

Eucharistic Minister	Reader
Sun 3 rd Jan 9.00am: Roisin McAlinden	Sun 3 rd Jan 9.00am: Katie Lynch
DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Society's is pleased to announce that its Journal Seanchas Dhoim Mor 2020 is now on sale price £10 or £15 to include p&p Seanchas Dhoim Mor 2020 120pp includes articles on : Dr Patrick Donnelly 1649-1719 Bishop of Dromore and "Bard of Armagh" Thomas B. Keane. The Story of the Sisters of Mercy, Lurgan. Sr. Dr Evelyn Kenny Columbans from the Diocese of Dromore Edward Mulhern, Lord Bishop of Dromore 1916-1943 The Grinan Crosses, Clonlea Graveyard & the Mooney family Elizabeth Hughes The Function of Art: The Great Depression, Papal Encyclicals, and Editorial Cartoons Barry Sheppard Newry streets in the 1911 Census; (an online study in time of Covid) Please contact any of the following to purchase a copy: Martin Goss, Newry 30262849 (answerphone) or goss.ljm@gmail.com Michael Keenan, Burren: 41772543	

CHRISTMAS TIME

The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the



Nativity: "For by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him a God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen."

During the Christmas season there is an extensive exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Hath He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd January 2021
Second Sunday after Christmas

No one has ever seen God;
THE ONLY GOD,
WHO IS AT THE FATHER'S SIDE,
he has made him known.
(JOHN 1:18)

God spoke his Word, the Eternal Son.
John. 1: 1-18



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ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, CABRA

Sat 2 nd Jan 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Edward & Elizabeth Mackin; Jonnie McAlinden, Letallion; Kathleen McGinn, Kilkeel Road; Eddie Gribben, Castlewellaan Road; Sheila Brannigan, Castlewellaan Road
Sun 3 rd Jan 9.00am CABRA:	
Sun 3 rd Jan 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Mick Devlin, Clonduff Road; Lily McAleenan, Cleomac, Yellow Road; Charlie Byrne, Glaskermore
Mon 4 th Jan 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	
Tues 5 th Jan 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tues 5 th Jan 7.00pm	BALLYMAGHERY: Vigil Mass Feast of the Epiphany
Wed 6 th Jan 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Feast of the Epiphany
Thur 7 th Jan 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 8 th Jan 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 8 th Jan 7.00pm CABRA:	Stephen, Catherine & Mary McLeavey & Deceased Family, Stang
Sat 9 th Jan 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Ella Trainor, Carquilian
Sun 10 th Jan 9.00am	Cabra: MM John Doherty, Islandmoyle
Sun 10 th Jan 11.30am BALLYMAGHERY:	Ciaran McAleenan, Yellow Road; Owen & Bridie O'Hare, Ballykeel

We Three Kings of Orient Are O Star of wonder, star of night,

The Christmas carol We Three Kings of Orient Are was written by Reverend John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1857 for a Christmas pageant.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." Matt 2:1-2



Guided by the star, the Magi travelled to the place where Jesus, Joseph and Mary were staying. They presented their new born King with presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The first gift of gold identified Jesus as King, the second gift, frankincense, symbolizes his Priesthood, and the third gift, myrrh, prophesied of his death, as myrrh was commonly used as an embalming spice in that day. The three offices of the Messiah, Prophet, Priest and King, were also represented by the gifts.



PARISH OF CLONDUFF SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
(Sunday Readings Cycle B – Weekday Readings Cycle 1)

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, Castlewellaan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.
Thanks for your support last week £3,727.00

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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 over the Christmas Season. Please continue to adhere to social distancing, sanitising and wearing masks at all times.

Eucharistic Ministers 2 nd – 3 rd January	Eucharistic Ministers 9 th – 10 th January
6pm Gerard O'Hare	6pm: Joseph Farrell
11.30am: Geraldine Smyth	11.30am: Mary McGreevy
Readers 2 nd – 3 rd January	Readers 9 th – 10 th January
6pm: Emma McGreevy	6pm: Nahomi Murray
11.30am: Geraldine Smith	11.30am: Teresa Carr

SVDP ST JOHN'S CONFERENCE, CLONDUFF

The members of SVDP St John's Conference, Clonduff would like to thank all the local businesses and individuals who very generously contributed to our 2020 Christmas Appeal. With your help we have made Christmas 2020 a very memorable one for a lot of grateful families.



Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy New Year

