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## **Parish Office-First Sunday of Advent. December. 3rd, 2017.**

### **Parish News / Parish News / Parish News.**

**Due to having only ONE Priest in the Parish for the foreseeable future, please note the following so that the administrative workload can be lessened, to some extent.**

**The Parish will operate on a single diary. Please book occasions as early as possible.**

**The 2018 Diary is now available and open to such bookings.**

**Wednesday morning Masses (unless on the day of a funeral) will take place in St. Joseph's Church, The Rock, Ballyshannon. Prayer services will be held in Bundoran on Wednesday mornings and in St. Joseph's Church on other days.**

**When booking an anniversary Mass, write the intended date of Mass and the name & address of the deceased on an envelope including the mass stipend. Leave in the Rock Sacristy or Parish Office.**

**Funeral Masses should be arranged with the PRIEST to ensure he is available before any other arrangements are made. This is especially so at weekends.**

**Church Envelopes / Donations. From January 2018, ALL contributions to collections will be presumed to facilitate ongoing Church needs and debts. Both Parish Churches are in need of support in the days to come so that their maintenance can be given due attention.**

**The exterior work on Bundoran Church is progressing well and evidence within the walls indicate many decades of significant dampness. **Work will begin on St. Joseph's at the Rock in January.****

**We are presently arranging the Parish Envelope List for 2018. If you have not been using the Parish Envelope System in the past and would like to do so in the future, please leave your name and address in the Sacristy or Parish Office before the end of November so that you can be added to the new listings.**

The recent request to **update information on the cemetery maps** (available on [irishgraveyards.ie](http://irishgraveyards.ie)) only yielded two additional pieces of information so we hope to have the finalised maps in place by mid January.

### **Christmas Time.**

**Christmas Day falls on Monday this year,** thereby causing some extra liturgical pressure on clergy and churches, because all will take place at one weekend. This timing presumes **eight Masses** in our two Churches on the Sat night, Sun morning, Sun evening and Monday morning. We will do our best to provide what is necessary but all will depend on the kindness of visiting clergy. The week beginning December 11th. will include extra Masses in our three care-homes and almost forty First Friday calls.

### **The Advent Wreath - It's Symbolism.**

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning and no end, is used to symbolize the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and eternal life. The wreath is made from various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The four candles, three purple/violet and one rose/pink represent the four weeks of Advent, one is lit on each of the four Sundays. Each candle represents a 1,000 years and added together they symbolize the 4,000 years, from Adam and Eve to the birth of Christ, the years that humanity waited for the Saviour. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the World..

Each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning.

**The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the lighting of the first purple candle, the Prophet's Candle reminding us of the prophecy of the Old Testament that Jesus is coming.**

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**Saturday (Vigil) 7pm.** Margie Meehan (West End), John & Alice Fox (St Bridget's Tce), Mary, Michael & William McSharry (Glenade), John, Susan, Martin, Colin & Seamus Fallon (Sea Rd), Philip, Josephine & Lesley O'Connell, Maeve McNulty (The Ross), Johnny Carty & Dec Mbs Carty Family (Fish Lane), Tom Campbell & Trina Corneen (Church Rd), Willie & Dora Grimes (Glenade).

**Sunday 8.30am.** John, Kathleen & Bridget Travers (Derryherk).

**11am. People of the Parish.**

**Monday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Tuesday 10am.** Kathleen Gilmartin & Dec Mbs (The Ross).

**Wednesday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Thursday 10am.** Barbara Travers (Church Rd).

**Friday 10am. Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

**Saturday 10am.** Private Intention.

**Vigil at 7pm.** Rosaleen Boyle & Deirdre Reynolds (Ardfarna), Jim Daly (Lissadell Ave), John & Bridget McGowan, Maura Spencer (Ardfarna).

**Sunday 8.30am.** Private Intention **11am.** People of the Parish

**Sunday 10am.**

**Ann Fox MM (Garrison),**

**Frank & Agnes O'Neill (East Port),**

**Dec Mbs McGrath Family (Portnason)**

**Dec Mbs Maguire Family (Manger).**

**Monday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Tuesday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Wednesday 10am.** Mass.

**Thursday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Friday 10am. Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

**Saturday 10am.** Prayer Service.

**Sunday Dec 10th. 10am.**

James, Margaret & Dec Mbs Ward family (Tonery)

John Egan (Milltown)

Mary & Tom McInerney (West Port).

### Special Ministers for December

**7pm.** B. McGourty M. Gormley.

**8.30am.** K. Gallagher, M. Fitzgerald.

**11am.** R. Chapman, G. McGloin, M. Smyth, B. Connor.

### December Ministers of the Word

**7pm.** John Campbell.

**8.30am.** Gerry Breslin.

**11am.** Raymond Kerr.

### December Altar Society:

Patricia Brennan, Doris McGurran, Ann Davey, Marian Carmody.

### Weekly Ministers 04/12/2017

**Minister of the Eucharist** Marie Gormley.

**Ozanam House** Marie Gormley.

**Minister of the Word** Breege Lennon.

### Church Collectors for December

**7pm.** Cindy Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Paddy McGrath.

**8.30am.** Patricia Brennan, Maura Walsh.

**11am.** James Keenan, Oliver McSharry, Joe Smyth, Winnie Daly.

### Altar Servers December 9/10th, 2017

**7pm.** Ryan McGloin, Justin Kelly, Lucy Currid,  
Mischa & Maria Keenan.

**11am.** Megan McNamara, Callum Tierney, Siofra McMahon,  
Elishia & Grace Rodgers.

### Important Future Dates for Bundoran.

First Holy Communion Sat May 12th. at 11am.

Confirmation Sunday Bundoran April 29th. at 2pm.

### Liturgy Teams for December

**Minister of the Word.** Seamus O'Neill.

**Special Ministers of the Eucharist.**

Kathleen McDaid, Eileen Finan.

**Church Collectors**

**Front** Eamon Daly.

**Back** Patrick McKenna.

**Altar Society.**

Kathleen McDaid, Eileen Gunn, Bernie Finan.

### Important Future Dates for the Rock.

First Holy Communion Sat April 21st at 11am.

Confirmation Sunday Bundoran April 29th. at 2pm.

**Envelopes for the Annual Collection for the  
Conference of St. Columba (Vincent De Paul)  
are available on the newsletter table  
in the Church.**

**At their recent meeting the Rock Pastoral  
Committee very kindly agreed to put into place  
Church preparations for Christmas.  
The difficulties which have arisen due to the  
ongoing lack of clergy in Clogher parishes was  
discussed and it's reality understood.  
These are signs for the future of Parish life.**

### We remember all those who have died recently.

Fr. Joseph McCluskey PE (Killanny) Noel Rowan (Porthall, Lifford), John Connolly (Ballybofey),  
Eithne Hodgson (Strabane) . Rose Evans (England) sister of Dominic Hoey (Newtown).



### Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances.

**November 25/26th, 2017 Offertory Collection.**

**Total € 1,818.**

**€ 978 from 109 Envelopes returned from 207 allocated.**

**Loose collection € 840.**

**Renovation Fund 2nd Collection € 536.**

**Extra in standing orders €105.**

**On-going Church Loan approx €1.3 million.**

**Monthly Bank repayment €10,692.**

**All donations to this fund are greatly appreciated.**

### St Joseph's Church Finances.

**November 26th, 2017 Offertory Collection.**

**Total € 503.**

**€ 348 from 50 Envelopes returned from 150 allocated.**

**Loose Collection € 155.**

**Development Fund Collection € 335.**

**Dampness Renewal Project will cost approx €38,000.  
All donations to this fund will be greatly welcomed.**