

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh
7.45pm on Sun 20 Dec

St. Catherine's College Armagh Choir
& St. Malachy's Edendork Youth
Choir

Liam Lawton, Karl McGuckin,
Fra Fee

All proceeds in aid of school funds
**Ticket £15, available at Dungannon
Parish Office** or

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**ST JOSEPH'S GRAMMAR
SCHOOL, DONAGHMORE**

Carol Service – Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm
in St Patrick's Church, Donaghmore.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S CENTRE

Christmas Coffee Morning & Raffle
with great prizes. Draw will be made
1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Tue 15 Dec 11am – 2pm.

**DUNGANNON LOURDES
COMMITTEE**

Annual pilgrimage **12 – 17 May 2016.**
Forms for pilgrimage can be obtained
from the Lourdes Office, situated at the
rear of the old Convent of Mercy. The
office will be open **Fri 8 Jan 7.30pm –
9-00 pm.** Or telephone the Lourdes
booking number 07936566983. Fare is
€730-00 and must be paid in Euros.

**CLONMORE REGENERATION
GROUP**

Music Classes in Clonmore Hall for
Tin Whistle and Mandolin,
commencing **Sun 10 Jan 2016.
11.00 am- 12 noon,** for 10 weeks. Cost
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Parish of Dungannon
Killyman, Drumglass & Tullyniskin

3rd Sunday of Advent

13th December 2015

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Dear Parishioners,

During the course of the coming year we will hear much about the 'Jubilee Year of Mercy' and hopefully we will come to appreciate the significance of what Pope Francis is offering the Church at this time so that we will experience in a very real and personal way the richness of God's mercy. The Year of Mercy was launched on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December 2015) with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome and will conclude on the Feast of Christ the King (13th November 2016).

Archbishop Eamon Martin has written a pastoral letter 'An Oasis of Mercy'; the full text is available on the parish website. He too will open a Holy Door in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh and in St Peter's Church, Drogheda.

From the very beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has emphasised mercy and compassion. In his inaugural Mass on the feast of Saint Joseph (19th March 2013), he spoke about St Joseph, the protector of Mary and Joseph, as a strong and courageous man, a working man, and "yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern. We must never be afraid of tenderness and mercy". Some months later Pope Francis said, "I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful. I dream of a Church that is a mother and shepherdess." Calling upon the Church's leaders to be "ministers of mercy above all", he went on to stress, "The Church's ministers must be merciful and compassionate and accompany people like the Good Samaritan, who washes, cleans and raises up his neighbour. This is pure Gospel." A short time later he declared to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation (14th October 2013) the need to "use a language of mercy, which is expressed in gestures and attitudes even before words". And in his first apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel' Pope Francis reiterated this point, "the Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

No wonder then – the 'Jubilee Year' will be a 'Year of Mercy'!

With every blessing,
Colum Curry PP

SUNDAY MASSES (including Vigil):

St. Patrick's: Sat at 6.15pm
Sun at 8am, 10.30am & 12.30pm
Polish Mass: Sun at 5.30pm
Edendork: 10am & 12 noon
Clonmore: Sun at 10am
Killyman: Sun at 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Patrick's
Mon - Fri: 7.45am, 10am,
7.30pm

Please note no 7.30pm Mass on Mon 14 Dec.

Sat: 10am
St Malachy's Fri at 10am

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

To mark the Year of Mercy, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited after 10am Mass every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Patrick's:
Mon – Sat: 9.15am – 9.55 am
Saturday: 12.30pm – 1-00 pm
5.30pm – 6.00pm

Novena prayers will be said during the **10am** Mass on Monday.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 028 8772 6893, to arrange. St Patrick's: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 1.30pm; Country Churches: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month after Mass. Please give at least 2 weeks' notice. We welcome:

Reece Francis McKenna
Emily Rose Burke
Nedas Rakasukas
Finn Patrick McColgan

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Meeting of co-ordinators **Tue 15 Dec at 8.00pm** in the Convent.

ST PIO'S PRAYER GROUP

Wed 16 Dec at 7.30pm. Rosary will be said before Mass. St Pio's relic available after Mass.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Mass in the Convent Chapel on **Wed 16 Dec at 8pm** for the deceased members of the Prayer Group. Everyone welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lena Donaghy, Oaks Rd
Ethna McMahon (Loughran)
Martina Campbell, Mullaghadun Lane
Laura Pattison, Killyman
Please remember them in your prayers

CLONMORE CHOIR CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 13 December

A significant feature of the Advent Season is the sound of Christmas Carols. The timeless quality of these beautiful hymns remind us of the wonder and simplicity of the Incarnation – the fact that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to live among us. We are very pleased that the Clonmore Choir will once again present a Carol Service with Seasonal Reflections and Prayers in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon this week-end – **Sunday 13 December at 7.30 pm.** I hope many people will avail of the opportunity to come and experience something very special.

GAELSCOIL AODHA RUA

Irish language Carol Service
Mon 14 Dec at 7pm

The pupils of Gaelscoil Aodha Rua will present 'Scéal na Nollag' at their annual Irish Language Carol Service. All parishioners welcome to attend. (No evening Mass today.)

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE.

Everyone is invited to join in the hour of prayer and should you wish to participate, please contact the Parish Office – 02887 726893. Further thoughts on the theme "A child is born for us" are available on the 'News' tab on the Parish website.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Newbridge College, Co Kildare,
18 – 20 Dec

Youth 2000 invites all **young adults** between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! **Don't let money be an obstacle;** just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be **free buses** picking up from various areas throughout the country. **Booking is essential.** For more information on the event or to book your place, see www.youth2000.ie, **Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page** or **Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690**

COLLECTION

Sunday 6 December £4,502
1016 envelopes issued
435 envelopes returned



SCOUT MASS

Sun 20 Dec at 12:30pm

This year our local scout group will bring to our parish the "Peace Light" from Bethlehem. Each year, a young scout from Upper Austria kindles a flame from the "Eternal Flame" from the Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is then flown to Austria from where it is distributed at a special service to delegates from across Europe who take it back, with a message of Peace, to their own countries for use at Masses and services throughout the continent. In past years the light has been presented to Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. All parishioners are welcome to take a candle with them to this special Mass in Dungannon and take the Peace Light home with them. It might be an idea to use this candle during your Christmas dinner and offer a prayer of peace for the world!

1ST TYRONE SCOUTS

Fundraising Christmas Bingo
Sun 13 Dec at 3.00pm in the Scout Hall, Charlemont St, Dgn.
Admission £10, includes book & flyover. Top prize £250.
Prizes & Raffle, Christmas Logs on Sale.

Refreshments available.
Come along and bring a friend.
Support your local Scout Group.