

Naomh Fionán An Fál Carrach nuachtlitir



2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 3RD JANUARY 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Mass from the Church is available live on:
<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>
 & Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA OUR PARISH RADIO OR ONLINE

Sat 2nd	7:00pm	James Griffin	Anniversary
Sun 3rd	11:00 am	Hughie Mc Clafferty	1st Anniversary
Mon 4th	No Mass		
Tues 5th	7:00 pm	Mickey Rua Coll	Month's Mind
Wed 6th	11:00 am	Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany	
Thur 7th	10:00 am	Special Intention	
Fri 8th	7:00 pm	Mary Russell & deceased Doherty family members.....	Anniversaries
Sat 9th	7:00 pm	Mary & John Ferry	Anniversary
Sun 10th	11:00 am	Frances Fitzgerald	Anniversary

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: The Day Chapel in the church is open each day for private prayer
 from 1:30 pm – 7:00 pm and from 10:30 am – 7:00 pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

CONFESSIONS: Available by request only

Prayer for the Year Ahead

Father,

Thank you for a new year for your great love and blessing in our lives. Thank you that your favour has no end and is with us always.

Forgive us for forgetting at times that you are intimately involved in our lives, that you know everything about us, that you know our desires and know what concerns us and that you want nothing but good for us. Help us to begin anew with a clean slate and help us to forgive ourselves and one another as you are always ready to forgive us.

In the year ahead, we ask that you grant us the strength and grace to walk with you this day and every day. That your face would shine on us. That you would grant us your favour and that you will protect us from all harm.

In this new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Give us a heart to know of your presence with us, wisdom to hear your voice and courage to follow you always. We make this prayer through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOTICES / FOGRAÍ

THANKYOU

This new year of 2021 has begun, a year we hope and pray and with the help of God, will be a better year for each one of us. 2020 was a year that no one could have expected or dreamt of and none of us will forget, a year that to varying degrees was difficult for everyone the world over including ourselves here in Falcarragh parish. As the year begins, we pray that over the course of the year ahead, things will become much better for us, that the pandemic will, at least, begin to be defeated and that we will return to some normality once again.

But while '20 was a difficult year, there is much too to be thankful for too, Thankful for the different people around us who helped us through - neighbours, friends and family; thankful for our key workers in our community and elsewhere; thankful the small things that may have happened which helped give us a boost and lifted our spirits and thankful to God for his presence with us each day, lifting us and our spirits with the reassurance we receive in our faith and for the comfort, consolation, support and encouragement and everything we get from God in it.

Here in our parish too there is much to be thankful for. In this first newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all, who in any way, were involved in the parish over the past year and all who helped in any way over Christmas. The Christmas celebrations in our church were different this year, they were limited, restricted, and we were not able to gather together as we normally would have in past years in the church. But still, we celebrated it and there were many who added to our celebration over the few days and weeks who made it special for us. I would like to thank all who were involved and took part in the Nativity and Carol Service which was recorded and is available to view on our Facebook page - to Agnes Farrell and all the staff who work in the school in the senior infant's class and in particular to the children themselves of the infant class for the wonderful and special way in which they retold the Christmas story. To all the Confirmation class children who did the reflection and prayers, and to Carmel Boyle and Maggie McLean for their introductory words. To Stephen McPhilemy for recording and editing the video and to our church choir who provided the music. It was great to see and hear the choir once again and please god they will all be able to back with us again soon to enrich all our parish liturgies.

Thanks to all who did great work preparing the Church for Christmas again this year - those who were involved in setting up the Crib, the Christmas tree, lights, flowers, decorations and tidying up, etc. To McClafferty's of Gortahork for donating the Christmas tree in the church this year. Thanks too to Seamus Dooan for his work with the lights. Thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist and Word. To Pierce Butler and Patricia McGroddy for all their work for Christmas, and throughout the year, looking after the altar and sacristy, making sure everything is kept right and is ready and looking well for each celebration. To Kevin Barrett and all the CE workers who are always available and willing to do anything required to keep the place looking well around the church grounds and inside the Church and Aras Begley over Christmas and the year. To Nora Sweeney in the parish office for all her work and dedication to the parish each week keeping things right and for making sure everything was organised well for the celebration of Christmas. To the church stewards and all who cleaned the church between the Masses, well done and thanks from all of us for helping us to gather in our church as safely as possible during this pandemic when we are permitted. Thanks as well to all who were involved in sanitising the church over the year as well, to the Covid Committee for their guidance, advice and work and to our Maintenance Committee for their hard work in having to reorganise the seating in the day chapel and the marking off the seats in the church, etc, over the year and for all the other work they do. Thanks as well to all who delivered the church envelopes around the parish over the past couple of weeks too. Finally, to all who helped out and worked in the Church, or in the parish in general, in any way over Christmas or throughout 2020, to each and every one of you - and I hope I have not left anyone out, sincerely accept my apologies if I have - I would like to offer a huge thank you for all your dedication and good work in our parish. On a personal note, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for all the cards, generosity, and good wishes I have received during the Christmas period and particular for the support and prayers I received during 2020. I deeply appreciate all I have received from you and am humbled by it all.

I would like to wish you all and to wish everyone in the parish, a happy,

peaceful and prosperous and safe year ahead. I pray it will be a good one, a better one for all of us, a year to bring us all many blessings.

Fr. James.

LEVEL 5 COVID-19 REGULATIONS IN OUR CHURCH

As a result of the reintroduction of the Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions, the Day Chapel in Naomh Fionán will be open for private prayer from 1:30 pm - 7:00 pm each day and all Masses are once again without congregations. You can join us for each Mass during this time by tuning into our parish radio on 106.5 FM or by going online at: <https://mcmmedia.tv/cameral/falcarragh-parish-church>. Funerals are limited also to 10 persons only.

Points to remember when visiting the Church for private prayer

Always Maintain - 2m (6/7 feet) distance from others outside or your household, while you are in your seats and as you come and go from the church building and grounds.

Always Sanitise - Your hands - on entry and exit from the church building & before and after lighting candles. (Use wipes provided and ensure your hands are dry from the sanitiser before lighting candles)

Always Wear Mask - When in the church for private prayer.

It is VERY IMPORTANT to also remember: Remain safe at home:

- If your health is vulnerable or you feel unsure about coming out
- If you have Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who has
- If you are awaiting results of a Covid-19 test
- If you have a flu or cold like symptoms

By each of us doing our bit, we can help reduce the numbers of Covid-19 and return to a level which would enable us to re-open our church again for public Mass.

COMMUNION TO SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you would like to bring communion to someone who is currently housebound, isolating, or ill, please contact Fr. James. Only family members who are living in the same house, or a person who is currently a carer and presently in constant contact with the person(s) may bring communion to those who are looking for it. A person designated to bring communion may only bring it to one household, i.e., not to two or more people in different households.

PARISH ENVELOPES

If you are a new family in the parish or a family who did not receive church envelopes for this year, 2021 and wish to; please drop your name and address into the parochial house during the coming days.

GRAVEYARD MAINTENANCE

It is important that we keep this place of rest neat and tidy. Please keep dogs on a leash and do not allow them to foul the graveyard. Should they do so, please clean up after them. Thank you for your co-operation.

50/50

Congratulations to Séan Bourke, Ballina, Co Mayo who won the 50/50 prize this week, €1015. Congratulations also to Martin Mc Elhinney, Old Town who won the 50/50 prize the week before, €1156. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

THE SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

Local contact number: 087 1443464

SUPPORT LINES FOR OLDER PEOPLE DURING COVID-19

ALONE Open every day: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.
SeniorLine: Open every day from 10am-10pm. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

Parish Newsletters is available online on our Facebook site: @falcarraghparish & at: <http://www.parishpress.net>.

Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Hugo Roarty, Baltoney, Gortahork, who died last Wednesday.
(Brother of Nora Sweeney & Gertie Cannon, Ballina)

Hughie McClafferty, Rocktown, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place today @ 11:00 am

Mickey Rua Coll, Ballina, whose Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 5th Jan. @ 7:00 pm.

Anniversaries:

James Griffin, Mary Russell & deceased members of the Doherty Family.

May They Rest In Peace