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Parish Office - Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2024.

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### Lighting the Candle of Peace

Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. This candle represents peace. It is also called the "Bethlehem Candle,"—reminding us of the journey taken from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of Christ and the peace to come.

We light it recalling the importance of the upcoming journey which we need to undertake towards the birth of Christ. The readings today enjoy this same thing and so you are invited that we pray and meditate with them. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, families, our church and in the world.

First Reading – Baruch 5:1-9: Jerusalem, take off your mourning and wear God's eternal glory.

God will reveal your splendour to the world, gather your children, and lead Israel with joy, mercy, and justice.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 126: When the Lord restored Zion, we were overjoyed. Nations acknowledged God's great deeds for us. We pray for renewed fortunes and rejoice, knowing that sorrow will turn to joy.

Second Reading – <u>Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11</u>: I joyfully pray for you, confident that God will complete His work in you. I pray your love grows

in knowledge, so you can discern what is best and be righteous in Christ.

Gospel – <u>Luke 3:1-6</u>: During Tiberius Caesar's reign, God's word came to John in the desert.

He preached repentance and forgiveness, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy to prepare the way for the Lord and reveal God's salvation.



#### Magh Éne Parish Christmas Carol Service

**2024:** Sunday December 15th at 5.00 pm in Church of Our Lady. All welcome.



# 'A Christmas flower demonstration in

Derrygonnelly Community Centre Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8.00pm. Adm: £15'



## Christmas Coffee Morning in

aid of GRASP in the Tir Hugh Resource Centre, Ballyshannon Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-1.30 pm. GRASP (Greater

Responsibility and Awareness in Suicide Prevention) provide a Free Confidential Counselling Service in Tir Hugh [by Appointment] and a 24X7 Crisis Intervention Helpline. Contact: 0874188053



#### Parish Contributions:

Magh Ene Parish Finance Committee has updated the parish envelopes for 2025, which will be available over the coming weeks. A sincere thank you to those who support the parish by way of the envelope system; also, thanks to others who contribute by Standing order, by cheque, or on an annual contribution basis. The new envelopes cover the Parish of Magh Ene – St. Joseph's The Rock and Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea - which allows for alignment, and a more streamlined counting process, as well as less duplication in the annual parish accounts. There are a number of envelopes for one-off or special collections, which are usually taken up on holy days of obligation. These go towards the various diocesan collections which every parish has to contribute to. Also, on two Sundays each month, there is an envelope for the Parish Development Fund, which allows us to meet the ongoing demands of parish maintenance and expenses. If you do not normally receive parish envelopes and would like to, please contact the parish office on 071 9841290 or by email bundoran@clogherparishes.ie Likewise, if you are a taxpayer, would you consider joining our Charitable Donations Scheme? This incurs no cost to you and is greatly beneficial to the parish. Further details available from the parish office. We thank you sincerely for your ongoing support and kindness and wish you all the blessings of Christmas and the New Year.

#### St. Joseph's Church, The Rock:

Sunday—December 8th at 10am:
Tom & Mary McInerney (West Port).
James, Margaret & Dec Mbs Ward Family (Tonery)
Raymond McNally (Bundoran).
Pat Mulhern (Cornaglagh).

Sunday—December 15th at 10am:
Dr. John Quinn (Portnason).
Johnny & Dec Mbs Loughlin Family (Rathmore).
Michael & Josephine Loughlin (Dunmuckrim).
Dec Mbs McGrath Family (Portnason).

Marie, Patrick, Joe White (Dunmuckrim) and Patricia Gavigan (nee White) (Virgina).

#### Confessions in Bundoran Church:

Every Saturday 5-6pm.

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

Saturday - December 7th Mass at 7pm
John & Bridget McGowan & Maura Spencer
(Ardfarna & England).

Rosaleen Boyle & Deirdre Reynolds (Ardfarna).

Mary Gallagher (Single Street).

Sunday- December 8th Mass at 8.30am: John, Kathleen & Bridget Travers (Derryherk).

<u>Sunday- December 8th</u> <u>Mass at 11am:</u> People of the Parish.

 $\frac{\text{Monday } - \text{at } 10 \text{am.}}{\text{The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed}}$  Virgin Mary.

Tuesday – at 10am.

Annie, Patrick & Dec Mbs Brennan & Wallace Families (Ardfarna).

Wednesday – at 10am.

Prayer Service.

<u>Thursday – at 10am.</u> Sr. Pierre Crowley (St Louie Convent).

Friday - at 10am.

Terence Lynch (Rathfarnham).

Saturday - December 14th Mass at 10am
Private Intentions.

Dr Raymond Kerr (Church Road).

Mary Faulkner (The Fox's Lair).

Tom Prendergast (Sheil Ave).

Tom & Sharon Devine (Dublin).

Sunday- December 15th Mass at 8.30am:

Private Intentions.

<u>Sunday- December 15th</u> <u>Mass at 11am:</u> People of the Parish.



May all who died recently Rest in Peace.



Kathleen Carty (Finner Ave).