

Paróiste Naomh Fionán

8Ú NOLLAIG 2024 - AN DARA DOMHNACH DEN AIDBHINT - BLIAIN C

Reflection

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need.

And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

Triona Doherty



Cuimhneachán Báis:

Gracie McFadden, Moyra, whose funeral took place here on Sunday last.

Peter Doohan, Wales and Drumminney who died recently.

Kath Johnson who died in England recently. (Sister of John and Adele McGeady, Erraooey).

Anniversaries:

Conal McFadden, Clonbara. Hannah and Anthony McFadden, Newtown. Michael Coll, Ballina. Mary Curran, Ballina. Danny McFadden, Balliness. Joseph O'Brien, Meenacladdy. Anne Connaghan Ryan, Dublin and Ballyconnell. Evelyn Barrett, Balliness. Fred Nelson, Ballina. Anne McClafferty, Lower Dunmore. Jimmy McGee, Ballina. John Bridie Gallagher, Carrowcannon. John Maguire, Dunmore. John and Anna Doherty, Derryreel.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 7th	7: 00 pm	Conal McFadden Hannah and Anthony McFadden	Anniversary Anniversaries
Sunday 8th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
Feast of the Immaculate Conception			
Monday 9th	10: 00 am	Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Mary Curran	1st Anniversary
Tuesday 10th	7: 00 pm	Danny McFadden	Anniversary
Wednesday 11th	9: 30 am	Joseph O'Brien	Anniversary
Thursday 12th	9: 30 am	Anne Connaghan Ryan	1st Anniversary
Friday 13th	7: 00 pm	Evelyn Barrett	1st Anniversary
Saturday 14th	11: 00 am	Mass in Latin	
	7: 00 pm	Fred Nelson, Anne McClafferty, Jimmy McGee, John Bridie Gallagher and John Maguire. Anniversaries	
Sunday 15th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	11: 00 am	John and Anna Doherty	Anniversaries

Confessions

6:15pm—6:45pm

Saturdays

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday:

Holy Hour: 9- 10 pm

Thursday: 10: 00 am – 9: 00 pm.

Thursday adoration includes the Divine Mercy @ 5: 30 pm and concludes with Rosary @ 8: 30 pm

All Masses are available live

on:

www.naomhfionan.com

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Rinne Dia éachtaí móra dúinn, agus bhí muid go lúcháireach.

Child Safeguarding Notice

To report a suspicion, concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact Margaret Northage, the Designated Liaison Person for the diocese, on 086 2183 011.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

Tusla (Child & Family Agency) - Tel: 074 9102233

Gardai National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01 6663430/6663435

In an emergency, please contact Letterkenny Garda Station –

Tel: 074 9167100.

Free Counselling & Support is available through Towards Healing, an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

Freephone - Rol: 1800 303416

Freephone - N.Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315

Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

Ways to donate to parish funds

You can now make a donation to the Parish online by scanning the QR codes on the front of this newsletter, with your mobile phone camera. One QR code is for the Sunday Collection and one QR code is for the Graveyard Collection. You can also make donations by going to the parish website and clicking on the DONATE button. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Church Envelopes

We will be preparing the Church Envelopes for 2025 in the coming weeks. If you don't already have a box, or are new to the parish, please ask for one.

If you do already have a box and you do not use it but do contribute to the weekly church collection, we would implore you to use your envelope as we may be able to make a claim under the Charities Act Scheme.

In these financially challenging times your support is urgently needed. Contact the Parish Office on 074 9135196 or fionannnewsletter@gmail.com

Distribution of Parish Envelopes

The envelopes can be collected in the Parochial House from Thursday onwards. We would appreciate if the usual people would distribute them. Thank you for your help in the past.

Signed Christmas Mass Cards

If you wish to send a Mass card to someone for Christmas, signed Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parochial House.

Christmas Carol Service

Rev. David Skuce invites us to a Christmas Carol Service in St. Anne's, Killult, at 6pm on Sunday 15th December. All welcome!!

Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday):

During Advent every year, a beautiful tradition called 'Bambinelli Sunday' takes place in Rome. Many homes have cribs as part of our Christmas decorations to remind us of the central meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. If you would like to have the Baby Jesus figure from your crib blessed for Christmas this year, you are invited to bring it to Mass next Sunday and have it blessed at any of the Sunday Masses, 3rd Sunday of Advent, 14th & 15th December.

Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Blessed Miraculous Medals will be available in the 4 porches of the church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. Our Lady promised protection and great graces to those who wear the medal around the neck.

S.V.P. Annual Appeal

S.V.P. Annual Appeal takes place next weekend Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. Special envelopes will be available this weekend in each of the 4 church porches. They will then be collected next weekend in special boxes in each of the 4 porches. Thank you for your support at this time and always. New members are always welcome.

Naomh Fionán S.V.P.

It's that time of year again when families may need some help with electricity, coal or food. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, S.V.P. will be able to help. Please contact us at 087 1443464 if you are in need. We are here for you.

Service of Remembrance 2024

Our annual Service of Remembrance for bereaved parents and their families will be held on Sunday, 8th December at 8pm in Teach Pobail Chríost Rí, Gortahork. All are welcome to this candlelit ceremony in memory of our departed sons and daughters. For more information, please contact Sadie-Marie at 0876625280, Olive at 0749135305 or Baba at 0867979336.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

3rd September 2025 for 7 nights with Spiritual Director, Afternoon Flight. Cost €929 per person. EARLY BOOKING OFFER €100 off if paid in full by the 15th December 2024. For further information and to book please contact. Mairead 087-7698195 or Kathleen 086-3721962.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - QUB Alumni and Friends

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for alumni and friends. Departing 25 August 2025 for 7 nights, staying in excellent hotels in Rome and Assisi, this promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. For more information please email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Padre Pio Pilgrimage

From the 27th of May until the 4th of June 2025 taking in San Giovanni Rotondo and Alba Adriatica. For further details contact Nuala on 087 2850862.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

This year, in the parish of Raphoe, we are having our day of remembrance on Sunday 8 December in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe at the 11am Mass. We will acknowledge the pain and the loss each victim is to their families. We will pray that all will be with God. And we will pray for healing for those who have been injured. After the Mass we will have a cup of tea and a time for a chat. Each person who has died on our roads will be remembered but if you would like a name of a loved one who has died as a result of the RTA called out, please email the name to eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or you can post a name to Fr Eamonn Kelly, Convoy, Co Donegal F93HX2R or text to 0879077985. It would be appreciated if we could have all names before Wednesday 4 December.

Veritas Closing Down Sale

Veritas Store in Letterkenny is closing down permanently on Friday 13th December 2024. They are having a Closing Down Sale with many offers. The Letterkenny store is located at 12 - 14 Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, F92 HR9W, opening hours Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Cumann Cairdeas

Trip to Derry is fully booked. Bus leaves Pobail Le Chéile at 10am on Tuesday 3rd December. Eolas Rosemary at Pobail Le Chéile 0749180111/086 455 7519

Cloughaneely Food Bank

Christmas Fair in Aras Begley Hall, Falcarragh. Saturday 14th December, 2024 from 11:00 am—4:00 pm. Visit from Santa at 3:00 pm

Cloughaneely Junior Band

There was no Jackpot winner. Winning numbers 5-8-9-10-11-12. 3 match 5 winners: Shane McGee, Brid Barrett and Maire Gallagher €35 each. Next week's Jackpot €8,850. Play lotto online: <https://www.klubfunder.com/> Clubs Cloughaneely_Junior_Band/ Please note that the cut off time for purchasing online lotto tickets is 4pm on Thursdays. Any lotto tickets purchased online after this cut off time will be entered into the next draw.

50/50 Ionad Naomh Fionnan

Congratulations to Owenie McGee, Ray who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1010. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Santa will be paying a visit to the hall on Sunday 8th December from 2-5pm. Looking forward to seeing all the children!

We are taking names for our Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Sunday 15th December. To book a place contact us on 0749165750 or email ionadnf@gmail.com

Dates for Diary 2025

First Holy Communion:	Saturday 1st March @ 12:00 noon
Confirmation:	Sunday 2nd March @ 11:00 am
Graveyard Sunday:	Sunday 3rd August @ 1:00 pm



St. Vincent de Paul: Local number: 087 1443464

Cloughaneely Food Bank: 083 348 9749

MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650