

Church of The Immaculate Conception
 Muire gan Smál, Maigh Cuilinn
 Maigh Cuilinn Parish Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent
 1st December 2024



Mass Times:

Saturday Eve:
 7pm (Vigil Mass)
 Sunday Morning:
 10am & 12 noon
 Weekday Mass:
 9.30am Tue—Fri.
 Holy Days:
 7pm (Vigil Mass)
 & 12 noon

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd
 Sundays, every
 month @ 1pm.
 2 weeks notice.

Marriages:

3 months notice
 for Church & State

Pre-Marriage Course:

Book 1 year in
 advance

Confession:

Sat eve 6-6:45pm
 and by Request

Communion

Calls: 1st Fri, of
 Mth 7 on request.

Adoration:

Tue 10-10:30am
 Wed 8 - 9pm,
 Fri 10am-11am &
 Sun eve, 7pm with
 'Rosary for Peace'

'Prayers for Priests' & Vocations—

Every
 Thur after Mass in
 Adoration Chapel.

Coeliacs:

Gluten Free host
 available from the
 priest at the Altar.

Parish Office:

091-555106.
 Open: 9:30am-
 1:30pm, Mon—Fri.

St Vincent de Paul:

091-563233.

RÚN AIFRINN/ MASS INTENTION:

Sat 30 7pm

- **1st Anniv:** Teresa O'Sullivan, Woodstock
- Pat Faherty, Thounaghbegga (A)
- Clodagh Davoren, Leagaun (A)
- Michael & Mary Keady, Knockaurranny (A)
- Mary & Tadhg Madden, Killaclogaun (A)
- Mick & Maura Geraghty, Tullokyne (A)
- **M/M:** Petie D'Arcy, Cloughan & Boston
- **NO MASS**
- **Holy Souls**
- Hugh & Celine McColgan, Donegal (A)
- Linda, Billy & Annmarie Molloy, Co Roscommon (A)

Sun 1 10am

12 noon

• Mon 2 9:30am

Tue 3 9:30am

Wed 4 9:30am

Thu 5 9:30am

Fri 6 9:30am

- **1st Anniv:** Tommy Bohan, Clooniff & Hubert, Nellie & Tom Molloy, Tullykyne (A)

Sat 7 7pm Parish Mission—Opens (7th—9th Dec)

- Martin & Teresa Feeney, Danesfield (A)
- Mary, Willie, Gerry & Tom Walsh, Gortachalla
- James & Sarah Acton, Knockaurranny (A)
- Nora O'Connor, Lealetter (A)
- Maut Mulvoy, Cloonabinnia (A)
- Stephen, Mary-Ellen, Tony & Bridget Tierney, Gortmore (A)
- People of the Parish

Sun 8 10am

12 noon

7pm Parish Mission

- Jimmy Carr, Cartoor (A)

Mon 9—Immaculate Conception Holy Day Celebration

12 noon Parish Mission

- Maureen Noone, Knockbane (A)
- Dec'd Connor & Carr Fams, Gortachalla & Cartoor
- **Parish Mission—Closes**

7pm

Please pray for Annivs occurring at this time;

- Patrick O'Halloran, Poul-na-clough
- Hugh & Celine McColgan, Donegal

Church Cleaning: Páirc na gCaor

Counters:

This week: Anne & Tommy Newell
 Next week: Joe Howley & Martin Kelly

Readers:

This Week

7pm Mary Duffy

10am Toni Regan

12 noon Teresa Morgan

Next Week

Mary Anne Feeney

Rita Meally

Maura Thornton

Eucharistic Ministers for December

7pm: Maureen Acton, Ann Kelly-Clancy & Olivia King

10am: Tom Duffy, Nicholas Barrett & Brenda Monaghan

12noon: Maureen Brown & Phil Harte

**NB: Diocesan Privacy Statement & Policy, which covers all parish-
 es, is available on request from the Parish Office, in both hard &
 soft copy.**

Mass Theme - Téama Aitrinn

The Church begins another liturgical year with the season of Advent. The word 'advent' means 'arrival' or 'coming'. There is a threefold coming of Jesus to which the Church draws our attention to: first, Jesus' coming as a human being; second, his daily coming into the lives of people; and third, his glorious coming at the end of time. The use of purple vestments underlines the special character of this season.



Reflection—Ailachnamh

1st Sunday of Advent

The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent, and the thousands of years that the People of God awaited the promised Messiah. The candles are purple in colour, a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season (one of the candles may be rose for the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as "Gaudete Sunday", from the opening words of that Sunday's liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always!"). Each week, one candle is lighted, until all four are aglow on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The round wreath itself symbolizes the eternity of God, and the Father's presence throughout human history. Evergreen branches are often used in decorating the wreath, reminders of the eternal life of God in Christ.



Advent Talks (3 Wednesdays) being held in Áras Naofa, Renmore @ 8pm on 4th, 11th & 18th Dec. See poster for full details or at galwaydiocese.ie/news/advent-talks-2024

Offertory: €1610. Online: €35. Dioc Fam Svcs: €955.

Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy

Notice Board—Clár Fógara

Communion Calls –Dec '24: will take place on **Fri 6th Dec from 11am onwards**. If you would like to add someone to the list, please call 091-555106 before **Thur 5th Dec @ 1:30pm**.

Moycullen Parish Mission - 7th - 9th Dec ' 24. Daily mass at 7pm, in Moycullen Church. **ALSO; Exhibition on Christmas Traditions, Sun 8th Dec 3-5pm, An Halla Mór, Scoil Mhuire, Moycullen.**

'Come Follow Me' - A Scripture-Based catechetical programme to teach **children 5 - 7 yrs**, about the Catholic Faith. Includes prayer, activities & song. **Sundays, term time. 10:45-11:45am, in Moycullen Church.** Starts, **THIS Sun 1st Dec See poster.**

Moycullen Active Retired: Our book of recipes & stories of times past 'Taste & Takes' is now on sale in Moycullen Bookshop & The Cakery.

Children's Choir practice every Wed, 6:30—7:30pm in Moycullen church.

Christmas Eve Mass Pageant— Enrolment slips in the Church porch, fill in & place in box provided. Rehearsal starts: **THIS Sun 1st Dec, after 10am mass.** Helper volunteers are most welcome & greatly appreciated.

Scoil Cholmáin, Tuairíní— Annual Coffee Morning for Galway Hospice, in the School **NEXT Sun 8th Dec, 11am-1pm.** Santa will be making a special appearance on the day!

Beidh daltaí Scoil Bhaile Nua ag cur 'Scéal na Nollag' i láthair le ceol, amhránaíocht agus drámaíocht **Dé Céadaoin, 11ú Nollaig ag 7 a chlog ag Séipéal Mhaigh Cuilinn.** Fáilte roimh chách. / **Scoil Bhaile Nua** pupils will be performing 'Scéal na Nollag' - 'The Story of Christmas' as Gaeilge, through music, song & drama on **Wed 11th Dec @ 7pm in Moycullen Church.** All welcome.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Are now available from the Parish Office ONLY. Cost **€2.00.** Masses will be said **24th, 25th & 26th Dec.**

Items for the Newsletter should be delivered, in writing or e-mail, by **1pm Wednesday afternoon.**
 Please note: Items are included based on availability of space, and should be brief and to the point.