

PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 8th December 2024

Second 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 - Lay Led Liturgy

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)

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Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS

Sunday 8th December

11.00am: • (Month's Mind): Bridie Crudden, Carrowshee Park

- Kathleen & Gerry McDermott, 20 Carrowshee Park & deceased of the McDermott family, Newtownbutler.

Monday 9th December - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity.*

10.00am: Mass for the people of the parish.

Tuesday 10th December

7.00pm: • Madge Gilroy, her parents Margaret & John and her brother John

- Special Intention.

Wednesday 11th December

10.00am: • Private Intention.

Thursday 12th December

10.00am: • Private Intention.

Sunday 15th December

11.00am: • (Month's Mind): Vera Corr, 2 Rathowen

- (First Anniversary): Lawrence McMahon and his wife Patsy, Eshcarcogue
- Peter & Owen McNally, Barnhill.

ST. MARY'S

Saturday 7th December

6.00pm: • (First Anniversary): Paul McGeary, Doohorn, Lisnaskea

- Ignatius Swift, Kilmacrannell and deceased family members
- Edward McManus and son Joe; Mary and John McGoldrick and deceased family members.

Friday 13th December

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

Saturday 14th December

6.00pm: • James Rice, Caroline Burston and Noel Murray, Killyrover

- Pauline and Declan Butler
- Vincent & Anna Clifford, Tattavevagh, Lisnaskea.



The beautiful Advent Tradition, **Bambinelli Sunday**, was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, weekend 21st/22nd December, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to their local Church where they are blessed. Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend. "It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus." (Pope Francis) A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.



Christmas Penitential Service: Sunday 22nd Dec. at 6pm in Holy Cross Church. This has proven most popular in the past few years; all you have to do is turn up. There is no queuing up to speak with a Priest, no one is made feel uncomfortable, you are simply led in a liturgy of reflection between yourself and your God. Many are coming back to the Church through this experience of God's compassion and forgiveness. Invite others to come along and in particular those who may have drifted from the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

4th Fermanagh Scout Group will join us for Mass on Sunday 22nd Dec. at 11am. They will bring with them the Bethlehem Peace Light. We will be remembering the suffering people of the Holy Land at that Mass.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year, set aside by the Church to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent our sins, to forgive & be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme will be "**Pilgrims of Hope**". The Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome. Locally, it will be opened in our Diocese on Sunday 29 Dec., Feast of the Holy Family, Bishop Larry will be Chief Celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. Info on www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025

St Ronan's Primary and Nursery School Open Day

All prospective pupils & parents for admission to Nursery & P1 for Sept. 2025 are invited to visit on Tuesday 10th Dec. P1 can visit from 10-11am or 1:15-2pm. Nursery can visit from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

HELPLINES: Fermanagh Women's Aid: 19 Darling St., Enniskillen BT74 7DP. Email : womensaidfermanagh@btopenworld.com Tel. 028 6632 8898

Need support? Call 116123 to speak to a Samaritan. **Mens's Advice line:** We're here to support men experiencing domestic abuse. Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. 08088010327 email: info@men'sadvice.org.uk.

St. Ronan's PTFA Christmas Jumper Disco - Fri. 13th December, 7-8:30pm. £5 per child. All proceeds are in aid of a new Outdoor Classroom and Play area.

Parish Contributions - 1st December

First Sunday: £1574.14 & €110

Offertory: £615.51 & €40

Many thanks for your continuous generosity.

Hope Healing Growth – Aisling Centre Annual Day of Inspiration takes place on Saturday 11th January. Tickets on sale via Eventbrite bit.ly/HHG25 (free to attend virtually) infor@theaislingcentre.com 028 66 3252811.

You are asked to pray for all our recently deceased. May they Rest in Peace.

This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of Tommy & Kathleen Cassidy, Slushill.