill, T Farrell  
T Devlin, S Walshe  
12.30pm J McCausland, G Reid  
P J Quinn, N O'Hagan,  
C McCall, J J Devlin  
M Whitmore, J Ruddy

**Counters:**

F McArdle, N Kerr, K Slater, G Jones,  
A O'Neill, K Murray, S Mullan

**Church Cleaning:**

M Rafferty

**Altar Society:**

A Eannetta, M McQuaid, M O'Neill



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