

PARISH BULLETIN

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Dec: Mary McKeever

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Evenings: Dec: Alice Pratt

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Evenings: Dec: Betty McGarry

Mornings: Dec: Angela Walls

COUNTERS. Dec: Team A

REMEMBER OUR DEAD: Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased John Bateson, Michael Gallagher, Liam McQuaid, Ita Evans, and the deceased priests and benefactors of this Parish and for those whose Month's Mind Masses or Anniversaries occur at this time.

SAT: 16 Dec: Theresa Coleman, Teenie Close (M.M.) 7pm

SUN: 17 Dec: Catherine McCloskey, Pat Dougan

MON: 18 Dec: Henry Toal, Frank Shivers, Jim Sheridan, Johnny Bateson, Martin Lee

TUES: 19 Dec: Annie McLaughlin

WED: 20 Dec: Mary Ann Smith, Willie Toal, Patsy Ward, Kathleen Maguire,
Philomena Shivers, Katie Walls, Mick Joe Bradley

THU: 21 Dec: Geoffrey McCrystal, Fr John Quinn, Sarah Coleman, Patrick Bateson,
Josie Lagan, Lucy Goodwin

FRI: 22 Dec: Lewis Doyle, Mary Rogan

SAT: 23 Dec: Jim Cassidy, Annie Doyle, Pat McGrogan, James & Mary Walls,
Annie McKenna

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, may the perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of
God rest in peace. Amen.

COLLECTION: Weekly Collection £849.80. Thank you.

MARYS MEALS: All donations to Marys Meals up to 22 January will be doubled.
Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk or Freephone 0800 698 1212.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GAUDETE SUNDAY

17 DECEMBER 2023



As we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas, we celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise Christian worship. Because the man of integrity has come with good news for the poor, we can exult for joy. But his coming will mean that we also will practice justice and integrity. (Reflection by Fr. John Cullen)

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: My soul rejoices in my God.

CHURCH open for Private Prayer daily 10.30am until dusk.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7pm & Sunday 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: 10am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday & Friday 12 noon & 7pm
Saturday 12noon & 5pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES. Christmas Eve Sunday 10pm, Christmas Morning 10am.

MASS TIMES: The changes recently announced by Fr Gates will come into effect on the weekend 30/31 December. There will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday 30 December, and Mass on Sunday morning will be at 10.15am. This arrangement is to continue for the future. There will be no evening Masses including for a Month's Mind and Anniversary after this.

URGENT SICK CALLS: to be referred to the priests in Magherafelt.

PORTGLENONE PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays 7pm in the Big House at the Monastery, everyone welcome.

PRIORY INSTITUTE: A free online retreat is available 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com.