

Bulletin



The Nativity of The Lord ~ 25 December 2016

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 10 am
Saturday: 10.30 am
Saturday Vigil: 7 pm
Sunday:
9 am 10.30 am 12 noon

CONFESSIONS

First Thursday of the Month:
6.15 pm – 6.50 pm
Saturday:
11 am – 11.30 am
& 6.15 pm - 6.50 pm

Offertory Collection
€2090, thank you.

Rosary
The Rosary on a Saturday morning,
will be said **before Mass, at 10 am.**
Everyone welcome.

Morning Prayer
Divine Office
Mon., & Wed., 9.40am - 9.50am

Adoration Chapel
The young people of Lurgan welcome you
to join them for an hour of Adoration,
music and prayer in the Adoration
Chapel, Edward Street, Lurgan.

*The Holy Hour, 8 pm – 9 pm, will
continue each month on the first Monday.*

Open Night
Lismore Comp., School
Thursday, 12th January, 6 pm for 6.15 pm.
Tel: 3831 4950.

Once Upon A Time



*Inside a small stable one dark winter's night
a baby was born in the glow of starlight ...*

*The wise men and shepherds from afar came
to pray at the feet of the baby asleep in the hay ...*

*The sheep and the cattle stood bowing their
heads, adoring this boy in the simplest of beds ...*

*Then doves in the rafters started softly to sing a
lullaby welcoming Jesus, our King.*

*The priests of the parish and
Rev. Kevin wish everyone a
holy and happy Christmas.*

Community Outreach Group Sponsors
Sir Roger Casement: British Diplomat: Irish Rebel
Speaker: Cathal McMahan, 11th January, 7.30 pm
St. Peter's Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome.

You..th Alert!
You are invited to a Celebration of Holy Mass in
Thanksgiving for the gift of ALL young people!
Featuring an inspirational talk from guest speaker
Fr. John Keane (Co. Cork)
with joyful and uplifting music and singing!

Where?... St. Patrick's Church, Derrymacash
When?... Wednesday, 4th January, 7.30 pm
Why?... Why not! *Everyone welcome.*

Masses

Holiday Season

St. Paul's Parish
Monday – Saturday,
26th - 31st December, 10.30 am

St. Peter's Parish
Monday – Saturday,
26th – 31st December, 9.30 am

St. Anthony's Parish
Monday-Friday,
26th - 30th Dec. 11 am

Seagoe – St. Patrick's Church
Monday-Friday,
26th - 30th Dec. 11 am

Parish Office Closed

Mon. 26th December-Mon 2nd January
Open, Tuesday, 3rd January.

Lourdes 2017

Applications are being accepted for
the sick in our parish who would like
to be considered for a place to travel
with the Parish on our Pilgrimage with
the Dromore Diocese in May 2017.

Also

Applications being accepted for nurses
wishing to be considered for a place to
travel with the parish on our
Pilgrimage with the Dromore Diocese
in May 2017.

*Please apply in writing and include
your address/contact details to the
secretary,*

Rosemary McGuinness,
29 Hunters Lodge
Lough Road,
Lurgan, BT66 6NB.

A Child's Wide Eyes

(True story)



*The time has come around again, when at every shopping stall Santa Claus is ringing a bell –
unless he is busy posing for a photograph with a wide-eyed child on his lap.
There is a look of awe in those children's eyes that makes me shudder.
Think how easy it is for the child to confuse Santa Claus with God.*

Santa Claus has grown larger and larger in my life until he fills almost the whole of it. As a child I was faced with a phenomenon requiring explanation. I hung up at the end of my bed an empty stocking, which in the morning became a full stocking. I had done nothing to produce the things that filled it. I had not worked for them, or made them or helped to make them. I had not even been good-far from it. Then I only wondered who put the toys in the stocking: now I wonder who put the stocking by the bed, and the bed in the room, and the room in the house, and the house on the planet, and the great planet in the void. Once I only thanked Santa Claus for a few dolls and crackers, now I thank him for stars and street faces and wine and the great sea: it is the large and preposterous present of myself, as to the origin of which I can offer no suggestion except that Santa Claus gave it to me in a fit of peculiarly fantastic goodwill.

A child's wide eyes are part of that "large and preposterous gift" which we are. We still have those eyes; one never loses them. But in childhood it took no effort to see this given world as gift. Now, it takes faith. I wish you a gift that will not fit into the biggest stocking: eyes to see that *everything* is gift, and a heart overflowing with the joy of gratefulness.

Lurgan Library
Hearing Aid Session
Wed, 11th Jan, '17, 10am -12 noon.
(No December session)

Adult Step Dance Classes
Old Style Step Dance of Ireland
New Term starting 18th January, '17
Beginners: 7-8 pm, Improvers: 8-9pm
Lurgan Town Hall. Tel: 38345522

Within Our Reach: Joy by Fra Giovanni Giocondo (c.1435-1515)

*Fra was a Renaissance pioneer, accomplished as an architect, engineer, antiquary,
archaeologist, classical scholar, and Franciscan Friar. Today we remember him most for his
reassuring letter to Countess Allagia Aldobrandeschi on Christmas Eve, 1513.*

I salute you. I am your friend, and my love for you goes deep.
There is nothing I can give you which you have not. But there is much, very much, that,
while I cannot give it, you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest
in it today. Take heaven! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present
little instant.

Take peace! The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy.
There is radiance and glory in darkness, could we but see. And to see, we have only to look.
I beseech you to look!

Life is so generous a giver. But we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly
or heavy or hard. Remove the covering, and you will find beneath it a living splendour,
woven of love by wisdom, with power. Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the angel's hand
that brings it to you.

Everything we call a trial, a sorrow or a duty, believe me, that angel's hand is there. The gift
is there and the wonder of an overshadowing presence. Your joys, too, be not content with
them as joys. They, too conceal diviner gifts. Lift is so full of meaning and purpose, so full
of beauty beneath its covering, that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then
to claim it; that is all! But courage you have, and the knowledge that we are pilgrims
together, wending through unknown country home.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Thomas McConville, Derryadd,
James Austin, Shankill Street,
Sheila McCluskey, Woodville Street,
Charolette McCrory, Kilwilke Road,
Sean McParland, Glenholme Park,
Isabella Strain, Stevenson Park.

ANNIVERSARIES SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

Vigil
Joseph & Mary Rose Heaney, North Street,
Imelda McAlinden, Derryadd.
9 am
Margaret McCann, Cafolla Gardens.
10.30 am
Elizabeth & Henry O'Neill,
Patsy & Bridget Loughran, Tipperary.
12 noon
Maggie Creaney, Manor Drive,
Hugh & Annie McEvoy, Ballydougan,
May Hill, Craigavon,
Lelia Finnegan, Conor Park,
Philomena McGinley, Taghnevan,
Jimmy McGeown, Knockramer Meadows,
Maureen O'Neill, Ailsbury Gardens.

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER

Lilian Burns, Wellington Street,
Olive Watson, Lurgan,
Joe Burns, Arthur Street,
Lily Hatchell, Wheatfield Drive,
Michael Power, Francis Street.

TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER

Charles McCorry, Francis Street,
Smyth family, Brown Street,
Harry & Pat Kane, Brown Street,
Sarah Jane Dowds, Brown Street.

WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER

May Seeley, Beech Court,
Greta Brady, Edward Street.

THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER

Lily McCann, Glenholme Avenue,
Johnny Hoye, Manor Park,
Elizabeth Ann Reid,
Maureen Leathem, Silverwood Drive,
Sally Dempsey, The Grange,
Mary McCrory, Shankill Street,
Brian Cassidy, Beaumont Square,
Pat Coleman, Lough Road,
Maureen Brennan, Ballynamoney Park.

FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER

Pearse Kearney, Glenholme Park,
Roland Wilson, Beech Court,
James Cullen, Portadown,
Patrick Cunningham, Forkhill,
Teresa Murtagh, Glenview Drive. M.M.

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

Sheila Drainey, Shore Road,
Aiden Barry, Richmount Gardens,
Elizabeth McAvoy, Castle Lane,
Mary Anne Smyth, Manor Drive,
Patrick & Mary Blaney, Mansefield,
Jim Blaney, Mansefield.