

3rd Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm – My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 13th Joy is one of the strongest themes of Advent, joy in the coming of the Lord as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterize Christian worship; joy and integrity should characterize our lives because the Just One is coming.

Monday 14th St John of the Cross (1549-91). A man of prayer, an outstanding poet, a spiritual writer and a reformer of the Carmelite Order. who has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

Friday 18th St Flannan lived in the seventh century and was the son of King Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and became abbot there. He is remembered as a great preacher.

Fr. Pat hopes to attend **the sick and housebound** in the coming week on the following days and in the following areas:

Monday: Shrove, Church Brae, Rocktown and Lower Drumaweir.

Tuesday: Foyle View; Main St., James St.

Wednesday: Ard Foyle; St. Finian's Pk; O'Gara Villas; Glencrow.

The **Parish Office** is now located in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. The telephone number is: (074) 9382102.

Derry Diocesan Trust is hoping to recruit a **Safeguarding Coordinator (2 year fixed term contract)**, and a **Designated Liaison Person**. Both positions are for 14 hours per week, Monday and Tuesday. Application packs are available from Bishop's House, Francis St., Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone +442871262302, or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications should be returned to "Personnel" at the above address or email address, to arrive no later than 5pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Moville Parish

St. Pius X, Moville

St. Mary's, Ballybrack

St. Columba's, Ballinacrae

St Joseph's Oratory, Shrove

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Around the time of Thanksgiving in the United States, with many people travelling home to be with family and friends, it was predicted that there would be a spike in Covid-19 cases and deaths in the following weeks.

Sadly, this has come to pass.

Here in Ireland we have an opportunity not to let the same thing happen with our Christmas celebrations. In the church we have to limit the number of people who attend; they have to sanitize their hands, wear a mask, and observe proper social distancing.

We absolutely need to take the same, or similar, precautions in our homes and in all our dealings with other people, not just at Christmas, but until this pandemic has come to an end.

If we all make the necessary sacrifices this Christmas, just this once, we'll be playing our part, and not just protecting ourselves, but keeping everyone else safe as well.

Tickets for Christmas Masses may be collected from the parish office from Monday 14 December. Please note: office times are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. If you have a ticket for a Christmas Mass, you **must** bring it with you, as you'll be asked to show it to one of the stewards. If you've been unable to leave a message on the office phone number, please call 9382057, or email: movilleparish@gmail.com. If anyone would like to volunteer to act as **Steward, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, or to sing / play music** at any of our Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Masses, please get in touch.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Rawdon, Malin, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration, today, Sunday from 2.30 to 6.30pm. There will be a Penitential Service at 5.30pm, an opportunity for anyone who wishes to make an examination of conscience in preparation for Christmas, without the opportunity to make a sacramental Confession.

This Sunday's time of prayer for **Vocations** will be led by Fr Pat at 6pm, and will be broadcast on the parish webcam and also via the Cathedral website (www.steugenesecathedral.com).

If you would like to make a donation of something which would be of use to refugees who are currently staying in Calais, please get in touch with the **Care4Calais** organisation at clare@care4calais.org. The local drop off point for items will be the Long Tower parochial house in Derry. For further details, please contact: derryc4c@gmail.com

Congratulations to the winners of the **Parish Draw** for December:

	Number	Name	Promoter
€700	711	Frank Doherty	Anna Gillespie
€400	325	Sheila McCormack	Helen Gillen
€250	649	Robert McLaughlin	B Ann Kelly
€150	823	Seamus Logue	Helen McLaughlin
€100	422	Noleen McGarrigle	Tony Gillespie
€100	353	The Furlong Family	Helen Gillen
€100	582	Courtney McColgan	Susanne McLaughlin
€100	495	Bridget Sweeney	Frances Lake
€100	568	Rosemary Doherty	Susanne McLaughlin
€100	446	Una Doherty	Agnes Cavanagh

Last week's collection amounted to €2655. **Thank you** for your continued generosity to the parish. During the past few months a number of people have started making their contributions by Standing Order. If you'd like to do so, please contact the parish office for the necessary details.

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.

Greencastle Community Centre: (9381054) or info@greencastlecentre.ie
Good as New Shop open Monday to Friday from noon to 4pm, and Saturday 11am to 3pm. €3000 cash draw is in its final week. Tickets €20. New courses in January: CBT & Self-esteem; Healing Art; Introduction to Web-design

A prayer for vocations: For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to his people. We pray to the Lord.

Children in Crossfire Anyone who wishes to contribute to the annual Advent appeal can find an envelope in any of the churches. Envelopes should be returned to the parish before 6 January 2021.

The **St Vincent de Paul** annual Christmas collection takes place this weekend. There has been a very good response to the envelopes left at St Pius X and Ballybrack churches. There are also a number of donation boxes in a few locations in the town of Moville. All the money collected locally will be used locally to help those in need. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The December edition of **The Net** is now available online, at www.derrydiocese.org You'll find a range of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. Enquiries to: editorthenet15@gmail.com
Once the current restrictions have been lifted, the publication will be available in hard copy in the parish.

Mass this week: every morning (except Saturday) at 10am. The Vigil Mass for Sunday will be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday.