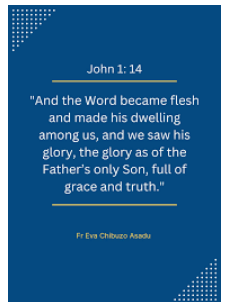


PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

4Ú ÉANAIR 2026 - AN DARA DOMHNACH TAR ÉIS NA NOLLAG - BLIAIN A

Reflection

Christmas is coming to an end and before we finally end this season, we are invited once again to meditate on the true meaning of Christmas. One of the most meaningful phrases of the whole Christmas story came from the pen of St. Luke speaking about Mary: 'Mary pondered all these things in her heart'. Many of you have experienced peace and happiness when you kneel and just contemplate in silence the crib. How many of us can say that we have reflected on the true meaning of Christmas, or have we just drifted through it. This coming week we will contemplate the three wise men, they set out on a long journey there was darkness and many difficulties, but the star showed them the way. Finally, they came to Bethlehem and found the child Jesus and they knelt and adored him. Like the wise men we too are searchers. As we begin a new year, let us ask for the grace, to be like the Kings, to believe and hope in moments of difficulty and darkness; to find that star, no longer a star in the sky, but the kind light of Jesus in each one of our hearts. Today's readings invite us once again to meditate on the true meaning of Christmas. Good news is always a welcome commodity, especially when many of us are feeling vulnerable, anxious, and broken. The good news of today's gospel is the good news of the Christmas morning. 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us.' It's the most powerful verse in Scripture, and the Church never tires of singing the glory of this message. This message has grasped and inspired martyrs and missionaries, poets and prophets, saints, and sinners for the past two millennia. May it continue to inspire and invite people to call forth the best in themselves and others. In the moments of life when we need care, God is near in Jesus the light of the world. In the moments of life when others need a little bit of hope and encouragement, we are invited to feed them with the word of God, with Jesus who came among his own, the Word made flesh and dwelt among us.



Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Barney McFadden, Derryreel, whose funeral took place in Dunfanaghy recently.

Anniversaries:

John O'Brien, Ballina. John, Nellie and Stephen McElhinney, Church Road.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd	11: 00 am	Latin Mass	
	7: 00 pm	John O'Brien	Anniversary
Sunday 4th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	John, Nellie and Stephen McElhinney	Anniversaries
Monday 5th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
		Epiphany of The Lord	
Tuesday 6th	10: 00 am	Private Intention	
	7: 00 pm	Private Intention	
Wednesday 7th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 8th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Friday 9th	7: 00 pm	Private Intention	
Saturday 10th	11: 00 am	Latin Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Mary, Johnny and Jimmy Ferry	Anniversaries
		John Sweeney	Anniversary
Sunday 11th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Mass	

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
& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

Please scan the QR code below to donate to either Falcarragh Church or Graveyard Collection

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Freagra an tSailm:

Rinneadh feoil den Bhriathar agus chónaigh sé inár measc.

HOW TO REPORT CLERICAL ABUSE

If you have a concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact:

Designated Liaison Person, Margaret Northage on: 086 2183 011 or by email: safeguarding@raphoediocese.ie.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

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

Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01

6663430/6663435 or email: GNPSB_SCMU@garda.ie.

Free Counselling & Support is available through Towards Healing:

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.

Thank You

With this first parish Newsletter of the new year of 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who in any way was involved in the parish over the past year, and all who helped in any way over the Christmas period.

Thanks to everybody who did great work preparing the Church for Christmas: 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 once again; to the various committees for their work in ensuring the effective functioning of the parish.

Thanks to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Ministers of the Word as well as the collectors and counters, to Patricia McGroddy for all her work over 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 Kevin Sharkey and all the CE workers, particularly Denis, Mickey and Danny, 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 throughout the year, to Fred Sharkey for his dedication and work around and in the church and graveyard and for opening and closing the building, to Frank McNeill, our I.T. expert, for all his help throughout the year, to our choir who added so much to the celebration of the Christmas Masses. Thanks to Bernie, all the different musicians, and all in the choir for your dedication, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Nora Sweeney in the parish office for all her work throughout the year, organising and coordinating so many different things and making sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently each week. Thanks as well to all who delivered the church envelopes around the parish over the past couple of weeks.

I would also like to express my gratitude to everyone who continued to supported the parish financially during increasingly difficult times. Your ongoing support of the parish helps us to keep things running as best we can and pay all our bills.

Finally, to all who helped out and worked in the church, or in the parish in general, in any way over the past year, I would like to offer a huge thank you for your dedication and all you do in our parish. I hope I have not left anyone or any group out, accept my sincere apologies if I have. On a personal note, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for all the Masses, cards, generosity, and good wishes I received during the Christmas period and in particular for the support and prayers I received throughout the past year. I deeply appreciate all I have received from you.

I would like to wish you all and everyone in the parish, a happy, peaceful, prosperous and safe year ahead. I pray it will be a good one, a better one for each of us, a year to bring us many blessings.

God Bless! *Fr. John.*

Food Bank Appeal

The Food Bank is very low on supplies at the moment so any non perishable goods are urgently required. Food bins have been left in the 4 porches for any goods donated.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Easter 2026

March 31st x 7 nights. ex Dublin. with Spiritual Director.

More info from Bernie McBride 087 935 3953

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola

The numbers drawn were 15,7,11,16,10,8,5! We had 1 match 5 winner.

Congratulations to Ruán Ó Baoill who wins €100!!!

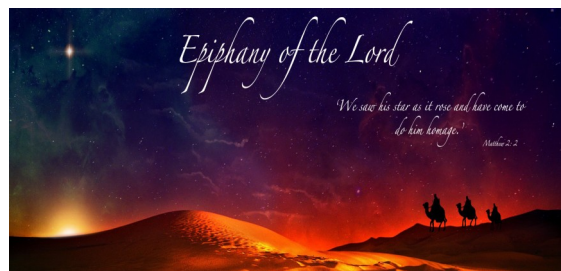
The jackpot is now €4,200. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link <https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/>

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Sally Curran who won our last prize of the year in our 50/50 Draw. And to all our winners in 2025. Thank you for your support. Tickets are available in all local businesses, online and at the Hut each Friday. Congratulations to our Hamper winners, Bridie Greene and Hollie, Leah, Chloe and Liam. Well done to all those who attended the St Stephen's Day 5k walk/run.

Classes will resume on the week of 5th January. Pilates on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th January. Please contact Victoria on 087 3297169 to book your place on either class. We have some exciting news coming in January! Stay tuned to our social media for updates.

To those who attended and facilitated classes over the year, to all those who volunteered and offered help during the year for functions and events at Ionad Naomh Fionnán, we are extremely grateful. Go raibh mile maith agaibh to our supportive community who have attended classes and workshops and events throughout 2025. To Donegal ETB and DLDC who supported and guided us, and enabled us to provide community based learning throughout 2025. We are delighted to offer a welcoming space for learning and developing skills and bringing our community together. A special thanks to our Board of Directors for their ongoing support, guidance and dedication to Ionad Naomh Fionnán. We wish all our community members, volunteers and partners a healthy, happy and successful year ahead. Please contact us if you can facilitate a class at Ionad Naomh Fionnán in 2026, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us by email at ionadnf@gmail.com or by calling the office on 074-9165750. Blain Úr mhaith daoibh uilig.



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Cloughaneely Food Bank: 083 348 9749

MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650