



THE LIVE CRIB—ST MARY'S

Visit the **Live Christmas Crib at St Mary's Grotto, opening Thursday, 13 December 2018 until Sunday, 6 January 2019.**

Come along and meet Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and the Three wise men. *This year animals are kindly provided by the Irish Donkey association and there will be a baby donkey in the crib this year.* Carol singers daily at 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

Proceeds to the Mill Hill Missionaries working in Sudan.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

**BALLYHACKAMORE
9TH DECEMBER 2018**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Office open this week: Monday —Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle C Pages 37, 452, 490 2nd Week of Advent. Psalter Week 2
Entrance Antiphon	O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
Psalm	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, Make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 6.30pm: Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am.

Weekday Mass Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 8th December:
6.30pm: Kay O'Neill, Tommy O'Neill, Elizabeth Rice

Sunday 9th December
11.30am: Hugh Close (Snr), Hugh Patrick Close (Jnr) and Paul Close

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

Chapel of Adoration: Monday 2.00pm— 9.00pm
Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm



Aquinas
Diocesan Grammar School
Annual Christmas Carol Service
 in
Church of the Good Shepherd
 on
Tuesday 18th December 2018
@7.00pm
All welcome



ST DOMINIC'S OPEN DAY

Saturday 12th January
2019
9.30am- 1.00 pm

Principal's Address:
 9.30am and 11.00am

Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome.



'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.'
Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LISBON

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon ex Dublin (last remaining seats) for **Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June 2019.** Full Board €675 pps Single supplement €32.
Contact James Treacy: 06 1921 470.

PARISH OFFICE: Items for the Parish Bulletin should be submitted no later than **Wednesday at 12 noon.** *Thank you, Geraldine.*

DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially: Hugh Close (Snr), Hugh Patrick Close (Jnr), Paul Close, Bernadette Kane and Elizabeth Rice.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - Tel: 074 5698 9458

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Mary the mother of Jesus, the most important woman who has ever lived, was Mary of Nazareth. What part did she play in our salvation? How is she a model for us and most importantly why do we need Mary today?

The DVD series 'Let It Be', filmed in various locations, explores Mary and asks vital questions. It will be presented in the **Iona room on Friday mornings** in Advent, starting at **10.00am** with refreshments. **All are welcome.**



ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Get into the **Christmas spirit next Sunday 16th December 2018** from **5.00pm to 6.00pm** in the Church. Please come and support **St Joseph's PS choir & the Parish Choir with Marion Jordan** an award winning classically trained mezzo-soprano.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Iona Room.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

All children are invited to come to the **Christmas Eve 7.00pm Mass, dressed as Angels or Shepherds** and join in the unfolding Nativity story in the Sanctuary.

Children who would be willing to be some of the central characters, should **remain behind in the Church after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday 16th**, with the Children's Liturgy leaders, to sort out roles.



MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collection.



TAP CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Give a really worthwhile Christmas present this year - a **Christmas Gift Card** to support our twinned parish of Moita Bwawani in our Tanzanian Africa Project. Choose from 3 life-changing themes. Buy a year's **School Uniform** for a Masaai Child for £10. **Sponsor a Catechist** to spread the Word of God, also for £10. Give pre-natal and ante-natal care to Masaai mothers-to-be with our **Mobile Medical Clinic Appeal** for £20. **Cards on sale in the church porch this weekend and each weekend up to Christmas.**

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL SCHOLA CANTORUM



St Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum would like to extend an invitation to attend Carols by Candlelight **this Sunday 9th of December at 4.30pm** in **St Peter's Cathedral.**

The service is set in the very beautiful, candlelit St Peter's, and features carols and readings that reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

We are joined this year by special guests, the Winchester College Quiristers, and the evening is sure to be a very special treat for fans of Choral music.

Entry is free with a collection in aid of the continued work of Schola and there will be festive refreshments served in the parish hall after the service. It truly is a real highlight of the advent season and one not to be missed!

More information can be found on the St Peter's Schola Cantorum Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterscathedralscholacantorum/> And the event link is here <https://www.facebook.com/events/199638654186390/>



SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 8.00pm** in the **Committee room.**

We will begin reflections on the Readings for Year C, St Luke's Gospel. This begins a new series of reflections, so if you are thinking of being part of the group, now or January is a good time to join us.



NURSES!

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently seeking **volunteers to join our nursing team to care for our pilgrims who will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame, during our 2019 Pilgrimage (10 -15 July.)**

You will need to be a registered nurse, active on the NMC live register - newly registered nurses are welcome. For more information or to register your interest please email us to lourdes@downandconnor.org with your contact details and we will get back to you.

