

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

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2nd Sunday after Christmas  
 5th Jan 2025



**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  
**Fr Martin available for 10 min in Sacristy, after each wknd Mass.**

**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 / on request.

**Adoration:**

Tue 10-10:30am  
 Wed 8 - 9pm,  
 Fri 10am-11am & Sun eve, 7pm

**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 4 7pm**

- M/M; Bernadette Kyne, Dublin/Deerfield
- Julie Green née Downey, Boston (RIP)
- Pat, Mary & James Acton, Knockauranny (A)
- Thomas Moran & daughter, Margaret Walsh, Páirc na gCaor & Boston
- Bridie & Murty Walsh, Ballinahalla (A)
- Joe & Mary (Byrne) O'Reilly (B'day Rem) & parents, Gortachalla & Galway
- **People of the Parish**

**12 noon**

**Mon 6—Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day**

**12 noon**

- Harry, Mary, Tom & Breda Scanlon, Geesala
- Philip & Mary Flaherty & Dec'd fam, Lissagurane
- Tim McDonagh & Dec'd fam, Poul-na-clough
- **1st Anniv:** Margaret Farrell, Craughwell
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**7pm**

**Tue 7 9:30am**

**Wed 8 9:30am**

**Thu 9 9:30am**

**Fri 10 9:30am**

**Sat 11 7pm**

- **Special Intention—Get Well**
- Private Intention
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- **1st Anniv:** Anna Marie Leonard, Oldtown
- Paraic Leonard, Tooreeny (A)
- Patrick Kelly, Drimavoughane (A)
- Peter Heveran, Home Farm (2nd A)
- Ann Griffin, Newtown (A)
- Paddy-Joe Joyce, Ballinahalla
- **All Children Baptised in 2024**

**Sun 12 10am**

**12 noon**

**Church Cleaning:** Woodlands/Cloonabinnia

**Counters:** This week: Team 3

Next week: Team 4

**Readers:** This Week **Holy Day 6th Jan** Next Week

**7pm** Olivia King Nicola McNabb Sacrament Mass

**10am** Toni Regan **No Mass** Rita Meally

**12 noon** Kate Rodgers Thomas Godfrey Margaret Madden

Still awaiting delivery of St Paul's missals, ETA, Sat or Mon

**Eucharistic Ministers for January**

**7pm:** Phil Harte, Mary Sweeney & Lorraine Murphy

**10am:** Sharon Flynn & Anne Lyons

**12noon:** Kate Rodgers

2025 Rotas are available in the Sacristy & email, on request.

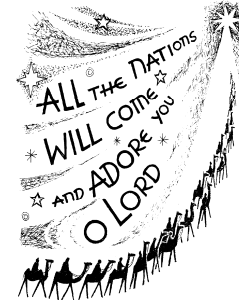
**Offertory:** €1361. **Online:** €35.

Still awaiting delivery of Wkly Env Boxes for 2025.

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

**Mass Theme - Téama Aifrinne**

Today's celebrations, coming as it does between Christmas Day and the Epiphany, contains themes which are connected to these feasts. Though Christmas Day and the Epiphany form part of the Church's season of Christmas tide, there is a difference of emphasis. Christmas Day celebrates the coming of the Son of God as a human being and the Epiphany highlights the revealing of this truth to all the nations of the earth. Both themes are echoed in today's prayers.



**Reflection—Alachnamh**

**STARTING ANEW**

Snowdrops sheltering under a hedge away from winter winds.

As they mark the end of the Christmas season, as they spring so gently from the earth, so tender, to be so bold!

They are yet signs of fresh life, Fresh hope, new beginnings.

Lord, however hesitant I am, however reluctant I am to begin again, however lacking in courage, however weak in resolve, help me to start anew, to face life's challenges, to blossom in friendship with you. Amen.

THE PRAYER TRUST

**HOLY DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

Epiphany Holy Day 12 noon & 7pm (6th Jan)

**NB:** Parish Office will be closed in Mon 6th Jan. Re-open on Tue 7th @ 9:30am.

Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy

**Notice Board—Clár Fógra**

**12th Night Candles**, available in Moycullen Church, from **28th & 29th Dec.**, (prepped by the Pupils of Scoil Mhuire). Sets of 12 candles traditionally lit at home the night before **Nollaig na mBan (6th Jan)** to mark the end of the Christmas season. **All donations for these candles go towards the development of Scoil Mhuire.**

**Pastoral Council Get-together, THIS Sun 5th Jan, following 10am Mass, in Aiséiri.** Come along, for "A chat & a cuppa". All welcome!

**Chalking the Door—**A house blessing done on or after the **Epiphany Feast Day (6th Jan)**. **Blessed Chalk and DIY Instruction leaflet** (see below), will be available in the Church porch this weekend.

As the leader inscribes the initials of the Three Magi i.e. **20+C+M+B+25**, above the exterior door using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is recited:

*Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our coming and goings be under the seal of God's loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

**SeniorLine-Ireland's** national telephone service for older people, open 365 per yr, 10am-10pm. **Freephone 1800-804591.** Our older volunteers are trained to listen, support & refer to other svcs, if needed.

**Post received in Error to Aiséiri—**Do you know a Katherine & Alice? Possible surnames; Stapleton and or West. Christmas Card with small gift enclosed, from, Per, Lauren, Oisín & Anika. If you have any idea who either the sender or the recipients' are, please call, 091-555106 & we'll try to get the card to its intended destination.

*Happy New Year to all our Parishioners & Visitors.*

*Be safe on the roads this weekend*

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.