



Chapel cleaners for Ballymaghera in December are Cathy Fitzpatrick, Mary Brannigan, Fionnuala Rooney, Caroline Grant, Carol Magee, Josephine Fegan and Lorraine O Hare

Trócaire School Volunteers:

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Dromore Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you!

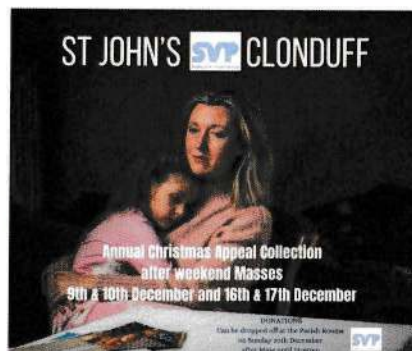
For more information call Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org



Set dancing classes in Hilltown. Everyone welcome - beginners, learners and the more experienced. INF Hall, running weekly on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost £5 payable at the door.

CLONDUFF SVP:

This year due to the ongoing cost of living crisis, St Vincent de Paul, St John's Conference, Clonduff will be supporting families in our local community. We will be having our Annual Christmas Appeal after Mass on 16th & 17th December in Hilltown and Cabra. Hilltown Parish Rooms will also be open for anyone wishing to make gift or food donations on Sunday 17th December after Mass until 12.45pm. If anyone would like to donate online, we gratefully accept bank transfers. The bank details are Ulster Bank, Name: St Vincent de Paul St John's Conference Account number: 59002043 Sort Code: 98-13-60. Thank you for your continued support and generosity at this time. We really appreciate all your help.



Mary's Meals - Double the Love. Mary's Meals is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to over 2.4 million children in 18 countries. Our Double the Love Campaign has launched, and all donations made to Mary's Meals until 22nd January 2024 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, from conflict to the cost-of-living crisis, your little acts of love can go further thanks to Double the Love, bringing hope to desperately hungry children and their families. Please pray that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. Find out more and browse our Christmas gift cards at marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Mary's Meals mission.

BINGO EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 9.00PM IN INF HALL

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete Sunday)



There stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Ballymaghera 6pm, Ballygorian 7.30pm, Cabra 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Rathfriland 10.00am, Ballymaghera 11.30am

Support the Benedictine Community

Buy your Christmas gifts at the shop of Holy Cross Abbey, 119 Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor, Co. Down BT34 3BN. Candles and Soaps made by the monks, Books and a range of different gifts. Shop opens 9-11am & 2.30-5pm www.benedictinemonks.co.uk

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630306 or 07764941606 or email clonduffparish@dromorediocese.org or cbyrne26@icloud.com

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN & CABRA

Sat 16 th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Brian Darby, Rathfriland Road Grant Family, Carquillan James Brannigan, Fegans Gardens Paddy O'Hagan, Newry Road Joe & Mary Catherine Brannigan, Spelga Park Rosaleen McKeown, Castlewellan Road Eugene Grant, Ardmore Park
Sun 17 th Dec 9.00am CABRA:	Connie & Patrick Gribben & Deceased Family, Cabra Patrick & Annie Murphy & Deceased Family, Leitrim Sally, Robert & Mary Ann Henning & Susan Cull, Stang Road
Sun 17 th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Margaret Mary McEvoy, Castlewellan Road Sean Lynch, Castlewellan Road Paddy, Patrick & Bridget Fitzpatrick, Mallons Corner Desmond McGarry, Bann Lane Grant Family, The Quarry, Carcullion
Mon 18 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Mon 18 th Dec 7.00pm	St Mary's, Rathfriland:
Tues 19 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 20 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYGORIAN: John & Rose Ann Quinn Kennedy Drive
Thur 21 st Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Prayer Service
Fri 22 nd Dec 9.30am	St Mary's Rathfriland:
Fri 22 nd Dec 6.30pm	BALLYGORIAN: Teenie Wilson, Ballygorian
Fri 22 nd Dec 7.30pm	CABRA:
Sat 23 rd Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Hugh John McEvoy, Castlewellan Road Teresa, Mary & Robert Magee, Shannon Park James & Bridget Anne McConville, Mullaghmore & Deceased McConville & Keenan Families
Sun 24 th Dec 9.00am CABRA:	Jim, Rose & James McParlan, Lenish
Sun 24 th Dec 11.30am	BALLYMAGHERY:

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS -

Ballymaghera: Thursday 21st December 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Cabra: Friday 22nd December after the 7.30pm Mass.



Adoration in Ballygorian has resumed and now changed to Thursdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm



Adoration will take place every Tuesday evening at 8.00pm with the Rosary being recited in Ballymaghera. All are welcome.

Webcam Details:- Website: www.clonduffparish.com alternatively www.churchmedia.tv

PARISH OF CLONDUFF

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Sunday Readings Cycle B - Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

You can now book your Anniversaries, Baptisms, Weddings or any other enquires by contacting the Parish Office Monday & Friday 9am - 3pm (028) 30850270 or leaving a message on answering machine or Email: clonduffparish@dromorediocese.org

Baptism Arrangements

First Sunday of the Month Ballymaghera 12.30pm
Third Sunday of the Month Cabra 12.30pm

Thanks for your generous support £1,391.62

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

RECENTLY BAPTISED - Connlagh Murnin son of Shaun and Ciara

Eucharistic Ministers Ballymaghera

Sat 16 th Dec 6pm: Susie Brannigan	Sat 23 rd Dec 6pm: Geraldine Smyth
Sun 17 th Dec 11.30am: Ursula Murphy	Sun 24 th Dec 11.30am: Anne Murray
Christmas Eve: Marian Farnon	Christmas Day: Mary McGreevy
Readers	
Sat 16 th Dec 6pm: Ursula Kearney	Sat 23 rd Dec 6pm: Meabh & Beibhinn McPolin
Sun 17 th Dec 11.30am: Patrick Kelly	Sun 24 th Dec 11.30am: Anita Brannigan
Christmas Eve 7.30pm: Kieran Murphy	Christmas Day 11.30am: Aoife Murray

CABRA READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sun 17 th Dec 9.00am: Primary School children	Sun 17 th Dec 9.00am: Anne O'Hare
Sun 24 th Dec 9.00am: Kate Woods	Sun 24 th Dec 9.00am: Jerome Lynch
Christmas Eve 7.30pm: Deirbhile Devlin	Christmas Eve 7.30pm: Anne McPolin