

The Breakthru Project 18 Killymeal Road Dungannon are holding a Coffee Morning & Christmas Raffle on **Fri 9 Dec at 10.00am-1.00pm.**

KILLYMAN GFC

Present "A Tribute to Top of the Pops Christmas Special"

Fri 9 Dec, Sat 10 Dec at 8.00pm

Matinee Sat 10 Dec at 2.00pm.

Tickets: Adults £10 /Children (U16 matinee only) £5.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S CENTRE,
Christmas Fayre

Thurs 15 Dec 11am – 2pm

21a William St, Dungannon.

Christmas with the Cantabelles
in Ranfurly House Dungannon

16 Dec at 8pm.

Cantabelles are four local singers - Siobhan O'Neill, Ann Marie Slater, Ciara Cullen and Gemma Prince, with Roisin McCurry on piano.

Tickets from Ranfurly House
[028 877 28 600](tel:02887728600) or www.dungannon.info

Dungannon Thomas Clarke GFC

in association with Domino's Pizza presents: A cracker of a Christmas comedy 'Deck the Falls' in the Bardic Theatre on **Fri 30 Dec.** Starring Ciaran Nolan (from cult Irish movie Man about Dog) and Gerard Jordan (Game of Thrones) – Tickets available from: www.bardictheatre.com/box-office or by telephone 028 8772 5286 or from Stewart's Music Shop, Irish Street.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Newbridge College, Co Kildare **16-18 Dec.** For info & to book contact 003531 6753690 or email: office@youth2000.ie.



HALO CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Christmas Craft Fair **on Sun 4 Dec** in the former Convent of Mercy, organised by HALO Youth Group. 8am – 4pm.

Large variety of craft stalls and cafe facilities. **Admission is free.**

Also, on **Sun 4 Dec** there will be a Santa's Grotto and Workshop at the Convent, sponsored by Mid Ulster District Council, open to local primary schools and families. Booking advisable – 07788 249 685.

Admission charges apply.

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 14 Dec, 7.30pm – 9.00pm** in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.



ARAS MUIRE

Religious Goods & Bookshop

Shamble Lane, Dungannon

Tel: 028 8772 6852

Christmas Cards, Individual and

Boxed also Cartai Nollaig,

Advent Candles & Cribbs.

Children's books, Calendars .

Trócaire gifts also on sale.

Email: arasmhuire@lycos.com

Mon – Sat 9.30am – 5.00pm

Parish of Dungannon

Killyman, Drumglass & Tullyniskin

St Patrick's, Dungannon

St Malachy's, Edendork

St Brigid's, Killyman

Sacred Heart, Clonmore



2nd Sunday of Advent

4th December 2016

Rt Rev Dean Colum Curry, PP, VG – 02887 722775

Fr Seamus White, Fr Radoslaw Szymoniak, Fr Aidan McCann &

Deacon Andy Hegarty – 02887 722631

EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY –07518 542 360 Please note new number

PARISH OFFICE - 02887 726893

Dear Parishioners,

You'll sometimes hear people make the remark, "There's no sin anymore", or maybe more accurately, "We have lost a sense of sin". When we become careless about right and wrong, we can easily lose our moral perspective. Acknowledging sin is the beginning of the path towards wholeness and freedom.

One way of describing sin is to see it as a rupturing of the relationship between God and me; and only those who love, really know the effect of sin. Most of us have experienced the odd family quarrel. We can recall the hurt and pain when we fall out with somebody we love. We play and replay the drama in our minds. The script is analysed for further hurts. Sadness, anger, resentment and longing are the emotions that well up inside us. We try to devise ways of coming together again because we realise we are not at peace. Those who are closest seem to hurt each other with a greater intensity than mere acquaintances. When we know God's love with the heart rather than with the head we will know immediately what sin is.

Sometimes we can talk ourselves out of the admission of sin: "Sure everybody's doing it - it couldn't be wrong" or more subtly "God will understand", or even with justification "I am not hurting anybody". There is also a temptation to change the rules; we do it all the time. "Adultery is no longer a sin! Or cohabitating, or evading tax, or driving while drunk, or being careless in what we watch or read". When we try to excuse our imperfections by redefining or lowering the standards necessary for a full relationship with God, we find ourselves on the slippery slope into immorality. Sin damages our relationship with God. In addition, all sin is social in some way. Sin does hurt others.

The joy of today's message from John the Baptist is that there is forgiveness available for everyone.

Yours sincerely
Colum Curry PP

SUNDAY MASSES (including Vigil):

St. Patrick's: Sat at 6.15pm
Sun at 8.00am, 10.30am & 12.30pm
Polish Mass: Sun at 5.30pm
Edendork: 10am & 12noon
Clonmore: Sun at 10am
Killyman: Sun at 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Patrick's
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 7.45am, 10am, 7.30pm
Sat: 10am
St Malachy's: Fri: 10am

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

CONFESSIONS

St Patrick's
Mon-Sat 9.15am – 9.55 am
Saturday 12.30pm – 1.00pm
5.30pm – 6.00pm

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 028 8772 6893, to arrange.
Please give at least 2 weeks' notice.
We welcome:
Joseph Anthony McQuaid
Dária Margaret Kerr

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every *Wednesday at 8.00pm* in the Convent.

**OUR LADY'S GROTTTO
EDENDORK**

Rosary at Grotto *8.30pm every Thurs.*

PARISH COLLECTION

Sunday 27 November
Envelopes & DDs £3,437
Loose Plate £946.50

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on *Thurs 8 & Fri 9 Dec.*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Campbell, Altmore Drive
Victor Marshall, Viewfort
Nan Morgan, Donaghmore Rd
Eileen Foy, Dunclare Hts
Donal Kane, Tullydraw Rd
John-Joe Morgan, Redford Park
Bridget Currie, Edendork
Francis Kane, Church Mews
Frances Slevin, formerly Ardbeg
Theresa Cullen, formerly Lowertown
Seamus McCann, Bogbawn, Killyman
Please remember them in your prayers.

FEAST DAYS

Dec 6 – St Nicholas
Dec 7 – St Ambrose
Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Thurs 8 Dec
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
St Patrick's Wed (Vigil) – 7.30pm
Thurs 7.45am, 10.30am, 1.10pm, 7.30pm
Sacred Heart: 7.30pm
St Brigid's: 11.00am
St Malachy's: 10.00am

SPRED – Special Religious Education

Christmas Mass will be celebrated in the SPRED rooms on *Mon 5 Dec at 7.30pm.*

All parishioners welcome to attend.
Light refreshments afterwards.

Dungannon Prayer Group

To celebrate Forty years of the Prayer Group - Celebration of Mass on *Wed 7 Dec*
Vigil Mass of feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8.00pm in the Convent Chapel. Chief Celebrant, Fr John Keane Spiritual Director of Monaghan Prayer Group, member of the Ceili Community Mission Team.
Refreshments after Mass.
Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS CLUB

Will meet in St Teresa's Hall on *Thurs 8 Dec, 6-7pm.* New Servers welcome

LAGHEY PS

Open Night on *6 Dec between 6.30pm - 8pm* for parents/guardians of children who are starting P1 in September 2017.
For further details, contact the Principal on 028 87 725142 or email scoleman658@c2kni.net.

Knock Shrine All Night Vigil

7 Dec. Coach £20
Gabrielle 02887784964 / 07933521105

Diocesan Pastoral Plan Website

Archbishop Eamon will launch Share the Joy of The Gospel, the Diocesan Pastoral Plan Website, in Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library, Armagh on *Thurs 8 Dec at 6.00pm.* Light refreshments will be served on arrival

Dungannon Parish Monthly Day of Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life - 9 Dec.

Please check the Parish Website for more information and some thoughts on Prayer for this month: www.parishofdungannon.com

Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries
and its joys.
We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this though Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Clonmore Choir Annual Carol Service

Clonmore Choir invite you to attend their annual Christmas Carol Service on *Sun 11 Dec at 7pm* in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon. It is always a reflective and moving way to prepare for the busy weeks ahead - everyone welcome.

Dungannon District Lourdes Committee

Annual Christmas Draw will take place on *Tues 13 Dec.* Tickets are available from any committee member.

Celebrations at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, in preparation for Christmas

Thursday 15 December, 7.30pm:
Messiah by Candlelight presented by The Palestrina Choir, Dublin, featuring four soloists and the Lyric Opera Ensemble. Tickets £20.

Tuesday 20 December, 7.45pm:
Christmas by Candlelight presented by The Choir from St Patrick's High School, Keady along with Karl McGuckin, Fra Fee and Malachi Cush. Tickets £15.

Tickets for both events are available at Dungannon Parish Office (028 8772 6893).

Trócaire Thanks

The amount raised from the recent gift sales and bag pack at Oaks Centre was £820-00. Thank you to all who supported.

PARISH VISITATION

The Visitation Team will continue this week in Donaghmore Rd, Ardbeg, and Charlemont Street.