



Chapel cleaners for Ballymaghera in January are
Geraldine Grant and Marina Murray

Remember a loved one with an Engraved Leaf on the Southern Area Hospice Memory Tree
The Memory Tree is located in the Southern Area Hospice Memory Garden and provides a beautiful and meaningful way to remember a loved one whilst also helping the Hospice to continue delivering specialist palliative care to patients and support to their families.
Call 028 3026 7711 for details or
visit <https://www.southernareahospiceservices.org/memory-tree>

Dear Father, Deacon,

I hope you are managing to prepare for the Christmas weekend despite all the uncertainty and pressures over Covid-19.

At a recent meeting with the Chief Medical Advisor (NI) and Chief Scientific Advisor (NI), representatives from the Churches in Northern Ireland were able to discuss the current coronavirus challenges. I want to share with you a number of important points that emerged from the meeting.

The CMO and CSA made it clear that the risk of transmission from the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is substantially higher than that of the Delta variant and therefore so also is the risk of contagion in any small, medium or large gathering. The Health authorities are anxious to avoid a build-up of patients in our hospital system over the next two months. They mentioned that the rate of infection is expected to peak at Christmas time and last for around two months, after which time, it is hoped that with the booster programme, it should decline.

Specifically in relation to Churches over this period they appeal to all Churches and faith communities:

- To responsibly assess the risk of every activity you plan to undertake.
- To maximise the use of all established mitigations, notably VENTILATION, SOCIAL DISTANCING and WEARING OF MASKS.
- To minimise all activities which bring people together and which are not essential to the integrity of our worship and faith celebration of the Christmas season.

In relation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation it was mentioned that there is a very high risk to priests and penitents from hearing successive confessions in a room, even of moderate size, unless it is extremely well ventilated. It was observed that the virus stays in the air for several hours unless the ventilation is very effective. Please take this into account if you are hearing confessions in the days prior to, and after, Christmas.

I will let you know if we receive any further guidelines in the coming days.

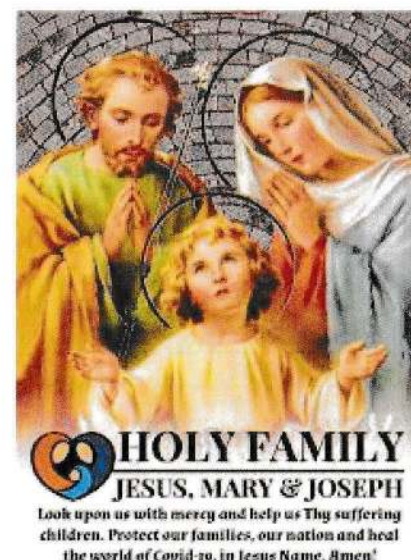
Let us endeavour to offer a message of hope to all our people and to society over the Christmas season.

With every blessing for the coming days.

Eamon Martin
Archbishop of Armagh

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th December 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



His parents found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors.
Luke. 2: 41-52



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ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN & CABRA	
Fri 24 th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Christmas Eve
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Fri 24 th Dec 7.30pm CABRA:	Christmas Eve Connie & Patrick Gribben & Deceased family members of the Gribben family, BallyKeel; Patrick & Annie Murphy & Deceased Family, New Line Road
Fri 24 th Dec 7.30pm – 8.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Christmas Eve: Please note the opportunity for those who do not feel able to attend Mass but who wish to receive Holy Communion can do so in Ballmaghera from 7.30pm – 8.00pm [Distribution of Holy Communion only]
Sat 25 th Dec 10.00am CABRA:	Christmas Day
Sat 25 th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY	Christmas Day
Sun 26 th Dec 9.00am CABRA:	St Stephen's Day
Sun 26 th Dec 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	St Stephen's Day. Matthew Brannigan, Mullaghgariff Road; Bridget Ann & James McConville, Mullaghmore
Mon 27 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tues 28 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 29 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYGORIAN:
Thur 30 th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Prayer Service
Fri 31 st Dec 7.30pm CABRA:	
Sat 1 st Jan 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Eddie Gribben, Castlewellan Road
Sun 2 nd Jan 9.00am CABRA:	
Sun 2 nd Jan 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Lily McAleenan, Yellow Road; Mick Devlin, Clonduff Road; Pat Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family members, Yellow Road

PARISH OF CLONDUFF

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
(Sunday Readings Cycle C – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

You can now book your Anniversaries, Baptisms, Weddings or any other enquires by contacting the Parish Office Monday – Thursday 9am – 4pm

(028) 30850270 or

Email: clonduffparish@dromorediocese.org

Baptism Arrangements

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

Your continued financial support to Parish life and Parish upkeep is very much appreciated during these anxious and challenging days due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic.

Parish Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewellan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12 noon.
Thanks for your generous support last week £1,578.10

The Parish of Clonduff

is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105046

Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Dromore Designated Person is: Patricia Carville 07789917741.

A copy of Dromore Diocesan "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

Eucharistic Ministers Ballymaghera

Sat 25 th Dec 11.30am: Susie Brannigan	Sat 1 st Jan 6pm: Marie Murray
Sun 26 th Dec 11.30am: PJ Quinn	Sun 2 nd Jan 11.30am: Geraldine Smyth
Readers	
Sat 25 th Dec 11.30am: Kieran Murphy	Sat 1 st Jan 6pm: Anne O'Hare
Sun 26 th Dec 11.30am: Maria Murray	Sun 2 nd Jan 11.30am: Niohmi Murray

CABRA READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 25 th Dec 10.00am: Eoghan McAlinden	Sun 25 th Dec 10.00am: Roisin McAlinden
Sun 26 th Dec: 9.00am; Lisa Gribben	Sun 26 th Dec 9.00am: Madeleine McAlinden
Sun 2 nd Jan 9.00am:	Sun 2 nd Jan 9.00am:

Happy New Year
2022

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