

Moville Parish

St. Pius X, Moville

St. Mary's, Ballybrack

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Revd Dr Patrick McGoldrick 1937 – 2020

It's only a few short months since we bade farewell to Fr McGoldrick when he announced his retirement from the parish. Sadly, this past Friday, we had to bid him a final farewell at his Requiem Mass in St Pius X Church. As a parish community we acknowledge and thank him for his dedicated and generous service to the people of the parish over the 22 years he spent here.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his sister and brothers, to his wider family, his many friends and colleagues.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Books of Condolence are available for signing at the parochial house and in St Pius X Church, Moville, until Wednesday 23 December.

4th Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm – I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia.

CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 20th At the Annunciation Mary consents to become the Mother of Jesus, who is the Son of the Most High and a descendant of David. In Jesus, God's promise to David will be fulfilled and his plan will be revealed.

Monday 21st St Peter Canisius (1521-97), was a Dutch Jesuit. He gently promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555.

Wednesday 23rd St John of Kanty (1390-1473), taught theology and scripture in Krakow, Poland. He is remembered for his generosity and his austerity of life.

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve. Mass at 4pm, 5.30pm, 7pm & 9pm.

Friday 25th Christmas Day. Mass at 8am, 9.30am & 11am.



Saturday 26th St Stephen, the first Christian Martyr, was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

Tickets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses should be collected from the parish office or the parochial house on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week, from **10am – 2pm only** each day.

There are **no tickets available** for Christmas Eve, and limited tickets available for the 9.30 and 11am Masses on Christmas Day.

Sunday 27th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is seen as a model for the human family, the religious community and the Church itself.

Responsorial Psalm: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia.

Monday 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. We celebrate the children killed at the command of King Herod who had hoped to include Jesus among them. The Holy Family escaped into Egypt. Mass at 10am.

Tuesday 29th St Thomas Beckett (1118-1170) As Archbishop of Canterbury, he came in conflict with King Henry II over Church rights. He was killed in his cathedral on this date. Mass at 10am.

Thursday 31st St Sylvester, Pope. Died in 335 after being Pope for twenty-one years. Elected in the year after the Edict of Milan, he was free to build many churches in Rome. Mass at 10am.

Friday 1st January 2021 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The oldest feast of Mary in the Roman Rite. Today is **World Day of Peace**. Mass at 11am.

Saturday 2nd St Basil the Great and St Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops and doctors of the Church. Especially venerated in the Eastern Church.

The parish office will be closed from 2pm on Christmas Eve until 10am on Monday 4 January 2021. The next parish newsletter will be published on the weekend of 2/3 January, and will be available in the churches of the parish and on the parish website.

The parish office is now located in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Normal office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm.

Collection envelopes for 2021 are available in the porch of the church nearest to your address. If you'd like to start using envelopes, or to contribute by Standing Order / Direct Debit, please get in touch with the parish office.

Children in Crossfire Advent Appeal envelopes should be returned to St Pius X Church or the parish office / parochial house by Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Fr Patrick McGoldrick, Moville / Buncrana, Ave Doherty, East Kilbride, and Bridgeen Crumlish, Derry, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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

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

Last week's collection amounted to €2293. **Thank you.**

Greencastle Community Centre: 9381054/info@greencastlecentre.ie

Office is closed until Wednesday 6 January. TUS worker required for our *Good as New Shop*. Contact Tina (0860516072). New courses in January: CBT & Self-esteem; Healing Art; Introduction to Web-design, and Men on the Move

Castle Clinic will run a podiatry/chiropractic clinic on Tuesday 22 December. Call 9385758 for appointments. They will reopen on Tuesday 5 January.

The last in the series of **vocation-themed times of prayer** will take place today, 20 December, in Saint Joseph's Church, Banagher, and will be led by Fr Michael McGavigan. Beginning at 6pm, it will be streamed via the diocesan website.

Prayers for vocations:

Fourth Sunday of Advent For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. We pray to the Lord.

Christmas Day That, as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully nurture their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters. We pray to the Lord.

Feast of the Holy Family, 27th December That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. We pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 1st January 2021 That, through Mary's intercession, all those called to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and fulfilment in their vocation. We pray to the Lord.

The next **Parish Draw** will take place on Monday 11 January 2021.