

St John's Church, Ballymaghera and St Mary's Church, Cabra are now open daily.
In line with Covid 19 regulations the Chapels must be cleaned every evening. We are asking for help with this and calling on parishioners and all organisations in the Parish for help. The task will take about 20 minutes to complete. To enable us to keep the chapels open we are appealing for help. Anyone able to assist in the cleaning should put his/her name and telephone number in the post box of the Parochial House or from Cabra with Sean McAlinden.
Church opening times Mon to Fri 11.00am to 6pm
Sat 11.00am to 5.30pm and Sun 12 noon to 6pm. Please follow the notices.



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>



St John's Conference – Clonduff, Hilltown

Our plans for Christmas are well underway and we want it to be extra special this year. Can you please either send a private message to our Facebook page (St John's Conference – Clonduff, Hilltown) or contact Caitriona in the Post Office, or any other committee member, if you need some help.

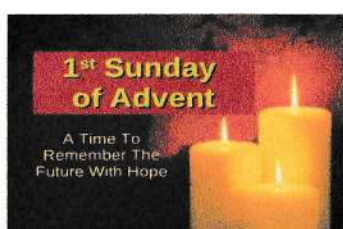
ALL ENQUIRES ARE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, so please don't be afraid to contact us if you need a bit of help after what has been such a difficult year. There will be no formal Christmas collection at Mass this year, but donations can be made in the following ways:

- ❖ Directly to any committee member.
- ❖ In an Envelope marked SVDP put through the letterbox of the Parochial House'
- ❖ Directly into our bank account: St Vincent de Paul, St John's Conference, Ulster Bank, Hill Street, Newry. Sort code: 98 13 60 Account no: 59002043

In addition to this, SVDP will be distributing a Blue Envelope in 'The Irish News' soon and, if you would like to use this Envelope to donate, it can be passed on to us by any of the means highlighted above.

We thank you all for your continued support. It's great to see the community working together to help each other.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPS PEOPLE



PARISH OF CLONDUFF 29th NOVEMBER 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Sunday Readings Cycle B – Weekday Readings Cycle 3)

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606 or email cbyrne26@icloud.com

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN, CABRA & DRUMGATH PARISH	
Sat 28th Nov 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	No Public Mass: MM Eilish McGrath (McGreevy); Deceased members of the I.N.F. John O'Neill Branch Clonduff; Deceased members of the Wilson Family, Ballygorian; Sarah, Steven, Sean & Steve McPolin, Stang & Anne Kane, Belfast & Josie Magee & Teenie Bradley; Brigid & Bartholomew Lively & Deceased Family, Barnmeen; Seamus Monaghan & Deceased Monaghan & McArdle Families, Rathfriland
Sun 29th Nov 9.00am	No Public Mass: St Mary's Cabra:
Sun 29th Nov 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	No Public Mass: Yvonne Lowry, Rathfriland Road; Deceased Members of Clonduff Lourdes Committee; Michael Downey, Ballymaghera
Mon 30th Nov 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tues 1st Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 2nd Dec 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	No Public Mass:
Thur 3rd Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 4th Dec 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 4th Dec 7.30pm	CABRA: NO Public Mass:
Sat 5th Dec 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	NO Public Mass: Owen & Sally Lively, St Patrick's Park; Frances & Mary Brannigan & Deceased Family Carcullion; Hugh John McPolin, Bryansford Road
Sun 6th Dec 9.00am	NO Public Mass: St Mary's Cabra:
Sun 6th Dec 11.30am	BALLYMAGHERY: NO Public Mass:

All Masses during the week are via Webcam Only

PLACES OF WORSHIP TO CLOSE

Places of worship are to close from Friday 27th November for two weeks under new COVID 19 restrictions from the NI Assembly. (Excluding Weddings and Funerals that will be limited to 25) Places of worship will remain Open for Private Prayer only.

**We isolate now, so when we gather again,
no one is missing!**

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

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 29th November 2020

The First Sunday of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We must be alert to the signs of Jesus' coming.
Mark. 13: 33-37



Baptisms are now again being Celebrated.
If you wish to organise a Baptism,
Please contact the
Baptism Team Coordinator on 07803272403

PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile 07764941606. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. *Fr Charles Byrne*

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.
Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewellan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.
Thanks for your support last week £1,080.00

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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.

Thanks to the stewards and cleaners who are doing a great job enabling us to keep our Churches open. Please continue to adhere to social distancing, sanitising and wearing masks at all times.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS

November Dead Lists are available at the back of all the churches in both Parishes of Clonduff & Drumagth. You are invited to take one and fill in the names of your deceased loved ones as soon as possible. Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of November for all the Deceased enrolled.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is an old German tradition that has gained much popularity in the last few years. Most Christian homes and communities practice this custom during the Advent season. This sacramental is rich in meaning, is easy to implement and can either be simple, costing little, or very elaborate, costing more, handmade or store bought, with fresh greenery, or permanent greens. The Advent wreath is a wreath, or circle, of evergreens, made in various sizes. It is either suspended from the ceiling by ribbons (preferably purple) or placed on a table. The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal, or during family night prayers.

