

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

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Third Sunday of Advent
 15th 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 14 7pm

- Thomas Lydon, Gortacochree (3rd A)
- George Carter & parents, Michael & Margaret, Ballyquirke
- Peggy Lydon, Ballyquirke (A)
- **1st Anniv:** John Hand Jr, Clydagh & grandparents, Jack & Margaret Hand
- John, Kate, John-Joe Morrow, Rineen (A)
- William & Tom O'Connor, Thounaghbegga
- **People of the Parish**

Sun 15 10am

12 noon

Mon 16

Tue 17 9:30am

Wed 18 9:30am

Thu 19 9:30am

Fri 20 9:30am

Sat 21 7pm

Sun 22 10am

12 noon

Please pray for recently deceased;

- Bernadette Kyne, Dublin, mother of Owen, Deerfield

Church Cleaning: Newtown/Oldtown

Counters: This week: Joe Howley & Martin Kelly

Next week: Kieran & Jane Audley

Readers: This Week

7pm Mary Anne Feeney

10am Rita Meally

12 noon Maura Thornton

Next Week

Steven Ellis

Mary Barrett

Kate Rodgers

Eucharistic Ministers for December

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

10am: Tom Duffy, Nicholas Barrett & Brenda Monaghan

12noon: Maureen Brown & Phil Harte

Offertory: €1400. HD/Mission € 760. Online: €60.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

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

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

Mass Theme - Téama Aifrin

Today is often referred to as Gaudete Sunday, meaning 'rejoice' from the first word of the entrance antiphon. The candle on the Advent wreath may be rose-coloured as also may the vestments at today's liturgy. The is to ensure that the joyful character of the season is seen as an integral part of it, a point which the omission of the Gloria could easily obscure. There is no contradiction between Advent as penitential and joyful since to repent means to change one's attitude. In this case as outlook which will be full of joy at what God has done in Christ.

Reflection—Ailachnamh

Bless my friends this Christmas

Lord, bless my friends this Christmas, may they find time in this holy season to enjoy their rest and their sharing.

I especially think of those friends I've neglected or lost touch with, friends who were good to me when I needed them, and friends from the past who have moved on now.

Lord, in my thoughts and prayers I place them all before you at this time, and give you thanks for their lives and for our sharing together.

Lord, please grant them the gift of your blessing this Christmas. Amen.

Moycullen Christmas Carol Service:

Mon 16th Dec @ 7pm, in Moycullen Church.

"Join us for an hour or so of seasonal festivity", with participation from various parish choral groups. All welcome!

Advent Talk (Final) – Wednesday 18th Dec in Áras Naofa, Renmore @ 8pm. See poster for full details or at galwaydiocese.ie/news/advent-talks-2024.

Notice Board—Clár Fógara

'Come Follow Me' - A Scripture-Based catechetical

Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy

prog., to teach children 5 - 7 yrs, about the Catholic Faith. Incls, prayer, activities & song. **Sundays**, term time. **10:45-11:45am**, in Moycullen Church. **See poster.**

Galway Cathedral's Live Crib returns on **Thur 12th Dec, 11:30am—4 pm**. A chance to pause, reflect & experience the nativity story with live participants, animals, & carols. All welcome!

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— Rehearsals: **THIS Sun**, after **10am** mass.

Feeling isolated, alone, bereaved, or far from family. Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas?

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

Annual Remembrance Mass, for all babies who died on or around the time of birth will be held at **6pm, NEXT Sun 22nd Dec '24** in, **Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore**. Parents, grandparents, siblings, family, & friends are most welcome to attend. Info; PH, Róisín, 083-0322262.

All are invited to a Live Crib in grounds of Kilshanny church, 4 - 6pm, THIS Sun 15th Dec. Children wishing to dress up & take part should arrive by 3pm to get ready. Carol singing & hot chocolate! Info; Fr Robert McNamara, 087-0949030.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass – 5:30 pm
 Vigil Mass – 9 pm

Christmas Day: 10 am & 12 noon

St. Stephens Day: 9:30 am

Dec 27th **NO MASS**

Dec 28th 7 pm (Vigil)

Dec 29th 10 am & 12 noon

Dec 30th & 31st **NO MASS**

New Years Day: 9:30 am (ONLY)

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.