

Moville Parish

St. Pius X, Moville

St. Mary's, Ballybrack

St. Columba's, Ballinacrae

St Joseph's Oratory, Shrove

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A HUNGER FOR THE EUCHARIST

It was very heartening to see the number of people who came to the church on Wednesday afternoon this past week to receive Holy Communion – people who would love to be able to attend Mass regularly, hear God's word, receive the Eucharist, having the presence of Jesus with them as they go back among their families and friends, their neighbours and colleagues, carrying the loving and caring presence of their Lord and Saviour into the circumstances of their lives.

On Friday evening the Taoiseach announced that our churches will be open once again for limited congregations to attend Mass, beginning this Tuesday, 1 December. This is a very welcome development, and we would like to ask anyone attending Mass to wear a face covering, sanitise their hands, and observe social distancing both inside and outside the church. For the meantime, Sunday Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X Church only, at 10am.

It's important, now more than ever, not to let our guard down, but to work together to keep everyone safe and well. A number of people who have contracted the Coronavirus have no idea how they did so, so it's up to everybody to be vigilant, to look out for themselves. By doing so, we'll also be looking out for everyone else.

1st Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm – God of hosts, bring us back;

Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia.

Sunday 29th November The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await steadily and without blame the day of his coming. We are warned against complacency in taking God's gifts for granted. God is watching over us; he is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

Eucharistic Adoration in St Pius X Church, from 2.30 – 5.30pm.

Monday 30th St Andrew, apostle. Brother of Simon Peter and a disciple of John the Baptist, who became a follower of Jesus and later introduced Peter to him.

Thursday 3rd December St Francis Xavier (1506 -52), one of the first seven Jesuits. He worked as a missionary in Goa in India and later in Japan, converting many. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the Missions.

Friday 4th St John Damascene, 675-749. A Syrian monk and theologian who was a leading figure in the defence of icons and religious images.

There are still several **Messengers** to be collected from the Parochial House, especially those who were not delivered during the year.

This year the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** has been unable to take up its usual collections. Their Head Office has issued special collection envelopes which have been left at St. Pius X Church and St Mary's, Ballybrack. Envelopes or other contributions may be left at the parochial house. Covid-19 has added extra pressures on families and individuals. If you require help, please contact the Confidential Service at the Raphoe office (9173933), leave your contact details, and your message will be passed on to a local member.

Movement of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life: our next parish day of prayer will be Thursday 3 December. This month the focus is: **Family**. As we have entered the season of Advent, and are preparing for Christmas, we're still not sure how restricted our celebrations and gatherings will be this year. It may be a Christmas like no other, but we may just have to change the plans we have, and limit the number of people we see, meet and greet at what is usually a wonderful time for being with family and friends. Whatever happens, we should never forget how important it is to have special people in our lives. Even if we can't meet them in person, we can still see them and speak with them thanks to the modern technology at our disposal. And let's not forget our neighbours who have been bereaved this year, or those who live alone and who, because of age, infirmity or other restrictions, may be feeling lonely, especially at Christmas. Let's remember that Christ came among us to show us that we're all God's children.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the families and friends of George McLaughlin, Ballina, and Paddy McDaid, Australia, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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

Last week's collection amounted to €1120. **Thank you.**

There will be a **vocation-themed time of prayer**, beginning at 6pm, over the Sundays of Advent, streamed from the churches where they take place, and broadcast on the diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org Today's will take place in Saint Mary's Church, Creggan, Derry, led by Fr Daniel McFaul.

A prayer for vocations: That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and religious will be enriched in Christ and graced with spiritual gifts to serve Him. We pray to the Lord.

Fr Billy Swan presents a **Virtual Advent Retreat** on the themes of **Faith, Hope and Love** from 8 – 9pm on 1, 2 & 3 December. To receive the Zoom link, please email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com

Greencastle Community Centre: (9381054) or info@greencastlecentre.ie
North Star SLT, support for speech, language and communication skills. Contact Caitriona on 0863616878. **Corecare Counselling** – supporting individuals, call 0852458535. **Upcoming online courses** – Healing Art; Webdesign for new businesses; CBT.

The next **Donegal Hearing Clinic** is planned for Friday 11 December but this could change depending on restrictions. Please call 9385758 to make an appointment.

Zoom tutorial: the diocese is hosting a tutorial for anyone interested in how to host, organise or attend Zoom meetings online. The tutorial will take place on Zoom on Tuesday 1 December at 2.30pm.

This one hour tutorial will cover:

- Zoom functions: Mute, Video, Chat, Screen sharing and more;
- How to schedule a meeting; - Effective invitation management;
- Explanation of free and licence Zoom options;
- Explanation of Breakout rooms; - Polls; - Zoom etiquette;
- Tips on camera and light position.

Participants will have an opportunity to experience a breakout room and there will be opportunity for questions and answers. This tutorial is open to everyone; it is suitable those who have not yet used Zoom but might be hosting Zoom meetings in parishes in the future. It is also suitable for people who have used Zoom but would like to learn more about it.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 848 9775 8866 Passcode: 865473 or:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84897758866?pwd=blBTa204RUE4ejFPUDhXR DVLNHVLQT09>

A series of **Prayer resources for Advent** has been created by the diocese, for family prayer at home as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. These resources contain lots of creative ideas and tips to help families and parishes during the Season of Advent. A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection. The booklet can be downloaded at this link:

<https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>

The booklet is available in artwork format suitable for commercial printing.

The printer's specification and artwork can be downloaded at:

<https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>

Family activities for Advent including prayers, how to create a Jesse Tree, an Advent Wreath and lots more are available to view on the Catechetical Centre website at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/family-resources/preparing-our-hearts-for-christmas-advent-resources/>