

There will no Bulletin on 1st January 2017

## Parish Office Christmas Closing

The Parish Office will close from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 and re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

## **Christmas Mass Times**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve: 7pm (Children's Mass) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day: 9am and 11am Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen's Day: 10am

A special Thank-You to Rosemary, Aine and Sean for the wonderful festive decoration of the Church and the marvellous Crib! Thank you for all your hard work throughout the year. The flowers and decorations are amazing!

**All Crib donations** this year will be given to the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless people in Dublin.

# **Encountering God in Everyday Life**

As Pope Francis reminds us in The *Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, God has the desire for us to have a personal relationship with Him. But how to begin to connect with God at a personal level? The Parish would like to offer you an opportunity for Spiritual Accompaniment to develop a deep, growing bond between you and God. This is a process which involves meeting a trained Spiritual Companion on a regular (individual) basis to explore and reflect on your relationship with God, to grow in that relationship and to develop your prayer life. One-to-one meetings (by appointment) are held on the second Monday of the month in the Parochial House, beginning Monday 9th January 2017. This will be a Pilot Project for 6 months and the Parish will cover the initial cost. For more information and bookings, please contact the Parish Office.

# Message for You..th!!

Calling ALL young people to come together on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7:30pm, St Patricks Church, Derrymacash, for an evening of Celebration and Thanksgiving including a life-changing talk by inspirational guest speaker Fr John Keane (Co. Cork) and the Celebration of Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of all our young people. Everyone welcome!

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

25<sup>th</sup> December 2016 The Nativity of the Lord

Weekly Collection £1,093.81

Thank-you for supporting our Parish!

# Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday: 10.00am Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm

(Novena Prayers)
Friday: 10.00am

(First Friday 7pm)

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00am &

11.00am

Confessions

Thursday 6:30pm Saturday: 6:30pm

## MINISTRY OF WELCOME

**To Book a Baptism:** a parent must bring the long birth certificate to the Sacristy after any Mass. One month's notice is required. Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Weddings: All couples must contact Fr Declan after any Mass six months before the date of their wedding to complete the necessary paperwork.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

James Mulholland Fr George McLaverty

Orla Moloney Bridie Lavery

## **ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME**

Jim Kelly Anniversary Mass Monday 26th December at 10am
Dan McHenry Anniversary Mass Wednesday 28th December at 10am
Martin Campfield Anniversary Mass Saturday 31st December at 7pm

Mary Magee Charlotte Mulholland (12)

Edward Fegan (senior)

Margaret Creaney

Rory Campbell (34)

Paula Grant

Hugh Faloon

Charles McCluskey

Jim McGuinness (23)

**JPII** – The next meeting will be held in the Conference Room on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 8pm. All participants should attend with their Award Cards.

**St Ronan's College, Lurgan, Open Night:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Principal's Address will be at 5pm and 7:30pm. Please note all primary schools have been allocated sessions. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the school canteen.

We would like to thank the leaders for Children's Liturgy, GIFT and JPII, our choirs and musicians, our Church cleaners, the hospitality teams, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Safeguarding Committee, our Sacristans, and our Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and all volunteers for their commitment and hard work over the year!

Fr Declan, Fr O'Sullivan and all our Parish Team would like to wish all our parishioners Peace, Joy and Happiness this Christmas and New Year!

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, the warmth of Christmas grant you love. Merry Christmas!

Please take a Parish Calendar for the New Year from the porch!

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