



PARISH OF GALLOON

Parish Bulletin – Sunday 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

20p

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MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sun 15th Dec 11.30am Third Sunday of Advent (1st Communion Mass)
First Anniversary for Philomena Baker, Kildare
 Frank & Sarah McDonald, Camphill Park, their son Terence, their grandson Jonathan & DFM Paddy & Frankie Reilly, Derrylea and deceased family members
 Maureen & Benny McDermott, Crom Road and deceased family members

Wed 18th Dec 10am: Advent weekday
Thurs 19th Dec 10am: Advent weekday
Fri 20th Dec 10am: Advent weekday

Sun 22nd Dec 11.30am Fourth Sunday of Advent
Months Memory for Evelyn West, Lurganboy Park
 Kathleen and Eamon McCabe, Killyroo * Martin Ingram, Kilgarrow
 Kevin Murphy, Drumralla and Joseph Morris
 Cis, Annie & James Cadden, May, Gerard, John & Annie Cadden



ST PATRICK'S DONAGH

Sat 14th Dec Louis Leonard, Keeranmore and deceased family members
Mon 16th Dec 7pm: Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Sat 21st Dec 6.30pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
 The people of the parish

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	EUCCHARISTIC 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 NTB Adoration Room from 8 - 9pm
Newtownbutler: Sunday: 11:30am	Baptisms: are celebrated once monthly in each church. Please contact the Parish Office for dates and booking. Bookings must be made through the parish office.
CONFESSIONS	
Saturdays in Newtownbutler from 11am – 12 Noon	
First Fridays in Donagh from 6.15 – 6.55pm	

Confessions for Christmas

Newtownbutler: Saturday 21st December 11am – 12 Noon
 Christmas Eve: 11.30am – 12.30pm
Donagh: Monday 23rd December: 6pm – until 7pm Mass and afterwards if necessary
Pastoral Area Penance Service: Roslea – Sunday 22nd 6pm and Clones 7pm (Galloon Penance Service will be in Lent)

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas collection this weekend at all Masses. Please give generously!

St Kevin's College Africa Mission's collection at Masses next weekend. Please give generously!

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Donagh

14/14 Genevieve Crudden
 21/12 Catriona McGovern

Newtownbutler

15/12 Brian Courtney/Micaela Wallace
 22/12 Gail Mullan/Patricia Caughey

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

(NTB) 15/12 As arranged
 22/12 JPII Participants

2025 Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers are now available from the parish office, both sacristy's and on the parish website.

St Mary's PS Newtownbutler wish all members of Galloon Parish a happy and peaceful Christmas and invite you to a Christmas Pageant and Carol Service in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at 7pm on Tuesday 17th December.

We also invite applications for entry to P1 September 2025. The EA admissions online Portal will be open between 10th and 24th January. Further information including the school prospectus and admission criteria, are available on the school website www.stmarysps.com. Please note that the school has been oversubscribed in recent years and numbers are limited. It is unlikely that late or second preference applications will be offered places.

Faith, Hope and Love Junior Choir 2024 was a very rewarding year Spiritually for the Junior Choir. We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the Parishioners for your support and encouragement throughout the year. We extend an invitation to everyone to join us for our annual Carol Service on Christmas Eve in the Church commencing at 7.30 pm. We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a peaceful 2025.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, 15 years, to be canonised in April: Pope Francis announced recently that he will raise to sainthood next April 25th – 27th. Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 – 2006), dubbed 'the saint of the internet' who used his computer skills to record and spread the Good News of the Catholic Faith. Also for canonisation next year is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 – 1925). He was a mountaineer and involved in the Apostleship of Prayer and Catholic Action. Doctors believe he caught polio while helping the sick.

Advent Calendar: The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025: Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year is one set aside by the Church to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent for our sins, to forgive and be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme for this forthcoming Holy year will be "Pilgrims of Hope", thus bringing to the fore the journey of life that we are all on and our need to be people of hope, a hope rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome. Locally, it will be opened in our Diocese on Sunday 29 December – Feast of the Holy Family – when Bishop Larry will be Chief Celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. Over the coming weeks, some online resources for the Jubilee Year will be made available on www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025



CONGRATULATIONS to Rodney Phair and Mikaela McGrade who were married last week-end. We wish them health and happiness in their married lives.

Parish Contributions:

Total income for last weekend: £2085 and €211
Fr. Peter McVerry, Annual Collection for the Homeless £2176 & €400. A sincere thank you to all for your continued support! (Please see letter below)

Dear Fr. Kevin, I would like to thank you and the parishioners of Galloon Parish for your very generous donations to the work of the Peter McVerry Trust with homeless people which are very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the young people in the Pope John Paul II Awards group for the donations of hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries etc., which will be very welcome to those homeless people with whom we work. And I would like to extend a special thanks to Pat Chapman for all that he has done over many years now to support our work. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in 2025. Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

CHRISTMAS IN GALLOON PARISH

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December

Donagh: 10am Mass with carols sung
NTB: 8pm Christmas Vigil Mass with Carol Service from 7.30pm

Christmas Day Wed 25th December

Donagh: 9.30am (small children are welcome to bring a small toy to be blessed and have a little chat around the crib with Fr. Kevin)
NTB: 11am Christmas Mass. (please note earlier time)