

# PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

**Sunday 15th December 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent**

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**Parish Mass Times - Holy Cross:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am (if there is a funeral - Mass will be at 11am); Tuesday at 7pm

Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 11.30am

*Maguiresbridge:* Friday 7pm; Sunday 10am

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## Anniversary Mass Intentions

### HOLY CROSS

#### Saturday 14th December

**6.00pm Vigil Mass:** •(Month's Mind): Dodie Smith, Carrowshee Park •(Month's Mind): Ethel Osborne • Margaret and John Gilroy, son John and daughter Madge • William Connolly and deceased family members  
• Patrick and Mary Reihill and sons John & Mick, Innishrooske.

#### Sunday 15th December

**11.30am:** • (Month's Mind): John Reihill, Inniscorkish • Frank McElroy and deceased family members.

#### Monday 16th December

**10.00am:** Hugh-James Clifford, Bernard and Sarah McAuley and deceased members of the Clifford and McAuley families.

**Tuesday 17th December - Novena Mass to St. Peregrine for all the sick.**

**7.00pm:** John and Eileen Crawford, 13 Drumhew Park.

#### Wednesday 18th December

**10.00am:** Private Intention.

#### Thursday 19th December

**10.00am:** Private Intention.

#### Friday 20th December

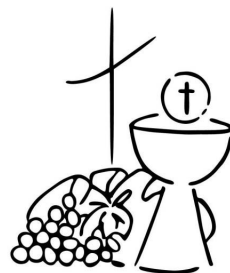
**10.00am:** Paddy Keenan, Hillview.

#### Saturday 21st December

**6.00pm Vigil Mass:** For the people of the parish.

#### Sunday 22nd December

**11.30am:** • (Month's Mind): Paddy Melarkey, Castlebalfour • Mena and Louis Bannon, Tully South.



### ST. MARY'S

#### Sunday 15th December

**10.00am:** • Patrick and Margaret May • Pauline and Declan Butler • Áine McCann, Maguiresbridge.

#### Friday 20th December

**7.00pm:** • (First Anniversary) Stephen Fee; his brother James-Patrick & father James-Joseph & dec. members of the Fee family, Derryheeley.

#### Sunday 22nd December

**10.00am:** • Aiden Cunningham, Drumbaghlin • Annie & Michael Montgomery and deceased family members, Killyrover.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: You are asked to pray for Ignatius(Natius) Swift, Kilmacrannell. May Natius now Rest in Peace.**

**We welcome into the Christian community the following infants who were baptized last weekend in St. Mary's and Holy Cross:** Ada Grace Donnelly, Jayden-James Stephen Gallagher, Erin Rose Keenan, Jacob Dominic Clive Breen, Charlie Keenan, Willow Rennick, Maggie Teresa O'Reilly and Daithí Joseph McBrien.

**Trócaire** would like to sincerely thank the Parishioners of Aghalurcher for the magnificent sum of £840.60 + €70 raised from the recent sale of Christmas gifts.

**Eucharistic Adoration** every Friday evening from 6pm to 7pm in St. Mary's Maguiresbridge. All welcome.

The Christmas **Faith and Friendship** meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7.45pm. All welcome.

**An invitation from our Methodist friends:** All are welcome to 'Pop in for prayer' in the Methodist Church from Monday 16th to Friday 20th between 12 noon and 2.00pm.

**West Clogher P.T.A.A. Annual Dinner Dance** in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown on Sunday 26th January 2020 at 8pm sharp. Music by Sprig of Heather. Tickets £20 - available at the Parish Office.

**Parish Contributions**  
8th December  
£2410.70 and €120.  
Many thanks  
for your generosity.

**Love and Mercy: Faustina** is a new drama film on the Divine Mercy devotion - apparitions and messages of Our Lord to St. Faustina in Poland in the 1930's. Showing in IMC Cinema Enniskillen this Monday 16th Dec. at 6:00pm and 8:30pm. Online or advance booking recommended. Book tickets on [www.imccinemas.ie](http://www.imccinemas.ie)

**St. Mary's P.S Maguiresbridge:** we invite you to come and see our school during a normal day on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, if you are interested in your child joining St. Mary's P.S in September 2020, please Contact Rita (Secretary) 028 677 21413 or John Prunty (the Principal) [jprunty429@c2kni.net](mailto:jprunty429@c2kni.net) to arrange a time to come and visit the school.

**Christmas Carol Service** in St. Ronan's Parish Hall on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm. Donations appreciated on the night towards Fermanagh Youth Theatre. Live band playing on the night. All welcome.

**Lisnaskea Emmetts News:** We are delighted to confirm that Peter Clarke and Michael Flanagan (Omagh St Enda's) were ratified as our Senior Team Management for 2020. The Club will be co-ordinating the Annual Christmas Concern Collection in the town [on Saturday 21st December](http://www.lisnaskeaemmetts.com). If anybody would like to volunteer to collect please contact Collie McCaffrey by text ([078 99640989](tel:07899640989)) or email ([colliemc74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colliemc74@yahoo.co.uk)). The Lotto Jackpot now £6,000.

### Thought For Today

Gerry was an old man who lived near us at home and as he walked the roads he always carried a big bag on his back. Nobody knew what was in the bag and nobody ever asked. One day one of our neighbours offered Gerry a lift in the car and off they went, but he held tightly to the bag and the neighbour suggested that he would leave down the bag and give himself a rest, 'agh sure your good enough it carry me' said Gerry, 'without carrying my bag as well'. We often approach God in the same way, we go to him in prayer, but we don't fully trust him. We don't always place all our worries, all our needs and all our sufferings into his hands. Like Gerry, we continue to keep our burdens on our backs, instead of handing them over to him. Let us today, trust in the Lord and unload all those worries and burdens and find there rest. **Have a good day.**

**Confessions** will be available on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12noon in Holy Cross and on Christmas Eve at 12noon. There will also be a Penitential Service in Roslea on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 5pm and in Clones at 6pm. All Welcome.

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### Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve: Vigil 6pm in Holy Cross.

Christmas Day: 9.30am & 11.30am in Holy Cross.

Christmas Day: 10am in St. Mary's .



## Ministries

**Lay led Church:** As St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 'there are a variety of gifts'. And it is part of the Christian calling to serve. We are all the people of God, and you the laity compress 99% of Church membership. Here in Aghalurcher Parish we are slowly moving towards a more lay led Parish, and I thank all those people who have accepted that invitation to serve within their Parish. There will of course be some resistance to the direction we are going in, but out of Christian respect I ask that you make welcome the many who have volunteered to come on board. We are now in very different times, it's only a short few years since we had 3 active Priests within this Parish. Priests are now graying, there are few in number with little relief in sight, and so change of direction is now necessary, we cannot postpone dealing with this issue. Over the next few months we will be training Parishioners to lead the liturgy in the absence of a Priest, again this will require a change of mindset to accept. We are very lucky in Aghalurcher Parish to have that spirit of volunteerism, please encourage your fellow Parishioners who are serving in your name, and do pray also for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood.

**This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of Pauline and Declan Butler.**