

There will be a Whist Drive in Saint Bronagh's GAA Club Rostrevor on Monday 16th December 2019 at 8.30pm. Light Refreshments will be served.

Pilgrimages - The Camino and Lourdes - are you 18 to 30 years old - might you be interested in joining a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May (5 days) and the Camino in the middle of July - (6/7 days) dates to be confirmed - if interested please come along to a gathering of young adults this Sunday 15th @ 1 pm in the Café Crème on the Mall, Newry (Beside First Trust Bank). Alternatively forward your name to dromoreyd@btconnect.com. We will be in contact with you...place on both are limited...so claim your place early.....

CHAPEL CLEANERS FOR BALLYMAGHERY IN DECEMBER ARE Mary Brannigan, Cathy Fitzpatrick, Fionulla Rooney, Ann Mullholland, Caroline Grant & Josephine Fegan



2020 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

20th May to 27th May and 12th August to 18th August
Gift Vouchers available
Contact Jerome Lynch on 07739092399

On Friday 13th December Pope Francis celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Let us Pray for him.
God Bless our Holy Father.



THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that typically holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Most Advent wreaths use three colours of candles-purple, pink and white. However, some may use blue instead of the purple.

1st candle - (purple): THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE

We can hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

2nd candle - (purple): THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to get ready to welcome God.

3rd candle - (pink): THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

The angels sang a message of JOY. This third Sunday of Advent is also known as "Gaudete Sunday" which means rejoice.

Clonduff Parish

Newsletter

Sunday 15th December 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete Sunday)



The Good News is proclaimed to the poor.
Matt. 11: 2-11.

On Thursday 21st November there was a joint Clonduff/Drumgath Council meeting to discuss weekday Masses for the two Parishes. After deliberation the following schedule for Weekday Masses was decided upon.

Monday: 8.45am Ballymaghera. 7.00pm Rathfriland

Tuesday: 9.30am Rathfriland

Wednesday: 8.45am Ballygorian

Thursday: 9.30am Eucharistic Prayer Service, Rathfriland

Friday: 8.45am Ballymaghera. 9.30am Rathfriland.

7.30pm Cabra (First Fridays, Lent and November)

In the event of a Funeral taking place there will be no morning Mass in that Parish.

Mass Times in other local parishes:

Benedictine Monastery 11.30am each day.

Rostrevor 9.30am Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri.

Mayobridge Mon 10.00am. Wed 7.30pm

Burren Tue 9.30am. Fri 7.00pm

Castlewellan 9.30am each day

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606

PARISH OF CLONDUFF 15th DECEMBER 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday Readings Cycle A - Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN & CABRA

Sat 14th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Brian Darby, Rathfriland Road; Patrick & Elizabeth Grant & Deceased family, Carcullion; Sean Lynch, Castlewellan Road; Joe & Mary Catherine Brannigan, Spelga Park; Sally Henning, Stang Road; Stephen, Sarah, Sean & Steve McPolin, Stang; Michael & Anne Kane, Belfast
Sun 15th Dec 9.00am CABRA:	Owen & Margaret Gribben, Lenish; Jim & Mary Catherine Devlin & Deceased Family, Dromboniff; Peter McAvoy & Deceased Family, Cabra Road
Sun 15th Dec 12.00pm BALLYGORIAN:	MM Eileen Ward, Ardmore Park; Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road; Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane
Sat 21st Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Do this in Memory of Me Mass. Eugene Grant, Ardmore Park; Hugh John McAvoy, Castlewellan Road
Sun 22nd Dec 9.00am CABRA:	Catherine McPolin, Newry Road; Jim, Rose & James McParlan, Lenish
Sun 22nd Dec 12.00pm BALLYGORIAN:	John & Rose Ann Quinn, Kennedy Drive

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BALLYMAGHERY: Mon & Fri 8.45am. BALLYGORIAN: Wed 8.45am. CABRA: First Friday 7.30pm

READERS FOR DECEMBER

BALLYMAGHERY 6.00pm	BALLYGORIAN 12.00pm	CABRA Sun 22nd Dec
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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for next year, the dates are 12th - 17th May 2020

Do this in Memory of Me Mass for the P4 Boys & Girls Preparing for First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st December 6.00pm

RECENTLY DECEASED - We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tessie Kelly (nee McConville) New Jersey, formerly of Ballygorian who died Sunday 8th December in New Jersey. May she rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS - Friday 20th December Ballymaghera 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Monday 23rd December Cabra 7.00pm - 8.00pm

MASSSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Ballymaghera 6.00pm Cabra 8.00pm

Ballygorian 9.00pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING: Ballymaghera 11.30am

Collection: £1,6380.00 Thanks for your continuing support.
Adoration Times: Ballymaghera: Wed 9am - 12pm Ballygorian: Wed 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
Cabra: Fri 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Email: info@clonduffparish.com

PLEASE NOTE If someone is sick or elderly at home and not able to come to Mass and has not been visited please contact me on (028) 40630206 or 07764941606. Also if there is someone in hospital please let me know. Fr. C. Byrne

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BALLYMAGHERY	BALLYGORIAN	CABRA
Sat 21st Dec 6.00pm: Roisin McNeill; Martin Farnon; Marian Farnon; Margaret Rose Murray	Sun 22nd Dec 12.00pm: PJ Quinn; Ursula Murhy; Pauline Fitzpatrick	Sun 22nd Dec 9.00am: Anne McPolin; Sean & Roisin McAlinden

ALTAR SERVERS

BALLYMAGHERY	BALLYGORIAN	CABRA
Sat 21st Dec 6.00pm: Laura Kay; Therese Cowan	Sun 22nd Dec 12.00pm: Sean Quinn; Shaun Rice; Ellen Morgan	Sun 22nd Dec 9.00am: Calum Banagan; Catherine Taylor; Blathnaid Kelly

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105046

Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741. A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding rthtur & MaPolicy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

Unfortunately, for many people, one small problem can lead to crisis or poverty. We in SVP have found that a little help at the right time can stop a family experiencing prolonged hardship. Please support our **Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. Church door collections this weekend **Hilltown 14th/15th December**. Thank You!

St Paul's Primary School Cabra Carol Service Tuesday 17th December 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Cabra. Carol Service Thursday 19th December in Ballymaghera at 7.00pm

CABRA ALTAR SOCIETY: Sheila Gribben and Helpers for Christmas

Choir Practice on Monday 16th December for all members.

We will have our Nativity Pageant after Communion at the 6pm Mass on 21st when we will be joined by the P1 children and the Do this in Memory of Me children. There will be a rehearsal for this on Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm.



New BAPTISM Arrangements

First Sunday Ballymaghera 1.00pm & Third Sunday Cabra 1.00pm
Contact the Baptism Team Coordinator on 07803272403

Website: www.clonduffparish.com