

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20st December 2019 until Tuesday 7th January 2019. There will be no Bulletin on 29th December 2019 and 5th January 2019.

There will be a second collection next week for the Christmas Offering for the Support of the Priests.

There will be no First Friday visits during the first week in January.

<u>Christmas Liturgies</u> Cards with Arrangements for Christmas Liturgies and Parish Calendars are available in the Porch. Please take one!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 21st December 11am-1pm Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December at 7pm (Children's Mass) Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December at 9am and 11am THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON CHRISTMAS DAY BUT ADORATION WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2020.

St Stephen's Day: Thursday 26th December at 7pm

Advent Night Prayer: The young people from our JP11 group will lead us in a special night prayer on Sunday 22nd December from 8pm – 9pm. Take some time to pray and reflect during Advent in preparation for Christmas. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Céilí & Old Time Dance: Friday 20th December at 9.30pm in The Hut, Derrymore (BT67 0BP). Live music by Raymond Loney. Admission is £5.00 including finger buffet supper. Add to our festive fun and wear your Christmas jumper/clothes.

St Vincent de Paul: Donations accepted in the Church porch and local Spar. Please take a label and return with your donation. All general non perishable items are welcome, including confectionary, toiletries and Christmas goods.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY PROJECTS. Lisburn Pastoral Community forum are supporting Blaris Parish in their Christmas Missionary Projects. We will have a Church Door Collection this weekend. All Donations received will be forwarded to Medical Missionaries of Mary, SMA Fathers & Dominican Sisters working with Aids orphans/disadvantaged children in Uganda and Zambia.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

15th December 2019

Weekly Collection: £1160.07 Recent Expenditure: Pastoral Levy to Diocese £3684 (last 1/3 of 2019)

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 before Mass Saturday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Baptism: Schedule: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. To book a baptism, a parent must bring the child's long birth certificate to the Sacristy after any Mass. One month's notice is required during which families attend a pre-baptism meeting and the 11am Sunday Family Mass. If parents are unable to attend the pre-baptism preparation, the baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. Weddings: All couples must contact Fr Declan after any Mass six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork. Couples are also required to attend a premarriage course. A Wedding Mass is offered to those who attend Church regularly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridie Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Seamus Mulholland

Anniversary Mass Saturday 14th December at 7pm

Deceased Members of the Tallon Family

Anniversary Mass Sunday 15th December at 9am

Betty Carson(27)

Anniversary Mass Sunday 15th December at 11am

Anniversary Mass Tuesday 17th December at 7pm

Willie Lavery

Hugh McCorry

Conor O'Neill(28)

Mary Ellen Grant Bernard (Bertie) Magee(20)



St Patrick's Carol Service: This Sunday 15th December at 6pm. Come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols together with our choirs, musicians, primary schools, preschools and groups. The South Ulster Band will lead us throughout the service. Come along, bring all your family. Join us afterwards in the Community Centre for some festive treats

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) has for many years been the day when the children of Rome bring the figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope during the Angelus. The day is affectionately known as "Bambinelli Sunday". We invite each family in the parish to bring the figurine of Jesus from your family crib to the 11am Mass today- Sunday 15th December 2019, where they will be blessed.

Dementia NI Empowerment and Support groups meet regularly to provide a place for people with dementia to come together, reflect, share experiences, provide peer support and consult with organisations and professionals to enable them to remain active and part of their local community. We are delighted to announce that new groups will soon be starting in the Newry & Mourne, Craigavon & Banbridge, and Armagh & Dungannon areas. For more information on joining one of these new groups please contact info@dementiani.org or phone 02896 931 555. Volunteer drivers, awareness raising volunteers, and group support volunteer opportunities are also available.

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