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We wish everyone a very happy and blessed New Year.

The year to come will concentrate on the spiritual wellbeing of all families. Ireland is the destination for families from all over the world coming together for the world meeting of families which will be attended by Pope Francis. In the days to come, every family will be given a family prayer which they are asked to share, perhaps when they gather for their evening meal. At Mass, we intend to use the same prayer after Holy Communion. Copies will be available with parish Envelopes and at Church doors.

The idea has been suggested that one of the weekend Masses in both Churches might be presented (reader and / or offertory procession) by members of one family either weekly or monthly. Any family who would like to take part should contact the Priest or Parish Office.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the preparation of our liturgies and Churches before and during Christmas.

The compliments received were wonderful.

## Sacramental Calls to the Housebound.

The week beginning Dec 11th. was given over to Sacramental Calls to the Sick and Housebound (approximately forty). Four Funeral Masses in our Churches during the past days greatly affected the above calls. Hopefully those throughout the Parish who did not receive a sacramental visit before Christmas will do so in the days after.

Please note that ALL envelope and cash donations within our Church collections in 2018 are presumed to be for the upkeep of our Churches and Parish needs.

Because the number of full-time clergy within our Diocese has recently greatly lessened, it is important for Parishioners to appreciate that the contribution of laity to the life of any Parish is becoming more and more important. If you can help in any manner, please offer to do so. As Bob Dylan once put it "the times they are achanging". The traditional approach of laity and clergy to Parish life will greatly change in the next few years. We need to anticipate that change and approach in the best possible way.

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Saturday (Vigil) 7pm. Ignatious Boyle & Dec Mbs Boyle Family (Finner Ave).

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intentions.

11am. People of the Parish.

Monday 10am. Thomas & Rose Rooney & Dec Mbs Rooney

& Malaniff Families.

Tuesday 10am. Prayer Service. Wednesday 10am. Prayer Service.

Thursday 10am. Lizzie Curran MM (East End).

Friday 10am. Private Intention.

10am. Frank, May & Seamus Moran (West End). Saturday

> Dec Mbs. Duffy & McKenna Families, Vigil 7pm

> > Philip Connolly (Sheil Ave).

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intentions.

11am. People of the Parish.

Sunday 10am. Mary K. Doherty (West Port), Terry Doherty (West Port).

Bernard, Eileen & Anne Sweeny (East Port). Chris McCabe (Lisahully).

Monday Mass 10am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 10am. Prayer Service.

Wed Mass 10am. Private Intentions.

Thursday 10am. Prayer Service. Friday 10am. Praver Service 10am. Prayer Service. Saturday

Sunday Jan. 7th. 10am.

Josie White (Dunmuckrum) Gretta Freeburn MM (Belleek). James, Frank & Dec Mbs Gallagher family

(Higginstown).

**Special Ministers for January** 

7pm. .M. Go5rmley, N. Carr, M. Stuttard. 8.30am. .D. Campbell, P. Donoghue.

11am. .G .McGloin, M. Smyth, B. Ward.

January Ministers of the Word

7pm. 8.30am. 11am.

**January Altar Society:** 

.Angela Gaye / Kathleen Cunningham.

Weekly Ministers 01/01/2018

Minister of the Eucharist Margaret Carty. Ozanam House Fr Munster. Minister of the Word Margaret Carty.

Church Collectors for January.

C. O'Beirne, K. McGrath, Gerry Fox.

8.30am. .P. Brennan, M. Mulreany.

**11am.** .P. Davey, D. Breslin, J. Smyth, M. Carty.

Altar Servers January 6/7th 2018
Sat. 7pm. Orlaith & Sean O'Neill, Conall Gavigan,

Katie & Johnny Carty.

Sun. 11am. Christopher Connolly, Niamh O'Donnell, Rebecca Corr Kane, Ryan Sharpe.

Parish Social Supper in aid of Parish Funds in Holyrood Hotel on Thursday Feb 8th. 7.30pm - 11pm.

Adm €10. All welcome.

**Liturgy Teams for January** 

Minister of the Word. .

Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

Church Collectors

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Altar Society.

**Important Future Dates for the Rock.** 

First Holy Communion Sat April 21st at 11am. Confirmation Sunday Bundoran April 29th. at 2pm.

Many thanks to Fr. Dermot Burke for his help during the past weeks. Fr. Burke is kindly helping in a number of surrounding Parishes where Priests are either unwell or vacancies exist.

We thank all who helped in any way with the Christmas ceremonies.

A statue of Padre Pio has been donated to St. Joseph's Church by the Smollen family. It will be placed near the shrine also donated by them, when the Christmas Crib is removed.

We remember all those who have died recently. Breege Lennon (Ardfarna). Very Rev. Tom Finnegan P.P. Magheracloone, Co. Monaghan. (Funeral Mass on Tuesday). May they rest in peace.

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances. December 23/24 Offertory Collection. Env. €985 baskets €450 Total € €1435. Christmas Eve / Day. **Env €2002.** Baskets €1828. Total €3830.

Thanks to those who have made separate donations to Church Funds.

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. December 24th, 2017 Off. Collection. €966 Dev. Fund €468. Total €1434.

Christmas Day Env. €445 Baskets €441. Total €886. Thanks to those who have made separate donations to Church Funds.

Please leave a note in the sacristy if you would like to receive a set of Parish Envelopes to support the work of the Rock. Envelopes are presently being delivered to those using them in the past three years.