

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Responsorial Psalm** – Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight and all humankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** St John the Baptist calls us to straighten out our lives, to lower the mountains of pride so that God's grace can lead us to do what he wants with us. There is no place for our selfishness and pride in St Peter's new heaven and new earth.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose** (339-397), an outstanding bishop and doctor of the Church. Influential in the conversion of St Augustine, whom he baptised.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By a singular grace and privilege of God, Mary is preserved free from original sin from the first moment of her existence – in view of the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ and because she was to become the mother of God.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** (1474-1548), who saw the vision of Our Lady at Guadalupe, Mexico, in December 1531.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Loreto.** This celebration helps all people, especially families, youth and religious, to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church, also accepts us as her own.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> St Damasus I** (304-384), pope for the last eighteen years of his life, when he had to contend with violent opposition, false accusations and several heresies. Remembered also for his devotion to the martyrs.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> St Finnian,** who established the famous school at Clonard. His pupils, who included Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549.

# Moville Parish

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St. Mary's, Ballybrack

St. Columba's, Ballinacrae

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If the present restrictions are still in force towards the end of the month, I propose to have the following Masses for Christmas, all celebrated in St. Pius X Church, Moville, and broadcast via the parish webcam:

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December: 4pm; 5.30pm; 7pm, 9pm.

Christmas Day, Friday 25 December: 8am; 9.30am; 11am.

Since a maximum of 100 people will be allowed to attend each Mass, it will be necessary to issue tickets. To book a ticket for a particular Mass, please call the parish office (9382102) and give or leave the following information: (1) which Mass you wish to attend; (2) the name of the person making the booking; (3) the number of people being booked in; (4) contact number or email address. In due course, arrangements will be made for tickets to be collected at the parochial house.

Please do not book for more than one of the Masses above.

Anyone who would like to offer their services as Steward, Minister of the Word, or Eucharistic Minister for any of the Christmas Masses, please get in touch with the parish office.

Fr Pat hopes to attend **the sick and housebound** of the parish in the next two weeks, beginning this week: **Monday** - Carrowmena, Carrowbeg and Bredagh Glen; **Tuesday** - Gulladuff, Rosebank Court and Quay St; **Wednesday** - Taobh na Cille and Ballynally; **Thursday** - Greencastle Road and Carnagarve ; **Friday** - Ballybrack and Ballymacarthur.

**Sympathy** ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Danny Carey, New Hampshire, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Mass this week:** every morning (except Saturday) at 10am.

**Eucharistic Adoration**, today, Sunday from 2.30 to 5.30pm.

**Parish Draw** will take place on Monday 7 December.

**Dates for 2021:**

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Saturday 27 February.

**First Confession** will be celebrated on Thursday 25 March.

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Saturday 17 April.

Last week's collection amounted to €3380. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**Envelopes for 2021** are available in the churches. You should find your envelopes in the church nearest to where you live. Numbers are the same as this year unless your number was greater than 400. If you'd like to start using envelopes in the coming year, please contact the parish office.

There will be **donation boxes** for St. Vincent de Paul in the Cosy Cottage, Gillen's and the Post Office during the month of December.

**Greencastle Community Centre:** (9381054) or [info@greencastlecentre.ie](mailto:info@greencastlecentre.ie)

**North Star SLT** - support for speech, language and communication skills. Contact Caitriona on 0863616878. **Corecare Counselling** – supporting individuals, call 0852458535. **Good as New Shop** open Monday to Friday from noon to 4pm, and Saturday 11am to 3pm. **Web Design** for beginners begins on Tuesday 8 December.

There will be a **vocation-themed time of prayer** on the Sundays of Advent, beginning at 6pm, streamed from the churches where they take place, and broadcast on the diocesan website. The third will take place today, 6 December, in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher, and will be led by Fr. Declan McGeehan

**A prayer for vocations:** That those chosen by Christ to 'feed His flock' as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters will answer His call.

**The St Vincent de Paul Conference** will take up its annual Christmas Collection after the 10am Mass on Sunday 13 December. Due to Covid-19 restrictions they have been unable to take up their regular collections, but the work they do still goes on. As well as this collection, there are envelopes in St Pius X Church, Moville, and St. Mary's, Ballybrack, and donation boxes in Gillens' Shop, the Post Office in Moville, and in the Cosy Cottage, for those who would like to contribute to the work of the Society. The funds raised will be spent locally, helping those who need them most, providing food, light and heat, and paying for some education costs throughout the winter and beyond. They rely on the support of the community, and are very grateful for all the contributions they receive.

Our annual **Bambinelli Sunday Blessing** will take place at the Masses next weekend, 12 / 13 December. You're invited to bring your Baby Jesus figure from your crib to the church (or have it with you if you're following Mass on the webcam) and it will be blessed during Mass. The tradition is that you would wrap the figure up and keep it in a special place in your home until the night of Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, when you can unwrap it, place it in the Crib, and say a prayer of thanksgiving to God who "...loved the world so much He sent His only Son into the world..."

**Fr McGoldrick** is very grateful to all those who have sent cards or written to him recently. Once again, he would love to be able to respond to each one individually but, unfortunately, doesn't have the strength or energy to do that. He has asked that we would keep him in our prayers.

As of Monday 7 December, the **Parish Office** will be in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. The telephone number is: (074) 9382102