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Epiphany Announcement

Dear brothers and sisters:

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever manifest itself among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms and changes of time let us call to mind and live the mysteries of salvation.

The centre of the whole liturgical year is the Paschal Triduum of the Lord, crucified, buried and risen, which will culminate in the solemn Vigil of Easter, during the holy night that will end with the dawn of the twenty-fourth day of April. Every Sunday, as in a weekly Easter, holy Church makes present that great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter there comes forth and are reckoned all the days we keep holy: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten spring, the ninth day of March; the Ascension of the Lord, the seventh day of June; and Pentecost, the twelfth day of June; the First Sunday of Advent, the twenty-seventh day of November.

Likewise in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, of the apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed, the pilgrim Church on earth proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

To Christ who was, who is, and who is to come, the Lord of time and history, be endless praise forever and ever! Amen.

“Religious freedom is the theme of the **Pope’s Message for the World Day of Peace** not only because that subject matter is central to Catholic social doctrine, but also because the experience of religious freedom—a basic vocation of man and a fundamental, inalienable and universal human right, and key to peace—has come under great stress and threat: From raging secularism, which is intolerant of God and of any form of expression of religion. From religious fundamentalism, the politicisation of religion and the establishment of State religions. From the growing cultural and religious pluralism that is becoming ever more present and pressing in our day”.

THE POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as precious gifts from God to humankind.

That Christmas may achieve full unity, bearing witness of the universal fatherhood of God to the entire human race.

Fr. Gerry will continue house visitation to the homes of Mount St. Joseph this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:

Paul Carroll, Dunheeda, Glen Curtis, Dunroe.

Reborn through water and the Holy Spirit:

Rocksana Natalia Tomala, Rockfield Heights.

Baptisms: All Baptisms are booked and registered at the Baptismal preparation meeting. Next Baptismal preparation meeting takes place in the Parish Centre **Thursday, 6th January, at 8 p.m.**

Please note that Baptism in February will be on February 6th and 27th. Please note change of date in month.

Please let **Fr. Gerry** know if a family member residing in the parish or a neighbour is in hospital. They might appreciate a visit.

Adoration will resume on 11th January, 2011.

Parish Calendar for January

- **1st January:** Special Mass to mark World Day of Prayer for Peace.
- **2nd January:** Fr. Gerry and the Baptismal Team welcome all babies baptised in 2010 with their parents and families to a special Mass at 12 noon.
- **5th January:** Parishioners are invited for refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre.
- **6th January:** Feast of the Epiphany. Masses at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Day of obligation.
- **6th January:** Parish Finance Committee meeting at 8 p.m.
- **20th January:** Annual Ecumenical Service in St. Ernan’s Church of Ireland conducted by Rev. William Stacey and Fr. Gerry. The preacher is Very Rev. Dr. P. Murphy, Ecumenical Director Archdiocese of Armagh.
- **30th January:** The 12 noon Mass will be a special Mass to mark Catholic Schools Week and the contribution of the Catholic Schools to our Parish Community.

The fare for the forthcoming pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with MAP Travel for October 7th—14th is €975 plus extras. Places are limited. Immediate booking at Parish Office.



LITURGICAL NOTES

1st/2nd January.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Kitty & Benny Cutis.

Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.:

Corlea 9 a.m.: Gene & Margaret Marron.

10.30: Jack, Mary & Stephen Malone.

12.00: Thomas Wakely, Turner's Hill.

8th/9th January.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Paul Carolan.

Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Richard & Rose Murray.

Corlea 9 a.m.: Susan & Patrick Owens, Corglass.

10.30: Norah Fleming, Drumgill.

12.00:

Tuesday 10: Maureen & Leo O'Neill.

Wednesday 10: Michael & Catherine Hand, Collops.

Thursday 10: Patsy, Kate & John Clarke,
Ballinaclose.

Thursday 7 p.m.: Nancy McCaul, Corragheeran.
Month's Memory.

Friday 10: List of the Dead.

Friday 7.m.: *List or the Dead & Anniversaries
Occurring.*

Peter Hegarty, Hall St. & deceased family.

P.J. Gorman.

Deceased members of the Meegan family.

The Reilly family, Enniskeen.

Brian & Eileen Hanratty, Cornavan.

Tom Carolan, Cortubber.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Vigil: Rose Mary Patterson, Mary Kelly, David O'Reilly, Kathrina Cunningham, Shane Smith.

10.30: Carmel Daly, Eileen Freeman, Eilish Cassidy, Jackie Sexton, Maria Kowalczykowska.

12.00: Killian Farrelly, Mary O'Reilly, Mary Gilsenan, Brian Satelle, Terry O'Reilly.

Muff: Philip Smith. **Corlea:** Henry P. Smith.

READERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR JANUARY

Vigil: Agnes Clarke. **10.30:** Pat Sherlock.

12.00: Muriel Harney.

Muff: 1st: Maureen Lynch. 8th: Cormac McMahon.

15th: Patricia Tierney. 22nd: Frances Reilly.

29th: J.P. Canavan.

Corlea: 2nd: Marie Fay. 9th: Rose Mary Cunningham.

16th: Sinead McCabe. 23rd: Margaret Cespedes.

30th: Sheila Connolly.

Congratulations to **Sinead Hamill**, Magheraclone and **Garrett Gunn**, Kingscourt, **Rebecca Harney**, Fana Rua, and **Keith Thompson**, Dublin, on their recent marriages.

Mobile phone found in Church grounds on Christmas Eve. Contact Nuala in the Sacristy.

A sincere word of thanks for your kind Christmas Offerings for the support of your Priests.

The rescheduled concert in aid of **St. Ernan's Restoration Fund** will take place on 5th January at 7.30 p.m. in St. Ernan's Church.

This Week's Collections:
Christmas Day Plate: €3,781.
St. Stephen's Day Plate €1,324. Envelopes:
€1,665. Many thanks to all.

A sincere word of thanks to all involved in parish ministry during the last year. Thank you to the Parish staff, Finance Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word, Youth Readers, all choirs, organists, cantors, members of the Parish Baptismal Team, the Parish Website Committee, the Bereavement Team, The Adoration Committee, the Eucharistic 2012 committee, members of St. Vincent de Paul, our sacristans, servers, those who clean our churches and prepare the linens and flowers. Thank you to our counters and collectors. Thank you to all who worked so hard in preparation for Christmas in our three Churches. Thank you the Chairpersons and voluntary members of all school boards who give so generously to the schools and education in our parish.

I commend all involved in the various sporting, cultural and voluntary groups in the parish without whose leadership and generosity of spirit our parish and community would be much the poorer.

There are many challenges ahead in this year.

May God give one and all the health and strength to journey and I wish you all the following prayer:

*May you have
Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day
better than yesterday.*

May God bless you all. Fr. Gerry.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Young People between 18 & 35 interested in travelling to World Youth Day in Madrid during August 2011 are asked to view www.dioceseofmeath.ie for more details.

Gym An Ri Fitness Blitz Morning, Saturday, 8th Jan. in aid of Kingscourt Social Services. Take part in a selection of classes and give a donation that will go towards a worthy charity.

Social Services Christmas Party Cabra Castle Sunday, 9th Jan., 2011 2 p.m. Book at "The Well" by 4th Jan.

Kingscourt Stars GFC Club dinner dance Friday, 11th Feb. in The Bailie Hotel. Tickets now available @ €35. Music by Texas Wildcats. The senior championship medals will be presented on the night.

Kingscourt Stars AGM on Sunday, 2nd January at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Stars Lotto Result: 01, 04, 07, 26. No winner. Next jackpot €6,000.