

**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 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

**St Mary's**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Patrick, Theresa & Paddy Joe Duggan & Delia Byrte & Dec  
8.15 Holy Hour for Mercy  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Peter & Annie Meehan AM  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Philomena Kelly AM  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Martin, Maura Clinton & Gerard Keegan AM  
***(Holy Hour every Sunday 3-4pm)***

**St Therese's**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11.30 James & Brigid Connaughton AM  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Joe McGowan AM  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 11.30 Martin & Annie Killoran AM  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Nan Clerkin AM  
8.00 Coola School Choir – Carols  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11.30 Pro Populo Mass  
6pm Roscommon Solstice Choir  
***(Holy Hour for Mercy – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 8.15-9.15)***

**St Michael's**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Jim & May McPartland AM  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Anita Fisher (nee McGoldrick) R/D  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Jimmy & Josie Harkin AM  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 8.15-9.15 Holy Hour for Mercy  
***(Holy Hour every Tuesday 6-7pm)***



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

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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

1. **We Pray for the Happy Repose of the Soul of** Fr. John Egan, Dublin, whose funeral took place during the week. Fr. John came every year to the Festival Mass in St. Therese's. Our sympathy to his family and many good friends.R.I.P.
2. **Congratulations** to Aoife Taaffe & Declan Conlon who were married in St. Therese's Church last Friday. Every blessing to them. **Congratulations** also to Adrian Carroll & Gillian McIntyre who were married in Lifford last Friday. Every blessing to them in their future.
3. **Congratulations** to Baby Jack Hodson, who was christened in St. Mary's on Saturday. Every blessing to him in the future.
4. **Advent – Be a signpost** – How is your Advent going? We are a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas, and so much still to be done. Where to start! If we have time to listen, there are some pointers in our readings today. Our Advent task is to prepare a way for the Lord. In these busy weeks, we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties & festive gatherings to organise, there are important parts of our Christmas celebrations. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create space in the midst of this hustle and bustle. We must be signposts, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others, as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist pointing always towards Christ. St. Paul's prayer in today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more and especially in this year of Mercy which Pope Francis has opened for all of us in this year. Let love and mercy be your signpost this Christmas 2016.
5. **Many thanks** to everyone who worked with Fr. Vincent in the lovely Masses for Bereavement in St. Therese's, St. Mary's and St. Phelim's.
6. **Ballysumaghan Church** – The parishioners of Ballysumaghan Church would like to thank everyone who attended, supported and donated raffle prizes at our recent dance in Ballintogher Hall. It was a very enjoyable night and a good time was had by all.
7. **St. Patrick's GAA Dromahair Club AGM** –will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the Clubhouse Bar.
8. **Collections** – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November €2,505. Monthly €1,315. November Dues €3,920.
9. **Holy Hill** – Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Bishop John Flemming will celebrate Holy Mass @ 12. Next open Day will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March.
10. **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.
1. **Coola School Choir** will perform lovely Christmas Carols in St. Therese's on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec @ approx 8pm, just after evening Mass. All are welcome to attend.
2. **Roscommon Solstice Choir** – will sing the Old Age Christmas Carols in St. Therese's Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 6pm. Ticket's on sale for €10 each. There will be a wonderful raffle in the Hal after the concert. For the last 3 years we have had this wonderful choir, and we are very privileged to have them with us this year. They are extremely busy, and do come along and tune into Christmas feeling with this beautiful and professional choir.
3. **25 Card Game** – Continues every Wednesday night at 9pm in Ballinagar Hall. All welcome.
4. **Parish Fundraising Events** –
  - “Strictly Come Dancing” on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Let us make this a great Christmas Parish Night.
5. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Masses are as follows – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
6. **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 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Hour – St. Mary's 8.15-9.15pm
  - Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Hour – St. Therese's 8.15-9.15pm
  - Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Hour – St. Michael's 8.15-9.15pm
  - Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm – Roscommon Solstice Choir – St. Therese's Church.
  - Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. – Sacrament of Reconciliation – St. Mary's @ 7pm.
  - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve Mass @ 8.30pm.
  - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day Mass – St. Michael's 10am; St. Therese's 11.30am
11. **Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9pm in Ballintogher Hall.
12. **Finance Meeting** – will take place in the back sacristy on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9pm
13. **Ready Steady Cook** - St. Joseph's Killenummery 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 8<sup>th</sup> December in Ballinagar Hall, Killenummery at 8.00pm. The evening includes: Cheese and Wine reception; Mini Christmas Market; Raffle on the night ; Door prize for non-attending ticket holders
14. **Ushers for December in St. Mary's/St. Michael's** - Gerard Fowley, Daniel Kelly, Mary Banks & Mary McHugh.