



Church of The Immaculate Conception

Muire gan Smál, Maigh Cuilinn

Maigh Cuilinn Parish Newsletter

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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 after wknd Masses, for 10 min in Sacristy.
Coeliacs:

Gluten Free host available from the priest at the Altar.

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sundays, each month @ 1pm. 2 wks notice.

Pastoral Council
Café & Donuts
1st Sun of Month after 10am Mass

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

Parish Office:

091-555106/085-8253379. Open: 9:30am-1:30pm, Mon—Fri.

St Vincent de Paul: 091-563233.



4th Sunday of Advent
21st December 2025



RÚN AIFRINN/ MASS INTENTION:

Sat 20 7pm	• Paddy & Mary-Margaret Grant, Drimavoughane (A)
Sun 21 10am	• Benny Golding Bán Mhór/Slieveaneena (A)
12 noon	• Eoghan & Olive Maguire, Moycullen (A)
Mon 22	• Martin Coyne, Glangimla, Leenane RIP
Tue 23 9:30am	• Barbara, Martin & Thomas Davoren, Corcullen (A)
9pm	• Timothy, Nora & Mary-Ellen Keady, Lissagurane
Thu 25 10 am	• Dec'd Connor & Carr Fams, Carto & Gortachalla
12 noon	• Mary & Michael Keady, Coolaghy (A)
Fri 26 9:30am	• People of the Parish NO MASS
Sat 27 7pm	• Private Intention
Sun 28 10am	• Christmas Novena
12 noon	• Christmas Novena
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	• Christmas Novena (As Gaeilge)
	• Eddie McDonagh, Leagaun (3rd A)
	• Catherine Roísín Madden-Godfrey, Salthill (A)
	• Tommy O'Malley, Leagaun (A)
	• Matt & Mary D'Arcy & Dec'd fam, Cloughane & Jackie Mons, Oughterard
	• James & Sarah Acton, Knockaunranny (A)
	• Mary (50th), Tom, James & Pak Cooke, Poulnacough (A)
	• Kevin Walsh, Boston & Moycullen (A)
	• Private Intention
	• People of the Parish

Please pray for recently deceased:

- Marie Collins née McDonagh, Boston & formally Portarria
- Helen Lydon-Conneely, New York & Renville

Church Cleaning: Woodlands/Cloonabinnia + all teams for Christmas clean-up

Counters: *This week:* Team 4

Next week: Team 5

Readers: This Week

7pm Nicola McNabb	Éanna Murphy
10am Sharon Langan	Rita Meally
12 noon Maura Thornton	Margaret Madden

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 Policy Statement which covers all parishes, is available on request from the Parish Office, in E or hard copy.

Mass Theme - Téama Aifrinn

Joseph does not figure prominently in the scriptures or in the liturgy. Yet popular devotion has appreciated his role in the events surrounding the birth of the child, the son of Mary. He is asked to recognise the child as his own and so guarantee its legal status. His acceptance of his role and Mary's similar acceptance of hers is a model of Christian discipleship.



Reflection—Aithínamh

Novena For Christmas

Hail and blessed be the hours and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that same hour and moment, O my God, hear my prayers and grant my petitions, though the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Readers over Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday)

5:30pm: Christmas Pageant Mass—Junior Readers

9pm Vigil: Sarah Godfrey

CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday)

10am: Peter Tobin & 12 Noon: Kate Rodgers

ST STEPHENS DAY (Friday)

9:30am: Toni Regan

Extra Euch Ministers & Mass Servers for Christmas—Sign-up sheet in Sacristy.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Eve

Family Pageant Mass 5:30 pm & 9 pm Vigil

Christmas Day 10 am & 12 noon

St Stephen's Day 9:30 am

Sat 27th Dec 7 pm Vigil

Sun 28th Dec 10 am & 12 noon

Christmas Octave Masses continue daily @ 9:30 am & concludes on 1st Jan 2026 with Mass for Peace.

Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy

Notice Board—Clár Fógra

Christmas Eve Mass Pageant—Final Practice: THIS Sun 21st Dec, after 10am mass.

2026 Rota's for all Groups: available in the Sacristy from next weekend or by e-mail (on request). **Also:** Helper forms will be available in the Sacristy from next weekend. All volunteer Helpers Forms must be renewed for 2026. Thanking you.

Christmas Dues envelopes available at the back of the Church. Your offerings now provide Fr. Martins' salary and are taken up 3 times a year: Christmas, Easter & Autumn. Your continued support, is much appreciated. 'Chalking of the Doors', House Blessings for 2026. Will be divided into 4 areas by date:

Tue 6th Jan, 2-5pm, Village & Mountain Rd,

Sat 10th Jan, 2-5pm, East of the Parish,

Sat 17th Jan, 2-5pm, South of the Parish and

Sat 24th, Jan, 2-5pm, West of the Parish. There will be signup sheets in the Church porch for each Area/ Date. Name, contact no & Eircode must be filled in on the sheet. Blessed Chalk & prayer will also be available, for anyone who wishes to DIY on Feast of the Epiphany.

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 bundles go towards Scoil Mhuire pupils cause of choice.**

NB: Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays, 24th Dec—1st Jan '26. Re-open, Fri 2nd Jan @ 9:30am.

Offertory: €1695. Online: €45. COPE: €20.

Christmas Message

"May the Christ Child be born again in your hearts, this Christmas"

A Christmas wish for all our parishioners & visitors.

Martin Whelan

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.