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SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL: PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD (ST MARK 1:1-18)

Fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament, John the Baptist was the one sent as the messenger of God to announce the coming of the Messiah. We are told in St Mark's Gospel today that John appeared 'in the wilderness' preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

There may be times when we find ourselves in a 'wilderness' in our faith journey and, perhaps, based on what might be going on in our lives, we may feel lost, or even deserted by God. Advent, starting at the beginning of a new liturgical year, is a great opportunity for us to embark on a fresh journey that will get us back on a straight path of true discipleship. To do so, we ask God today for the grace and inner strength to respond positively to the call of John the Baptist to the people for repentance and conversion in heart and mind. We pray that our renewal will draw, not just ourselves, but others, out of the wilderness on to the path that leads to the everlasting Light of Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND:

Vigil, Saturday, 7.30pm – live-streamed from Aghyaran

Sunday Morning, 11.00am – live-streamed from Aghyaran

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Monday, 7.30pm live-streamed from St Patrick's, Castlederg

Morning Mass for the Feast day:

Tuesday, 10.00am live-streamed from St Patrick's, Aghyaran

Thursday, 10.00am live-streamed from Aghyaran - Friday 10.00am livestreamed from Castlederg

Live-streaming: www.parishofaghyaranparish.com or www.castledergparish.com

The Church will be open at the usual times this week, other than when Mass is being celebrated. Please feel free to come and pray or to light a candle. We urge all parishioners, when entering and leaving the church, to use the hand sanitiser provided, and to wear a face covering if possible when in the church.

MASS NEXT WEEKEND – (Saturday 12th December)

(AREA C) Saturday 7.30pm

The Laughts, Garvagh, McNally Park, Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan,
Killeter and Meenamullan

(Please see overleaf for revised Mass Rota)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

I am currently making provisional arrangements for Christmas Masses in the parish, bearing in mind, of course, that things can change very quickly. I plan to have 2 Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and 2 on Christmas morning.

As always, it is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, or anyone with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, do not attend Mass. Also, those attending must wear a face mask when entering and leaving church and while in church. Attendance is restricted to parishioners, which includes the small number from neighbouring parishes who are regulars in our church. Everyone's safety and health is of paramount importance.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to **£553** and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled **£476**. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House

I continue to be available during the next two weeks and, although I am not permitted to make routine house visits, I will be glad to visit the sick in case of emergency. In these circumstances, I will take every precaution to keep you and your family safe.

ADVENT BOOKLET – FOR PERSONAL AND FAMILY PRAYER IN YOUR HOME

As you prepare for Christmas at home, I invite all our parishioners to pick up a free copy of the ADVENT booklet – from the church or from O'Donnell's shop, Killeter. This booklet contains many ideas for personal and family prayer during this holy season of Advent.

TODAY, 6th DECEMBER, IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST NICHOLAS, PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN

*Loving God, we pray through the intercession of St Nicholas
that You will guide and protect our children. Keep them safe from all harm.
Help them grow to become loving disciples of Jesus in Your sight.
Give them strength to always mature into deeper faith I You,
and to keep alive joy in Your creation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
St Nicholas, pray for us.*

We are grateful to the children of St Caireall's PS for helping us all in our Advent journey with their lovely prayers, drawings and thoughts for Advent, which are being posted each day on our parish Facebook Page. In turn, we pray, through the intercession of St Nicholas, that God will bless all the children and keep them safe and free from harm.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER: On this Feast Day (normally a Holy Day of Obligation), we celebrate the Conception of Mary who was, from the first instance of Her existence in the womb of Her mother Anne, by a singular grace, privilege and gift from God, preserved from all stain of original sin. This was to prepare Her to be Mother of Jesus, so that the Son of God would come into the world in an immaculate vessel. Please note (above) the Mass schedule for the Feast Day, which will be livestreamed.

**ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN
WEEKEND MASS ROTA - DECEMBER 2020**

(Saturday Vigil Masses 7.30pm - Sunday Morning Mass 11am)

AREA C The Laughts, Garvagh, McNally Park, Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter & Meenamullan
Saturday 12th December, Saturday 26th December

AREA A The Corgaries, Ardarver, Tullycar Road, Essan, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park,
Ballymongan, Pullytean Road and Shanaghey
Saturday 19th December Sunday 27th December

AREA B Trienamongan Legatonegan, Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey,
Segronan and Edenreagh Area
Sunday 20th December

TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS: Trocaire Gift Cards are now available from Bernie McGuire and because of Covid restrictions they can not be purchased in the church as was normal in previous years. For this reason Bernie can be contacted directly on 8167 0122 for you to make your purchase as usual. Likewise, the Bucket Collection can not be taken up after Masses the first 2 weeks of Advent, so (with Fr. Gilmore's permission) you are asked to put your contribution in an envelope and put through letterbox of parochial house. Please write TROCAIRE on the outside of the envelope.

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB

Club Draw: The lucky winners in this months club members draw were - £250 (No 213), Peter M Laughlin Tullycar, £100 (No 289) John Moss England, £100 (No 102), Caolan, Aoibheann, and Dearbhaile Mc Hugh, £100 (No 199) Ann McNabb Trienamongan, £50 (No 60) Charles Mc Hugh Stoney Heights, £50 (No 200) Dominique Doherty, £50 (No 366) Paddy Mc Sorley. The big Christmas members draw will take place on Saturday 12th December when a total of **£7,000** will be paid out on the night with one lucky winner picking up the top prize to **£3,000**.

Last Person Standing: Congratulations to our club referee Eamon McHugh who was the eventual winner of £1,000.

Vote: Go on to the Team Talk website to vote for Ronan McNamee and Aoibhinn Mc Hugh as 2020 Tyrone All-Stars. 'Tyrone Senior Player of the year'

Sympathy: The committee and members of Aghyaran St Davog's offer their condolences to the Mc Bride/ Devenney and Byrne families on the sudden passing of Joanne Mc Bride (nee Devenney) (RIP) Plumbridge, Mary Queen of the Gael pray for her.