

Our Parish Newsletter
24th December - 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve

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**No Adoration
in St. Mary's
until 11th
January
2024**

Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday 10 am; Tues & Thurs 10 am; Fri 29th - 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's—Saturday 7.30 pm; Wednesday 27th Wedding
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am;
Mon 1st Tues 2nd 10 am; Thurs 4th - 7.30 pm St. Mary's; Wed 3rd 10 am St. Joseph's;

Christmas Masses

Church	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	St. Stephen's Day	5th & 6th The Epiphany of the Lord
St. Patrick's	6.30 pm			11.15 am Saturday 6th
St. Mary's	8.00 pm		10.00 am	10.00 am Saturday 6th
St. Joseph's		10.00 am		7.30 pm Friday 5th

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 23rd 7.30 pm Charlie (1st AM) & Maureen Comiskey (2nd AM), Drumackinooe
Saturday 30th 7.30 pm Kevin Smith, Larrigan, 1st Anniversary Mass
Friday 5th 7.30 pm Kathleen (5AM) & Peter Smith, AUGHACONEY
Saturday 6th 7.30 pm Patsy Lynch, Drumbrath, 4AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 31st 11.15 am Lil Higgins, Church Rd
Saturday 6th 11.15 am Eamon Keogh, Toneylion Months Memory Mass
Sunday 7th 11.15 am Peggy McInerney, 3AM

St. Mary's:

Friday 29th 7.30 pm Kieran Walsh, Finaway
Sunday 31st 10.00 am Eileen (3AM) & James McDonald, Derrylea
Thursday 4th 7.30 pm Nancy (2AM) & Hughie McCabe, Latnadrona
Sunday 7th 10.00 am Tom Smith, Togher Months Memory Mass

***Merry Christmas to you all, and We Wish you
Every Blessing in 2024***

The Song of the 12 days of Christmas

The Song of the 12 Days of Christmas was written in England during the reign of terror in Cromwellian England. Believe it or not Christmas was illegal at that time. The song was put together so that children could learn the key points of their banned religion.

The true love of the song is God. The me is everyone baptised Christians.

Each of the days represents an aspect of the faith—

On the 1st Day of Christmas the Partridge is Jesus
On the 2nd Day the 2 Turtle Doves are the Old and New Testaments
On the 3rd Day the 3 French Hens are the Virtues of Faith Hope and Charity
On the 4th Day the 4 Calling Birds are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
On the 5th Day the 5 Golden Rings are the 5 First Books of the Old Testament known as the Torah
On the 6th Day the 6 Geese are the 6 Days of Creation
On the 7th Day the 7 swans are swimming are the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
On the 8th Day the 8 Maids a Milking are the 8 Beatitudes
On the 9th Day the 9 Ladies Dancing are the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit
On the 10th Day the 10 Lords a Leaping are the 10 Commandments
On the 11th Day the 11 Pipers Piping are the 11 Faithful Apostles
On the 12th Day the 12 Drummers Drumming are the 12 Points of Doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

Month	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize
Sept	Trevor & Gillian Smith	Tommy & Kathleen O'Rourke	Pete & Fiona Stead Graddum
Oct	Niall & Catherine Ames	Tommy & Bernie McKiernan	Phylis & Carmel Soroghan
Nov	Dessie & Mary Boylan	James McEvoy Porton	Barry Colwell Drumrora

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,

Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul, the lord is always near thee. Been patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God, to comfort and to cheer thee in every change he faithful

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine,
O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

