

PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Fourth 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

www.churchservices.tv/maguirebridge

Parish Website: www.lisnaskeamaguirebridgeparish.com

Parish Instagram Account: 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



Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS

Sunday 22nd December

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

• (First Anniversary): Nancy Durnien, Drumbroughas North

• Kathleen Martin, Carrowshee

• Philip Fee & his sons Gerard, Patrick & Leo, Carrowhoney & Philip, Cherryhill; James-Joseph Fee and his sons James & Stephen, Derryheely.

Monday 23rd December

10.00am: Lay Led Liturgy.

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve.

6.00pm: • For the people of the parish.

Wednesday 25th December - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Solemnity.

11.00am: • For the people of the parish.

Sunday 29th December

11.00am: • (Month's Mind): Jim Hueston, Macknagh Road

• Maureen and Thompson Hicks

• Mena & Louis Bannon, Tully South and deceased family members

• Margaret Smyth, Kilmore South.

ST. MARY'S

Saturday 21st December

6.00pm: • Margaret & Patrick May

• Annie & Michael Montgomery, their daughter Mary & deceased family members, Killyrover

• Aiden Cunningham, Drumbaghlin.

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

12.00 Midnight Mass: For the people of the parish.

Saturday 28th December

6.00pm: • Agnes & James Carey and their son John

• Angela & Paddy Moane.



You are asked to pray for Oliver Maguire, Forest Gate, London. **May Oliver now Rest in Peace.**

We welcome into the Christian Community Daragh James Lavery, Aria Carty, Finbar Brendan Beatty and Darragh Patrick McElroy **who were baptised in Holy Cross last weekend.**

The Parish Office re-opens on Monday 6th January 2025.

A Christmas Message from Canon Jimmy

This is a wonderful time of year, as the world lights up to acknowledge that Jesus the Son of God entered into our world over 2000 years ago. Light is central to Christmas as darkness is banished. We all love the flicker of a candle on the mantelpiece, the mesmerizing flames and sparks of an open fire. We all love to see Christmas trees twinkling through our windows, and the faces glowing at our carol services. Wherever Christ is, there is light, and darkness is extinguished. May you and yours have a light filled Christmas this year. Happy Christmas.



Toys will be blessed at the 11am Mass on Christmas morning in Holy Cross.

Christmas Penitential Service: this evening, Sunday 22nd 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.

Maguiesbridge Community Carol Service: tomorrow 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 29th 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

HELPLINES: Fermanagh Women's Aid: 19 Darling St., Enniskillen BT74 7DP. Email : 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.

Oak Healthy Living Centre: 12 weekly Stop Smoking Support Group or One to One Support starting Wednesday 8th January, 10am. Tel. **07593446202.**

Advent and Christmas details:

Catholicism, a DVD presentation on the Catholic faith will be shown in the Parish Centre this evening Sunday 22nd 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.

Christmas Penitential Service: this evening Sunday 22nd December at 6pm in Holy Cross Church.

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

Christmas Day Mass: 11am in Holy Cross.

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

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 Contact: Principal Michael Grew 028 677 21511; email: 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.

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

Parish Contributions - 15th December

First Sunday: £212

Offertory: £1065.24 & €140

Standing Orders for November: £5680

Many thanks for your continuous generosity.

This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of Kathleen Martin.