

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24 DECEMBER 2023**



ALTAR SOCIETY: Dec: Mary McKeever

READERS:

Evenings: Dec: Alice Pratt

Mornings: Dec: Catherine Keenan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Evenings: Dec: Betty McGarry

Mornings: Dec: Angela Walls

COUNTERS: Dec: Team A

REMEMBER OUR DEAD: Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased Seamus Young, Eddie Bradley, John Bateson, Michael Gallagher, Liam McQuaid, Ita Evans and the deceased priests and benefactors of this Parish and for those whose Month's Mind Masses or Anniversaries occur at this time.

SAT: 23 Dec: Jim Cassidy, Annie Doyle, Pat McGrogan, James & Mary Walls, Annie McKenna

SUN: 24 Dec: Edward Bateson

MON: 25 Dec: John Doyle, Elizabeth Devlin, Bridget Young

TUES: 26 Dec: Clare McCoy, Margaret McCartney, Mary Sarah Walls, Liam Martin

WED: 27 Dec: Marie Cushenan, Patricia Ferris, Teresa O'Kane

THU: 28 Dec: Josephine Donnelly, Mary Hinfey, Molly McCloskey, Bill Kerr, Matt Devlin, Robert & John Barton, Hugh McGarry

FRI: 29 Dec: Dennis McKeever, Patricia Lythgoe, Eileen Donnelly

SAT: 30 Dec: Bernadette Moran, Susannah Cassidy, Dermot Doyle

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, may the perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

COLLECTION: Weekly Collection: £1031.44 Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTION: Mind Wise (Supporting and empowering people affected by mental health issues to live their best lives) and also Mary's Meals.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION: Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday, 27 December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross + to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

VOCATION MESSAGE: For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother...

CHURCH open for Private Prayer daily 10.30am until dusk.

WEEKEND MASSES: SUNDAY 10.15am

Fr Fox hopes to celebrate Mass most weekdays at 10am.

WE WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY: Conlan Jaxx Crozier

PAINTING: of the Church has been duplicated and prints are still available for sale. Pictures small print £20 available in Paul & Geraldines Shop and Anna's Farm Shop or contact Anne 07754418383

ST PIUS X COLLEGE, MAGHERAFELT: Open Day is on Saturday, 13th January 2024 at 9:30am for pupils from Anahorish and St Trea's Primary Schools. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PORTGLENONE PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays 7pm in the Big House at the Monastery, everyone welcome.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE from Saturday 30 December
MAGHERAFELT – Saturday Vigil 6.15pm, Sunday 11.30am
Castledawson – Sunday 9am
Weekday Masses – 11am Novena Monday 7.30pm
Confessions Saturday after 11am Mass & before 6.15pm Vigil Mass

A Post Box has been installed outside the Parish Centre for requests for anniversaries, late collection envelopes, etc. or they can be brought to the sacristy. (not to the Parochial House).

The Parish Office is open Tues-Fri from 11am to 2pm for anyone needing baptismal certificates or organising a Mass.

SO FAR IN 2023 28 children were baptised in the parish, 39 made their First Holy Communion, 43 were Confirmed, and very many are in various stages of completing their formal education – The young. They will soon find themselves in different roles as independent citizens, taking on personal responsibilities.

Pope Francis has said, “Young People call us to renewed and expansive hope, for they represent new directions for humanity and open us to the future, lest we cling to a nostalgia for structure and customs which are no longer life-giving in today’s world”

Many people celebrate Christmas with lights, so fitting in the dark days of winter. Christ said that He was the light of the world. Young people too can be lights in a world of so much darkness. Already some in our parish have sought outlet for their idealism in the John Paul II award scheme.

The energy of youth, your imagination and fresh ways of doing things, all in the context of faith, provide reasons for hope for parish and world.

Happy Christmas to all.

The priests in Magherafelt are now assuming full responsibility for the parish. Beginning next Sunday 31st December, Mass will be at 10.15am each Sunday with no Saturday Vigil Mass. There is no scheduled weekday Mass, but Father Fox hopes to celebrate Mass at 10am most days.

Deacon Kevin can be contacted for marriage arrangements and for funeral preparations. Sick calls should be addressed to the priests in Magherafelt.