

# PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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Parish Mass Times - Holy Cross: Monday 10am - Lay Led Liturgy

Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10am

Sunday 11am

St. Mary's: Friday 5.30-6.55pm(Adoration) 7pm - Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 6pm

Livestreaming: [www.churchservices.tv/lisnaskea](http://www.churchservices.tv/lisnaskea)

[www.churchservices.tv/maguirebridge](http://www.churchservices.tv/maguirebridge)

Parish Website: [www.lisnaskeamaguirebridgeparish.com](http://www.lisnaskeamaguirebridgeparish.com)

Parish Instagram Account: [aghalurcher\\_parish](https://www.instagram.com/aghalurcher_parish)

Parish Twitter: @Aghalurcher Parish Facebook Page: Parish of Aghalurcher

Parish Radio can now be accessed for Holy Cross at 90.1FM & St. Mary's on 90.6FM

Parish Office Tel. 028 677 21088 (Monday-Thursday: 2-6pm; Friday 10.30am-1pm)

Parish Office Email: [aghalurcher@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:aghalurcher@clogherparishes.ie)



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## Anniversary Mass Intentions

### HOLY CROSS

Sunday 15th December

11.00am: • (Month's Mind): Vera Corr, 2 Rathowen

- (First Anniversary): Lawrence McMahon and his wife Patsy, Eshcarcogue
- Peter & Owen McNally, Barnhill and deceased family members.

Monday 16th December

10.00am: Lay Led Liturgy.

Tuesday 17th December - Novena Mass to St. Peregrine for all the sick.

7.00pm: • Brian Reilly, Barnhill

- Bridget & Benny Ingram, Sylvan Hill
- Henry & Mary McDermott, Mullinaburtlin; Lorna McDermott, London; Paddy Rice, Devon and deceased family members.

Wednesday 18th December

10.00am: • 50th Birthday remembrance for Niall Leonard, Carrowshee Park.

- Oliver Maguire, Forest Gate, London.

Thursday 19th December

10.00am: • Special Intention.

Sunday 22nd December

11.00am: • (First Anniversary): Paddy Higgins, Castlelane

- (First Anniversary): Nancy Durnien, Drumbroughas North
- Kathleen Martin, Carrowshee
- Philip Fee and his sons Gerard, Patrick & Leo, Carrowhoney & Philip, Cherryhill; James-Joseph Fee and his sons James & Stephen, Derryheely.

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday 14th December

6.00pm: • James Rice, Caroline Burston and Noel Murray, Killyrover

- Pauline and Declan Butler
- Vincent & Anna Clifford, Tatteevagh, Lisnaskea.

Friday 20th December

5.30pm - 6.55pm: Eucharistic Adoration 7.00pm: Lay Led Liturgy.

Saturday 21st December

6.00pm: • Margaret & Patrick May

- Annie & Michael Montgomery, their daughter Mary & deceased family members, Killyrover
- Aiden Cunningham, Drumbaghlin.



You are asked to pray for Mary Sheridan, The Knocks, John McAloon, The Acres, Lisnaskea and Oliver Courtney, Dromore. **May Mary, John and Oliver now Rest in Peace.**

The beautiful Advent Tradition, **Bambinelli Sunday**, was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, next weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December, children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to their local Church where they are blessed. Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend. "It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus." (Pope Francis) A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.



**We welcome into the Christian Community** Keeva Tilly Gavin who was baptised in St. Mary's last weekend.

4<sup>th</sup> Fermanagh Scout Group will join us for Mass next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 11am. They will bring with them the Bethlehem Peace Light. We will be remembering the suffering people of the Holy Land at that Mass.

**Christmas Penitential Service:** next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 6pm in Holy Cross Church. This has proven most popular in the past few years; all you have to do is turn up. There is no queuing up to speak with a Priest, no one is made feel uncomfortable, you are simply led in a liturgy of reflection between yourself and your God. Many are coming back to the Church through this experience of God's compassion and forgiveness. Invite others to come along and in particular those who may have drifted from the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Maguirebridge Community Carol Service:** Monday 23rd Dec. at 7.30pm, under the lights of the Village Christmas Tree. All welcome.

**Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year**, set aside by the Church to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent our sins, to forgive & be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme will be "**Pilgrims of Hope**". The Holy Year will begin on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome. Locally, it will be opened in our Diocese on Sunday 29 Dec., Feast of the Holy Family, Bishop Larry will be Chief Celebrant of the 12.30pm Mass in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan. Info on [www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025)

**HELPLINES: Fermanagh Women's Aid:** 19 Darling St., Enniskillen BT74 7DP. Email: [womensaidfermanagh@btopenworld.com](mailto:womensaidfermanagh@btopenworld.com) Tel. 028 6632 8898

**Need support?** Call 116123 to speak to a Samaritan.

**Mens's Advice line:** We're here to support men experiencing domestic abuse. Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. 08088010327 email: [info@men'sadvice.org.uk](mailto:info@men'sadvice.org.uk).

**Parish Contributions - 8th December**

First Sunday: £172

Offertory: £789.70 & €10

**Many thanks for your continuous generosity.**

## Advent and Christmas details:

**Catholicism**, a DVD presentation on the Catholic faith will be shown in the Parish Centre this evening Sunday 15th and next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. Many of us leave behind our Catholic knowledge in Primary School but continue to have that desire to know more. This series by Bishop Robert Barron fills that thirst. Do come along and invite a friend along too.

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**Christmas Eve Masses:** 6pm in Holy Cross for all families and young children and 12midnight in St. Mary's Maguirebridge.

**Christmas Day Mass:** 11am in Holy Cross.

**Parish Ministries 2025 Rotas** now available on the Parish website/Office & both Churches.

**Enniskillen Sands Group** invite you to join them in their Annual Lights of Love, Wed. 18th Dec in St. Michael's Church, Darling St. at 7pm. As the end of the year approaches we are offering a space to remember precious babies gone too soon. We hope the service of readings & music will offer a sense of peace, comfort and hope to those attending.

**St Ronan's Primary 1 & Nursery School Admissions for September '25:** online application portal opens on Friday 10th January at 12noon and closes on Friday 24th January at 12noon. Details are available from the Education Authority: [www.eani.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.uk/parents/admissions) Contact: Principal Michael Grew 028 677 21511; email: [mgrew651@c2kni.net](mailto:mgrew651@c2kni.net) for a copy of their prospectus and enrolment information.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** flying direct From Belfast International, 7 nights F/B, Hotel Avenida with full religious programme, 28th May/4th June £849. S/D Fr. Antony Connelly CP. Contact Joe Catney 077 76425631.

*"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him."*  
Pope Francis

**Hope Healing Growth** – Aisling Centre Annual Day of Inspiration takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets on sale via Eventbrite [bit.ly/HHG25](http://bit.ly/HHG25) (free to attend virtually) [infor@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:infor@theaislingcentre.com) 028 66 3252811.

**This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of the Fee family.**