

Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter

Sat 2nd/Sun 3rd January 2010
2nd Sunday of Christmas— Year C

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Please Don't Litter Our Town

Saturday 2nd-Sunday 3rd

Sat 7pm	The people of the parish
Sun 10am	Thomas & Bridget Ward, Scotland
12 noon	Mary Donelon—Funeral Mass

Week-Day Masses:

Mon. 7pm	Gretta Hegarty
Tues 7pm	Tom Cruise & d.f. Clooncun
Wed. 10am	Feast of Epiphany
Thurs 9.30am	Mass
Fri. 9.30am	John McDonagh, Curragh

Saturday 9th-Sunday 10th

Sat 7pm	The people of the parish
Sun 10am	Eilís Haslam, Stonetown

Please pray for Mary Donelon, Cashel—funeral Mass today at 12 noon; also, John (Jackie) Kelly, Ballinasloe brother of Ann Lohan, Ballyhard; Ann Keaveney, wife of Declan, Esker & Dublin; Noreen Murphy, England, aunt of Paul & Oliver Murphy; Gerard Fegan, in-law of Martin Giblin Esker & Ardee—who died recently. Also, James Keaveney, Church St., Michael Halloran, Ballymoe Rd. and Dan Connelly, Loughpark whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Wednesday is the Feast of the Epiphany Masses: 7pm Tuesday; 10am Wednesday

Next Sunday's Readings

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
1st Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every Monday 7am-12 noon & 6pm-10pm. All welcome

Church Income last week-end: Envelopes: €680; Baskets: €381; Shrines, papers, ads.: €140; Christmas Day: €978; Crib for Trócaire: €220

Glenamaddy Bingo:

On Wednesday night in the Community Centre at 8.30pm. €1,150 in prize money including €500 Jackpot on 48 calls or less.

Community Clubs' Lotto:

No Jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw; numbers drawn were: 7-11-13-26. 7 Match 3s and share €100. Next Wednesday's Lotto Jackpot will be **€16,400**

Divine Mercy devotions every Friday at 3pm in Glenamaddy Church.

Thanks

As we move into a new year I would like to thank all those who helped in different ways during 2009. Thanks to the Pastoral Council, the people in various ministries—readers, ministers of the Eucharist, stewards, the Junior & Senior Choirs and those who help them, the Servers, Christina in the Sacristy, Frances Keaveney & Michael Clarke, to people who helped in all sorts of ways, and to yourselves for your generous contributions to the church.

I thank you for your kindness to me during 2009 and especially when things were most difficult.

May you all be blessed in a special way during 2010

Lisheen School dance has been cancelled due to weather. All spot prizes will be carried forward and tickets sold can be used later.

In the interest of providing an adequate supply of water for all shareholders, members of the **Boyouagh Ballyedmond Group Water Scheme** are asked to conserve water and check for any leaks on their property.

Peace!



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St. Joseph's NS Parents Association

Would like to thank everyone who contributed to the church gate collection last weekend. We raised a total of €501.54. It is much appreciated.

Standing at the Gates of a New Year

Sacred Mystery,
waiting on the threshold
of this new year,
you open the gates
and beckon to me:

"Come! Come!

Be not wary of what awaits you
as you enter the unknown terrain,
be not doubtful of your ability
to grow from its joys and sorrows.

For I am with you,
I will be your Guide,
I will be your Protector,
You will never be alone."

Guardian of this new year,
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,
to hospitality, to questions,
to the endless opportunity
of discovering you in my relationships,
and to all the silent wisps and wonder
that will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence
and walk with hope into this new year
- Joyce Rupp

Christmas is forever

When the song
of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings
and the princes are home,
when the shepherds
are back with flocks,
the work
of Christmas begins:
To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner
To rebuild the nation
To bring peace among people
To make music in the heart

New Year

Good and gracious God,
Help us to be bearers of your Love
And heralds of your Word
In this coming year.

We ask for your strength
As we commit ourselves to work for
Respect for the earth,
Peace for its people,
Love in our Lives,
Delight in the good,
Forgiveness for past wrongs
And from now on a new start.

We bind unto ourselves this day
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.

Amen



Feed us now, O Son of God

The people came to hear you
The poor, the lame, the blind.
They asked for food to save them
And you fed them body and mind.
The ones who didn't listen,
The rich, the safe, the sure,
They didn't think they needed
The offering of a cure.
And it is hard for us to listen,
Things haven't changed at all
We've got the things we wanted,
We don't want to hear your call.
Yet millions still have hunger,
Disease, no homes and fear.
We offer them so little
And it costs them very dear.
So, help us see the writing
Written clear upon the wall:
He who doesn't feed his neighbour
Will get no food at all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR