

PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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Parish Mass Times – Holy Cross: Monday 10am – Lay Led Liturgy
Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10am
Sunday 11am

St. Mary's: Friday 5.30–6.55pm (Adoration) 7pm –

Saturday 6pm

Livestreaming: www.churchservices.tv/lisnaskea
www.churchservices.tv/maguirebridge

Parish Website: www.lisnaskeamaguirebridgeparish.com

Parish Instagram Account: aghalurcher_parish

Parish Twitter: @Aghalurcher **Parish Facebook Page:** Parish of Aghalurcher

Parish Radio can now be accessed for Holy Cross at 90.1FM & St. Mary's on 90.6FM

Parish Office Tel. 028 677 21088 (Monday–Thursday: 2–6pm; Friday 10.30am–1pm)



Lay Led Liturgy

Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS

Sunday 3rd December

- 11.00am:** • (First Anniversary) Kathleen McDermott & Gerry McDermott, Carrowshee Park
• The McGear family
• Joe, Annie & Sarah Fee and Ann Gallagher & deceased family members, Drumbroughas North.

Monday 4th December

10.00am: Lay Led Liturgy.

Tuesday 5th December

7.00pm: Margaret & John Gilroy, daughter Madge and son John.

Wednesday 6th December

10.00am: Private Intention.

Thursday 7th December

10.00am: William Connolly and deceased family members.

Friday 8th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

10.00am: For the people of the Parish.

Sunday 10th December

11.00am: • Ignatius Swift, Kilmacrannell and deceased family members.



ST. MARY'S

Saturday 2nd December

- 6.00pm:** • James Rice, Killyrover
• Edward McManus & his son Joe; Mary & John McGoldrick & dec. family members, Maguiesbridge
• Tony Reilly and deceased members of the Reilly family.

Friday 8th December

5.30pm – 6.55pm: Eucharistic Adoration **7.00pm:** Lay Led Liturgy.

Saturday 9th December

- 6.00pm:** • Florence Leonard nee Prunty, Tattinderry
• Hugh & Dymna McManus and deceased members of the McManus family, Innisrooske
• Pauline & Declan Butler.

You are asked to pray for all our recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

UNICEF Collection for Gaza: a sincere thanks to you all for your very generous response towards this appeal. The amount raised is £4,183.81, which will be forwarded to UNICEF this week.

Children's Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 9th December at 6pm in St. Mary's Maguiesbridge and at 11am Sunday 10th December in Holy Cross Church Lisnaskea. All families are most welcome.

Thought For The Week

'The best gift that anyone can give others at Christmas or indeed any other time, is good example. It is more important than any good advice and more helpful than any material gift, no matter how valuable.'

Bernard-McGuckian

The next few weeks will be busy shopping days in many of our towns and cities. Despite the economic downturn, many are still anxious to buy gifts this Christmas for loved ones, while cautiously watching a limited budget. But the best Christmas gift, no matter how practical or useful can never replace the gift of good example. Good example is not for a chosen few but is something we all can have a decent go at. It is certainly not a call to perfection but an invitation to lead the way by doing one's best this Christmas time. Good example will often express itself in small gestures, like a smile, a hug, a word of thanks, a word of forgiveness or a word of encouragement. We can only do what we can, but we should never underestimate the power of good example. We ask God to help us choose the best options in how to lead by good example.

Job opportunity - 'Director of Training and Support' with the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Monday 18th December. Further Info: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/about/careers/>

Christmas Carol Service: Monday 18th December at 7pm in Holy Cross Church.

Christmas Penitential Service: Sunday, 17th December at 6pm in Holy Cross Church. All Welcome.

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Holy Cross at 6pm.

Christmas morning: 9.30am in St. Mary's

11.30am in Holy Cross.

(Please Note change of Mass times)

Parish Contributions - 26th November

First Sunday: £650 Offertory: £2572.22 & €50

Many thanks for your continuous generosity.

Faith and Friendship meeting in the Corner Stone on Tuesday 5th December at 7.45pm. Everyone welcome.

SVP are due to collect at both masses next weekend, Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th Dec. November collection raised £499. We are appealing to everyone to donate to SVP Christmas Annual Appeal next weekend no matter how small as it can make a huge difference to the people of our Parish. We as a Conference can guarantee that all money collected or donated will be used to provide those less fortunate in our very own Parish. These families will receive support from SVP so that they can provide food and a warm home for their families and hopefully have a happy stress free Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported SVP in any way and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



A Festival of Christmas Trees and Cribs will take place in St Mary's Church, Pettigo on Friday 15th December 6pm to 9pm, Saturday 16th December 12noon to 9pm (*except during evening Mass*) and Sunday 17th December 12noon to 4pm. Carol Singing, Advent Reflections & Poetry Recitals throughout the festival. Tea/Coffee & Treats, Hot Chocolate, Raffle & Cake Sale in the adjoining Resource Hall. **Donations in aid of the Marie Cairns Comfort Fund – Supporting Cancer Care in the Community.**

SAVE OUR ACUTE SERVICES: It is now one year since Emergency Surgery has been suspended at our South West Acute Hospital in Enniskillen; one year ago they said this was a "temporary" suspension. A Public Meeting will take place in the WESTVILLE HOTEL on THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER at 7PM. All our political parties have been invited to speak. Come along and have your say.

Lisnaskea Emmetts GAC: Lotto Jackpot is now £5,050. We extend our condolences to our Youth Officer & Underage Coach Michelle Mc Govern, her sister Steph and Steph's husband Johnny Feely who is part of our senior management team and extended family on the sad passing of their mother Kathleen Gilroy late of Lattonagh, Derrygonnelly RIP. Our AGM will take place on Thursday 30th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is interested in the administration of our club are invited as new volunteers are always welcome. Our senior ladies are currently running a draw for a fantastic prize of 10ft x 5ft Trailer of Sticks and 10 bags of 40Kg Coal. Draw to take place 23rd December 2023. Tickets are £10 each. Our Christmas Winter Wonderland 2023 volunteers are busy preparing for the visit of Santa and if anyone has any decorations they can donate or lend us it would be much appreciated. We would encourage anyone wanting to come to this event to do so by following the link on Lisnaskea Emmetts face book page. Spaces are limited and we recommend to book early not to be disappointed.

This week's bulletin has been sponsored in thanksgiving for our precious Mum on her 92nd birthday.