

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
 22nd 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
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 21 7pm • Benny Golding, Slieveaneena (3rd A)
 • George & Maureen Richardson, Barna Rd
 • Jim & Mary Walsh, Currawatia (A) & grand-daughter, Theresa Leonard, Tooreeny (B R)
Sun 22 10am • **1st Anniv:** Mark Griffin, Newtown
 • Thomas & Barbara Davoren & son, Martin, Corcullen (A)
 • Timothy, Nora & Mary-Ellen Keady, Lissagurrane (A)
 • **People of the Parish**
NO MASS
12 noon • **Christmas Novena**
Mon 23 • **Christmas Novena**
Tue 24 5:30pm • **Christmas Novena**
9pm • **Christmas Novena**
Wed 25 10am • **Christmas Novena**
12 noon • **Christmas Novena**
Thu 26 9:30am • **Christmas Novena**
Fri 27 9:30am • **NO MASS**
Sat 28 7pm • Eddie McDonagh, Leagaun (2nd A)
 • Tommy O'Malley, Leagaun (A)
 • Kevin Walsh, Moycullen & Boston (A)
Sun 29 10am • **1st Anniv:** Patrick O'Halloran, Poul-na-clough
 • Tom Lyons, Moycullen Village (3rd A)
 • Catherine, Roisin Madden-Godfrey, Salthill & UK (A)
 • **People of the Parish**
12 noon • **Please pray for recently deceased;**
 • Kathleen Higgins, Wexford, mother of Sharon Langan, Pine Grove
Please pray for Anniv, occurring;
 • Mary, Margaret & Paddy Grant, Drimavoughane
Church Cleaning: Tooreeny
Counters: This week: Team 1
 Next week: Team 2
Readers: This Week **Christmas** Next Week (29th)
7pm Mary Howley Sarah Godfrey (9pm) Jack Lynch
10am Sharon Langan Peter Tobin Rita Meally
12 noon Thomas Godfrey Teresa Morgan Maura Thornton
St Stephen's Day Reader: Toni Regan
Eucharistic Ministers for December
7pm: Maureen Acton, Ann Kelly-Clancy & Olivia King
10am: Tom Duffy, Nicholas Barrett & Brenda Monaghan
12noon: Maureen Brown & Phil Harte
Volunteer EM's for Christmas Masses, sign-up sheet in the Sacristy,
Offertory: €1600. Online: €35.
Parish Christmas Mass Bouquets are completely sold out.
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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls during the second part of Advent when there is an increase in pace, intensity and expectation. The use of the O-antiphons on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve at the Gospel Acclamation contributes to the heightened sense of waiting. Each of these titles may be used to refer to Jesus and in fact together they form a miniature Rising Sun, King of nations, Emmanuel.



Reflection—Ailachnamh

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.

Christmas Message

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

A Christmas wish for all our parishioners & visitors.

Martin Whelan

Notice Board—Clár Fógara

Christmas Eve Mass Pageant— Final Rehearsal: **THIS Sun, after 10am mass.**

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

Child Protection Policy available in Sacristy

Róisín, 083-0322262.

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 development**

Chalking the Door—A house blessing done on or after the **Epiphany Feast Day (6th Jan)**. If you would like this house blessing, please book a time slot for your area, on the following dates: Fr Martin will do 'Chalking of the Door', **Mon 6th Jan, Village & Mountain Rd, Sat 11th, Moycullen East area & Sat 18th, Moycullen West area, 2-5pm on each date.** To book for your area, please sign-up on the sheet in the Sacristy after any of the upcoming masses. **Eircode essential!** If the dates or times don't suit, you can do this Blessing yourself. Instructions & blessed chalk, will be available in Church.

Feeling isolated, alone, bereaved, or far from family. Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas?
SeniorLine-Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open 365 per yr, 10am-10pm. Free-phone 1800-804591. Our older volunteers are trained to listen, support & refer to other svcs, if needed.

Children's Choir practice suspended for Christmas. Christmas Dues Envelopes available in the Church.

NB: Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays until Thur 2nd Jan '25. 2025 Rota's, will be available in Sacristy NEXT Wknd.

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.