

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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## **Recently deceased:**

Katie Kelly, nee Donnelly, Birmingham and formerly of Templetown

Angela McGivern, nee Rourke, Lancashire and formerly of Ballagan

Anna Bors, nee Rafferty, London and formerly of Mullaghhattina

Imelda Carroll, London

Ina McGarrity, Donabate

Frank Finnegan, Jonesboro

Jimmy McGeough, Kilkenny

Brian Morris, Blackrock

Bridie Lynch, Newtownbalregan

## **Anniversaries:**

Eddie, Jimmy and Annie Halpenny

Brendan McGrane

James McGrath and deceased family members

Karen Clarke M.M.

Peter and Mag Savage and deceased family members

John McGreehan, Castletowncooley

## **Friday is the First Friday**

Unfortunately, I am advised that it is best not to visit on the First Friday at this time. For those that I would normally visit, please know that you are in my prayer.

## **COVID-19 Restrictions – Level 3**

As and from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, in keeping with Level 3 Government Restrictions, **all Masses** will be celebrated **IN PUBLIC** each day - limited to 50 people and will be streamed on the parish webcam.

## **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 7pm Vigil - Church of our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Sunday 10.00am – Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday 11.30am – Church of St. James, Grange

## **Daily Masses**

Monday and Wednesday at 10am. First Friday at 8pm in Grange Church

Tuesday and Thursday in Boher Church at 10.00am

## **Face Covering in Church**

It is highly recommended for the safety of yourself and others to wear face covering while attending Church. Children under 13yrs are exempt from this.

### **Advent – a time to prepare!**

In difficult times it's important that we engage with our faith, discover and rediscover the promise of hope that is at the heart of the Christian story. As we move into the season of Advent, I am acutely aware of how difficult life has been for many people because of the coronavirus pandemic. Particularly conscious of those who have lost a loved one and of those who continue to battle with the dangerous effects of the virus. To some extent all of our lives have been impacted by the restrictions necessary as we strive to protect one another. These are unprecedented and strange times.

As Advent arrives I think of the darkness into which Christ first came, of the simplicity of the Bethlehem stable and of how Christ's light and love has changed the world and continues to invite us into the embrace of God's love.

Once again, the Pastoral Council is making an effort to reach out to parishioners with hope. We plan to put together a poster that invites God's blessing on our community at this Advent and Christmas time. Over this weekend and up until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, pieces of the banner will be available in each of the churches and parishioners are invited to put a mark or name on a piece of the banner - so that we unite as a community in welcoming Christ this Christmas – families might like to come to visit the church, say a prayer for a particular intention, and leave their mark.

The plan is that a representative from each townland in our parish would come together on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and assemble the pieces – our community expressing its desire for God to Bless each family this Christmas. Even, and perhaps especially in difficult times, it's important to make an effort to embrace the unquenchable hope that is Jesus Christ and to be that hope for one another. Let's together make a special effort to engage with the Christ of Christmas!

May God Bless you with hope in this Advent season!

Fr Malachy

### **Nightly Rosary**

The Rosary is recited nightly at 9pm and can be viewed on the parish webcam

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

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Friday in Grange Church

Tuesday & Saturday in Boher Church

Thursday in Mullaghbuoy Church

### **Baptisms (by arrangement)**

Baptisms will be celebrated every Saturday at 5pm. It is recommended that numbers attending the Baptism be kept to a minimum of 6 persons in order to protect one another

### **Parish Bulletin**

Anyone who would like a copy of the bulletin sent to them by email each week should request this by emailing the Parish office at: [cooleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyparish@gmail.com)

### **Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Boher – Cleaner required**

Job type: Part-time Temporary Contract – 3hrs per evening Monday – Friday

Start date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Garda Vetting required for successful applicant, forms will be supplied

Must be available to work evenings

Duties to include but not exclusive to:

Cleaning of the school building; vacuuming carpeted areas and washing floors; sweeping uncarpeted areas; emptying and cleaning bins; spot cleaning of spillages; cleaning desks, seats and skirting boards; cleaning toilet areas and replenishing toiletries; cleaning doors and windows; checking stock levels of cleaning materials; reporting all defects/hazards immediately to the Principal/Secretary.

Please email the school, [applications2020boherns@gmail.com](mailto:applications2020boherns@gmail.com) with covering letter and C.V. on or before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### **Cake Sale on Facebook live!**

A cake sale in aid of Parish Funds will be held on Facebook live from Cooley Complex on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 10am. All sorts of confectionaries, cakes, tarts, buns, puddings, etc. welcome and should be brought to Cooley complex at 8.30am on Sunday.

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies**

2 Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 18/12/2020

1 Caretaker - Cooley closing date 18/12/2020

2 Environmental workers - Carlingford closing date 18/12/2020

1 Administration - Carlingford closing date 18/12/2020

1 Environmental worker – Omeath closing date 18/12/2020

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **White Ribbon Sunday 29th November**

Women's Aid invites you to take part in White Ribbon Sunday on Sunday 29th November to raise awareness about domestic abuse. With 8,000 incidents of domestic abuse reported to the police across Northern Ireland during lockdown, Women's Aid believe that staying silent on the issue is not an option. Fr Eugene O'Hagan of *The Priests* has recorded a short video about White Ribbon Sunday which can be viewed at the following

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ttWSPTdkAk>.

### **Mini Advent Retreat by Zoom 1-3 December**

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm.

To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

## **Advent Day of Reflection - Saturday, 19 December - Drumalis via Zoom**

Sr Pam Thimmes OSC, Poor Clare's Faughart, will lead an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, 19 December from 10 am – 4 pm, hosted by Drumalis via Zoom.

For most of us 2020 has been an unprecedented time – a time of change, loss and grief, confusion, discovery, wonder and uncertainty. In some ways it has been an extended advent (arrival, emergence). Isaiah's words came to his people in exile. This day of reflection will allow us to bring these feelings and experiences of exile and newness of life into focus and perceive anew Christ born among us and living among us. Our souls, like Mary's have been pierced and transformed. Let us open our hearts to God's newness born each day among us. Do we see it and how do we live it?

The cost for the Day of Reflection is £20 per person or £30 per household. To book please contact Drumalis tel 048 28272196/28276455 (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm).