

Reflection:

Lord, in this new year which we have begun, may we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable, enough trials to keep us strong, enough sorrow to keep us human, enough freedom to keep us happy, enough failure to keep us humble, enough wealth to meet our needs, enough faith to banish depression, enough hope to look forward, and enough determination to keep going.

Sunday 3rd January, 2016

St Mary's

Sat 2nd Jan 7.30 Mary Brigid Mc Gowan AM
Sun 3rd 1.00 Christening
Wed 6th 7.30 Mary Agnes Fowley AM
Thurs 7th 10.00 Sp Intention
Fri 8th 10.00 St. Pio
Sat 9th 7.30 Mary & John Ward AM
(Holy Hour every Sunday 3-4pm)

St Therese's

Sun 3rd 11.30 Frank & Margaret Taaffe AM
Mon 4th 7.30 Mary Gallagher 1st AM
Tues 5th 10.00
Wed 6th 11.30 Paddy Joe McGoldrick AM
Sun 10th 11.30 Josie Harte AM

St Michael's

Sun 3rd 10.00 Fr. Vincent's Intentions
Wed 6th 10.00 Charlie Hannon & Dec
Sun 10th 10.00 John Hannon AM
Sun 17th 10.00
(Holy Hour every Tuesday 6-7pm)



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January	Liturgy	Collectors	Alter Society
St. Mary's	Jason McKenny	Tommy Hamilton & Michael Gallagher	Christina McTernan & Mary Morrison
St. Therese's	Seamus & Shane McTiernan	Francis Taaffe & Pat McKeon	
St. Michael's	Mary Gallagher	Hubert McHugh & Jimmy McPadden	Christina Byrne & Maria O'Brien

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1. **Congratulations** to Maria Foley & Noel Hynes who were married in St. Mary's on Friday the 1st. Every good blessing to you both.
2. **Congratulations** – to Baby Ella Kate McGowan who was christened in St. Therese's last Sunday.
3. **Parish Giving** – By now the new box of envelopes for the various Parish collections for 2016 should have arrived to your home. Please contact me if you have not received one. I am very grateful to you for your continued generous support which enables us to sustain the life of the parish, maintain its buildings and meet many expenses a parish of this size carries. Thanks to all who helped in distributing the boxes. I also thank our team of collectors who count every two weeks. In recent years we have been able to claim significant funds through the Tax Relief Scheme for charities. Your use of envelopes is important in the task recorded contributions of people who can sign declaration forms, to include the self-employed. It is also helpful if you write the amount of your contribution on the form and also on the weekly envelope.
4. **Dromahair's Operation Transformation 2016**. - Dromahair Ladies together with Mens Football Clubs are hosting Dromahair's Operation Transformation. Sue McGowan is going to lead The Operation Transformation 6 weeks programme. Operation Transformation starts with a National Walk (Open to everyone) on Sunday 10th January 2016 at 1pm followed by a 6 week programme. Registration for the 6 week programme will take place before the walk at 12.30pm. This is a great opportunity after the Christmas Festivities to change your life in six weeks, get rid of unwanted pounds, regain your fitness and have some fun in the process. This is open to both male and female. So why not make this your New Years Resolution. Please check Naomh Padraig Dromahair or St Patricks Gaa Dromahair facebook pages for more details.
5. **Wed 6th Jan is Feast of the Epiphany** – it is a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows: 10am St. Michael's; 11.30 St. Therese's; 7.30 St. Mary's.
6. **Parish Statistics for 2015** – Parish Baptisms – 23; Parish Funerals – 17; Parish Weddings – 8; Confirmations – 28; 1st Holy Communion - 21
7. **Ushers for January in St. Mary's/St. Michael's** - Martin Paul McGoldrick, Martin Kelly, Anne Kelly & Brendan McPadden.
8. **Many Thanks** – The following amount was contributed to the priests dues in 2015. Fr. Vincent is grateful for the amount of €27,650 which was collected in the 6 dues collections of the past year. In every Parish the dues is the priests salary, and all of this money goes to the central fund at the diocesan office, and each priest of the diocese including the Bishop is paid an annual salary of €20,400 a year. Many thanks and bless you all for your kindness and generosity to me in the Parish.
9. **Happy New Year** – Fr. Vincent would like to wish everyone a very happy new year for 2016. Good health, peace and happiness to all within our Parish and outside the Parish for 2016. Every blessing to all couples who will be married in this new year.
10. **A Through for the Year Ahead** – Sometimes we fail to realise what real love is. The true meaning of love, is the things you do everyday. Love is seeing the flaws and the blemishes and accepting them. It is comprehending not only the spoken word but those little things that say so much by themselves. Love is working through the challenges and painful times. It is conquering problems and never giving up, even when times get tough. Love is forgiveness. It is accepting each others faults and pardoning mistakes, but always learning from them. Love is respect. It is realising you are two separate people, but maintaining a mutual bond that allows you to share your life together.
11. **Please Note** – The Ballinagar Defibrillator is temporarily out of order. The closest defibrillator is located outside Dromahair Church.
12. **The Breffni ICA Ladies** are sending out a massive THANK YOU to all who sponsored/supported/sold our recent raffle cards for Acquired Brain Injury and Breffni ICA. It was once again very successful. The winners were:
 1. Anna O'Connor Kerins. Food hamper sponsored by Breffni ICA.
 2. Eileen Maguire. Ladies pampering hamper sponsored by Breffni ICA.
 3. John Harkin. Gents pampering hamper sponsored by Breffni ICA.
 4. Barbara McLoughlin. Bottle of baileys sponsored by Maureen Maguire.
 5. Sean Foley. Bottle of wine sponsored by Theresa Kelly.
 6. Angela McLoughlin. Box of biscuits sponsored by Kathleen Kelly.We thank you all sincerely for your continued support. See local press for presentation to Teresa O'Boyle, manager, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (Sligo branch).