

Reflection:

Jesus said, 'My Kingdom is not of this world.' Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule. He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army. Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth. Alone & unharmed he stood before Pilate. Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon. Jesus is the hope of the human race. He rules, not by force, but by love. Lord Jesus, may your Kingdom come, and may you remember me on that day.

Sunday 29th November, 2015

St Mary's

Sat 28th 7.30 Hugh & Tessie McNamara & Dec. AM
Thurs 3rd 10.00 St.Pio
7.30 Paddy, Mamie O'Connor & Dec. members
Of the Naughton/O'Connor family AM
Fri 4th 2pm Wedding (Donegal)
Sat 5th 1.00 Christening
7.30 Patrick, Theresa & Paddy Joe Duggan &
Delia Byrte & Dec
8.15 Holy Hour for Mercy
(Holy Hour every Sunday 3-4pm)

St Therese's

Sun 29th 11.30 Patrick Scanlon AM
Mon 30th 10.00 James & Mary Kate Moran & Dec
7.30 Tom Bernie & Peggy Clarke AM
Tues 1st 7.30 John Clerkin AM
Sun 6th 11.30 James & Brigid Connaughton AM
Tues 8th 11.30 Martin & Annie Killoran AM

St Michael's

Sun 29th 10.00 Brigid & Francie McPadden AM
Fri 4th 9.30 First Friday
Sun 6th 10.00 Jim & May McPartland AM
Tues 8th 10.00 (Immaculate Conception)
Sun 13th 10.00 Jimmy & Josie Harkin AM
(Holy Hour every Tuesday 6-7pm)



December	Liturgy	Collectors	Alter Society
St. Mary's	Mary McHugh	Harry Banks & Breege Fowley	Mary Gallagher & Margaret Kelly
St. Therese's	Eva Delahunt & Rachel Healy	Michael O'Connor & Larry Kilcolm	
St. Michael's	Eva Ryan	Martin Dolan & Martin Clancy	Eileen & Nuala Gallagher

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1. **We Pray for the Happy Repose of the Soul of** Austin McGovern late of Cleen, who died in London last week. Sincere sympathy to all his family. R.I.P.
2. **First Sunday of Advent** – Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent, and we begin the season of waiting. The Gospel today has powerful images of great signs that will appear. For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September, which is more distressing than any of the images in the Gospel today. Some people love the feeling of expectancy, of waiting for someone, or something to arrive. Very often we are on high alert during such a time, and often quite creative. We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and hope, and while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time for growth. So what will our preparations be like this Advent? In the middle of these crazy, busy days in the run up to Christmas, can we stop and invite God into our hearts and lives once more.
3. **Reminder – Holy Hour for Mercy for Advent as follows:** St. Mary's – Sat 5th Dec @ 8.15-9.15. St. Therese's - Sat 12th Dec @ 8.15-9.15. St. Michael's – Sat 19th Dec @ 8.15-8.15.
4. **6.5k Fun run/walk** - There will be a 6.5 km fun run/walk on St Stephens day on aid of Ballintogher playground. Registration will be from 11am @ Ballintogher hall with start at 12:00. Tickets 10 euro and refreshments served after. Come and join the fun.
5. **Pilgrimage to Medugoje 2016** –
 - 18th May, Dublin €669 each; 14th Sept Dublin & Knock €699 each. Contact Ann Kelly 086-1505298
 - Fr. Vincent will lead a Pilgrimage to Medugrje on the 17th August Dublin or Knock €669. Contact Fr. Vincent 087-9563668 or Hubert at 087-2201879. Pay in full by the 11th of Dec and get €100 off the price.
1. **New School Boards** – New Boards of Management are being set up during these days. I would like, on behalf of our Patron Bishop Francis, to say thanks to all the out going board members who served our 3 schools during the last 4 years. Every blessing to the new incoming school boards.
2. **Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis** – During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the 41 parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Sean Leydon 087-7431649 or Roisin O'Doherty 087-3327587 or Towards Healing 1800-303416 or An Garda Siochana or Tulsa.
3. **St. Vincent De Paul** – request your generosity for their annual church gate collection which will take place after Masses on the weekend 5th & 6th of December. Monies raised will help people in the local area. Confidential no. is 086-4094399.
4. **25 Card Game** – Continues every Wednesday night at 9pm in Ballinagar Hall. All welcome.
5. **Parish Fundraising Events** –
 - "Strictly Come Dancing" on the 6th December at 7.30pm in the Radisson Hotel. Tickets now on sale for €10. This will be a great night of fun, laughter and entertainment just before the Christmas rush.
 - Singer John Hogan with a fantastic auction and raffle will take place in the Club House on the 20th December at 9.30pm If you would like to donate something good for the auction that would raise money for our recent Parish expenses of our two church's. Please contact Fr. Vincent or Daniel Kelly. We will accept bags of turf, sticks, round bales, (no furniture). Let us make this a great Christmas Parish Night.
6. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th Dec** – Masses are as follows – Tuesday 8th 10am in St. Michael's; 11.30 in St. Therese's and 7.30pm in St. Mary's. Schools can feel free to bring the children either to the 10am or the 11.30am Mass or to encourage them to come to the 7.30pm Mass.
7. **Advent 2015 (Cycle C)** – Fr. Vincent would like to do a Holy Hour each week during Advent in each of our church's. Pope Francis has declared that beginning in December that the year ahead will be a year of mercy. The Advent programme is as follows –
 - Sat 5th Dec. Holy Hour – St. Mary's 8.15-9.15pm
 - Sat 12th Dec. Holy Hour – St. Therese's 8.15-9.15pm
 - Sat 19th Dec Holy Hour – St. Michael's 8.15-9.15pm
 - Sun 13th Dec 6pm – Roscommon Solstice Choir – St. Therese's Church.
 - Thurs 17th Dec. – Sacrament of Reconciliation – St. Mary's @ 7pm.
 - Thurs 24th Dec. Christmas Eve Mass @ 8.30pm.
 - Fri 25th Dec – Christmas Day Mass – St. Michael's 10am; St. Therese's 11.30am
6. **Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on Wed 9th Dec at 9pm in Ballintogher Hall.
7. **Finance Meeting** – will take place in the back sacristy on Thurs 10th Dec @ 9pm
8. **First Thurs/Fri Calls for December** – Fr. Vincent will do his First Thursday calls on Thurs 3rd Dec and his First Friday calls on Sat 5th Dec. (Wedding on Friday 4th)
9. **Ready Steady Cook** - St. Joseph's Killenumery Parent Association is delighted to announce that John Kelly, **Riverbank Restaurant** is hosting a **Ready Steady Cook** Evening together with Sham Hanifa, **The Cottage Restaurant**, Jamestown on Tuesday, the 8th December in Ballinagar Hall, Killenumery at 8.00pm. The evening includes: Cheese and Wine reception; Mini Christmas Market; Raffle on the night; Door prize for non-attending ticket holders
10. **Ushers for December in St. Mary's/St. Michael's** – Gerard Fowley, Daniel Kelly, Mary Banks & Mary McHugh.