



## PARISH OF GALLOON

Parish Bulletin – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

20p

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### MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 11.30am	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Joe and Sarah Murphy, Aidan Murphy, Ingrid Bonner and DFM Seán and Maureen Sharkey, Mona Sharkey and Rev Ignatious McQuillan
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10am: Advent Weekday</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10am: Advent Weekday</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10am: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December 11.30am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>First Anniversary of Lillian McLoughlin, Drumquilla</b> Frank and Sarah McDonald, Camphill Park, their son Terence, grandson Jonathan and deceased family members

#### ST PATRICK'S DONAGH

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 6.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent</b> Maureen & Josie McElgunn, Drumraine
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>7pm: Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>7pm: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm	<b>Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent</b> For the people of the Parish

SUNDAY MASS TIMES		EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:	
Donagh:	Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30pm	Newtownbutler:	Thursday 2pm – 9pm; Sunday 7pm- 9pm
Newtownbutler:	Sunday: 11:30am	Donagh:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.30pm – 9.30pm
SUNDAY MASS TIMES		DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR:	
Donagh:	Vigil Mass: Saturday 6:30pm	Every Thursday in Newtownbutler Adoration Room from 8 - 9pm.	
Newtownbutler:	Sunday: 11:30am	BAPTISMS:	
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>		Baptisms are celebrated in each Church once a month. Dates available from Parish Office. All baptisms must be booked through the Parish Office	
Saturdays in Newtownbutler from 11am – 12 Noon			
First Fridays in Donagh from 6.15 – 6.55pm			

**Diocesan Policy on Funerals** - In a letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, Bishop Larry Duffy said: "Eulogies at Catholic Church funerals in Clogher Diocese are not permitted nor are they envisaged by the approved rite. This has been the case for many years".

**Sick and Housebound.** The sick and housebound will be visited at a later date in December – **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> December.** Please let your family and neighbours know. Please note there will be no sick calls in January 2024.

**Pope John-Paul II Awards Commissioning Mass** will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in Newtownbutler Church.

**Galloon Parish Draw:** The 2023 Galloon Parish Draw is coming to a close. The December draw results will be announced at Mass this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, together with the results of the End of Year Bonus Draw. All those who are fully paid for the year will be entered in the Bonus Draw for **£1,400 in extra prizes** (£200 x 4 and £100 x 6). **A massive thank you to each and every promoter and member for making the draw so successful and for your continued generous support of our parish!!**

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

##### Donagh

**2/12:** Sean Og Cadden **9/12:** Mickey McDermott

##### Newtownbutler

**3/12:** Brian Courtney/Micaela Wallace

**10/12:** Gail Mullan/Patricia Caughey

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

##### Newtownbutler

**Sundays of Advent:** JP II Awards

**We collect used stamps and send them to RNIB.** £40 would help provide RNIB's Taking Book service to one blind or partially sighted customer for an entire year, which is just two kilograms of donated used stamps! Your involvement can help more people living with sight loss access vital RNIB services such as Taking Books. *There is a collection box at the back of the Church – please feel free to throw your used stamps into it.*

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting with invitation** – the monthly meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Millennium Hall, Donagh at 7.30pm. Anyone interested is most welcome to join us!

Ray of Hope are holding a **Relaxation session by Rita Quigley** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in NTB Community Centre. Refreshments provided afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Loughan House, Blacklion are delighted to be hosting their **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Market** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, from 3pm until 7pm. This year's Market will have in excess of 25 local traders, selling goods ranging from food, to art, crafts, clothing and other interesting locally produced and sourced items. There will also be a food truck for hungry visitors, as well as Neven Maguire's famous Hot Chocolate, to warm us up! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Leave to God all the rest.** "There's nothing so bad that it could not be worse.....there's little that time will not mend.....and troubles, no matter how thickly they come.....most surely will come to an end.

You've stumbled...well, so have we all in our time..... don't dwell overmuch on regret, for you're sorry, God knows.... well, leave it at that, let past things be past, and forget.

Don't despond, don't give up, but just be yourself.....the self that is highest and best.....just live every day in a sensible way...and then leave to God all the rest."



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mary Lynch and Paul Cadden, who were married last weekend. We wish them health and happiness in their married lives.

**Parish Contributions: Total weekly income: £1,217 and €489.84.** Sincere thanks for your continued support to our parish – it is very much appreciated.

**Heritage & Culture sessions** on Wednesdays nights in Donagh Clubhouse at 8pm. This week's topic will focus on Local townlands, their stories and any distinguishing landmarks/features. These sessions are free and funded by the PHA Clear project. They will run for 12 weeks, with the aim of collecting stories, memories, learn more about our townlands and showcase unique areas within them. Everyone very welcome.

**Donagh's Christmas concert** takes place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm in the Clubhouse. An afternoon of music, dancing, comedy & singing for all the family.

We want to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who has made a **Christmas Shoebox** this year. The generosity found across our towns and villages is incredible! This Christmas there will be thousands of excited children in countries across Africa and Eastern Europe, thanks to the kindness of people here in Ireland.

**SAVE OUR ACUTE SERVICES:** It is now one year since Emergency Surgery has been suspended at our South West Acute Hospital in Enniskillen; one year ago they said this was a "temporary" suspension. A Public Meeting will take place in the WESTVILLE HOTEL on THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7PM. All our political parties have been invited to speak. Come along and have your say.

**A Festival of Christmas Trees and Cribs** will take place in St Mary's Church, Pettigo on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm to 9pm, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 12noon to 9pm (*except during evening Mass*) and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 12noon to 4pm. Carol Singing, Advent Reflections & Poetry Recitals throughout the festival. Tea/Coffee & Treats, Hot Chocolate, Raffle & Cake Sale in the adjoining Resource Hall. **Donations in aid of the Marie Cairns Comfort Fund – Supporting Cancer Care in the Community**

**CHILDLINE: 0800 1111** [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) **Free and confidential** 24-hour helpline for children and young people. If you are scared, in danger or in distress or if you just need to talk to someone. There is no problem too big or too small. When you call us on 0800 1111 you will get through to someone who will listen to you and support you.