

CORLOUGH/TEMPLEPORT PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sunday 20th December 2020 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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All liturgies from Kilnavart and Bawnboy will be broadcast on FM108.

All liturgies from Bawnboy will be live-streamed on www.churchTV.ie/bawnboy and also on the Corlough-Templeport Parish Facebook page. Funerals and anniversary Masses from Corlough and Kilnavart can also be live-streamed on Facebook on request.

“I wish you all a very joyful, peaceful and safe Christmas”. Fr. Sean.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

<i>Saturday 19</i>	<i>8.15pm</i>	<i>Corlough</i>	Kieran Dolan, London Michael and Molly Dolan, Cromera
<i>Sunday 20</i>	<i>9.30am 11.00am</i>	Kilnavart Bawnboy	Maura Heery, Cloneary John and Anna Brady, Meenaghan
<i>Monday 21</i>	10. 00am	Kilnavart	Master McGowan's Retirement Mass Special intention
<i>Tuesday 22</i>	<i>9.00am 9.00pm</i>	<i>Bawnboy Bawnboy</i>	Francis, Kathleen, PJ & Collette Flanagan, Bawnboy & Kill Guided Holy Hour
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9.00am</i>	Corlough	The People of the Parish
Christmas Eve	<i>7:00pm</i>	Bawnboy	Johanna O Donnell, Kilsob and deceased of the O Donnell and Doonan families
	<i>8:30pm</i>	Corlough	Margaret, Patrick, Joe and Teresa McManus
	<i>9:30pm</i>	Kilnavart	
Christmas Day	<i>9:30am</i>	Kilnavart	The People of the Parish
	<i>11:00am</i>	Bawnboy	Gerry and Mary Brady, Meenaghan
	<i>12:15pm</i>	Corlough	Elizabeth Maguire, Altinure
<i>Saturday 26</i>	<i>11.00am</i>	Bawnboy	
Sunday 27	<i>9.30am</i>	Kilnavart	Bill White, Kilnavart
	<i>11.00am</i>	Bawnboy	John Joe McGovern, Meath and Bawnboy
	<i>12.15pm</i>	Corlough	The People of the Parish

Pray for Tommy Carroll, Essex and Mullinalaghta, whose ashes were buried in St Patrick's Cemetery, Corlough recently.

Special Christmas Collection: The proceeds of the annual Christmas charity collection and the crib donations will go to Mary's Meals this year. Mary's Meals bring Joy and Hope into families, schools and communities. It brings hope to people in some of the world's poorest countries. That hope is in the form of food, that allows their children to grow and learn and be the wonderful people they were made to be, not held back by hunger. They are a no frills charity, the child comes first. €18.30 is enough to feed a child in their place of education for a whole school year. At least 93% of all donations go to their charitable activities. This Christmas, if you can, please consider donating to Mary's Meals. The Collection will be taken up as people exit from Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Alternatively, people can place their donation in a clearly marked envelope and post it through the letter box at the parochial house over the Christmas season.

Christmas Confessions: Due to the restrictions on gatherings, people are encouraged to make a sincere act of contrition and to place their full confidence in God's mercy, with the resolve to confess their sins when it is possible to do so. However, Confessions will be available on Christmas Eve in Bawnboy from 12pm-1pm for those who wish to avail of this sacrament at this time. People are asked not to queue for Confession, but to spread across the church and come up to the sanctuary for Confession in an orderly way.

The Irish Catholic Newspaper will no longer be on sale in Bawnboy and Kilnavart churches. It will be available to buy in Maguires Shop, Bawnboy in the new year. Thank you to all those who supported this publication in recent years.

Sincere thank you to all those who have contributed to the offertory collections and the priests revenue so far this year and especially during the recent lockdown. If you intend to make a contribution by cheque for 2020, it would be appreciated if you could do so before the 22nd of December to give enough time for it to be lodged before the end of the financial year. Any contributions received after this date may be receipted for 2021. If you intend to pay dues by cheque, please make them payable to 'Priest's Revenue Account'. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St. Mogue's N.S. Currin.: A celebratory mass will be held on Monday 21 st December in St. Patrick's Church, Kilnavart on the occasion of the retirement of our Principal, Brendan McGowan. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid restrictions, numbers who can attend the mass are restricted. However, you are most welcome to join our celebrations on 108FM radio or on the Corlough-Templeport Parish facebook page. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brendan for his 26 years of dedicated service in our school. We wish him good health and happiness in his retirement. Go n-éirí an t-adh leis.

John Paul II Awards in Corlough Templeport Parish The Awards were created to commemorate the late Pope John Paul II. Through these Awards young people will be enabled to take an active part in the life of their Church, in the life of their community and society. The awards are for young people between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age who have completed their Junior Certificate. The Awards are non-competitive, flexible and voluntary. If any young person or parent from Corlough Templeport Parish are interested in finding out more and/or participating in these awards please let Fr Sean Maguire know or contact Martina on 086 3461227 for more info.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, CORLOUGH

Thursday 8.30pm	Reader Kathleen McGovern	Eucharistic Minister Emer Devine
Friday 12.15pm	Kathleen McGovern	Emer Devine
Saturday 8.15pm	Kathleen McGovern	Emer Devine

Offertory Collectors next Saturday: Paul Cassidy & Brian Cassidy

Ushers: Gerry Prior & Kieran Caffrey

Altar Society: Elizabeth Baxter & Kathleen Dolan

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILNAVART

Thursday 9.30pm	Reader: Patricia /Pat	Eucharistic Minister Patricia/Gerry
Friday 9.30am	Patricia McGovern	Philomena Dolan
Sunday 9.30am	Elizabeth Cassidy	Breda Donohoe

ST. MOGUE'S CHURCH, BAWNBOY

Thursday 7.00pm	Reader Aoife Maguire	Eucharistic Tony/Roisin
Friday 11.00am	Blaithin Ball	Ministers: Paula/Bryan
Sunday 11.00am	Anne Smith	Joe/Alison

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday	Bawnboy	9pm-10pm
Wednesday	Corlough	9:20am-10am
Friday	Kilnavart	No Adoration

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to Paudie, Thomas, Eliot, Eve, Lucy, Mya, Danielle, Fergal, Natalie and Luke who received their First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Church, Kilnavart yesterday.

Guided Holy Hour: will take place on each Tuesday night at 9pm in Bawnboy Church during this time of pandemic. The Holy Hour will consist of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Night Prayer and other reflective prayers. The Holy Hour will be broadcast on FM108 and live-streamed on www.churchTV.ie/bawnboy and the Parish Facebook page. People can now attend in person.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Bawnboy - 7:00pm (ChurchTV/Facebook/FM108)
Corlough - 8:30pm (Facebook)
Kilnavart - 9:30pm (FM108)

Christmas Day: Kilnavart - 9:30am (Facebook/FM108)
Bawnboy - 11:00am (ChurchTV/Facebook/FM108)
Corlough - 12:15pm (Facebook)

St Stephen's Day: Bawnboy - 11:00am

Sunday 27th - Holy Family: Kilnavart - 9:30am
Bawnboy - 11:00am
Corlough - 12:15pm

Monday 28th - Holy Innocents: Kilnavart - 11:00am

Tuesday 29th - Bawnboy : 11:00am

Wed 30th - Corlough : 11:00am

Thursday 31st - Bawnboy : 11:00pm (Benediction at midnight)

New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God - Corlough: 11:00am

Like the year gone by, this Christmas will be one like no other. We have become accustomed to large congregations at Mass especially on Christmas Eve, but with the social distancing norms in place, this unfortunately will not be possible this year. The word "Christmas" is a shortened form of "Christ's Mass" so the celebration of Mass is very much at the heart of the season. It is important to state that the obligation to participate in Mass remains suspended until after the pandemic. However, everyone is welcome to participate in the Mass at some stage over the Christmas season if they are in a position to do so. Amidst the restrictions, we are encouraged above all to keep Christ at the centre of our celebrations. This year, parishioners are encouraged to avoid overcrowding in churches at Christmas; by attending Mass on the days before or after Christmas Day. Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days, from Christmas Eve to Epiphany on 6 January 2021. The Mass times for the Christmas Octave are available above which will aid your planning for Christmas. Each day of the Octave is celebrated as a 'little Christmas'. **by attending** only one Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to leave room for those who would like to attend. **by participating** via our radio link (FM108), or the Corlough-Templeport Facebook Page or our WebCam (www.ChurchTV.ie/Bawnboy). Resources will be made available soon to aid families or people in their 'household bubble' to participate in the Mass from their homes. **Parishioners are invited** to pay a visit to their local church either on Christmas Day or at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib while keeping a safe distance. **Hopefully**, everyone who wishes to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day can be accommodated. You will see that an extra Mass will be said on Christmas Day in Corlough to facilitate all those who wish to attend Mass. However, as the health and safety of our parishioners is paramount, when the capacity of any of our churches is reached, parishioners will be asked to return to their cars and listen to the Mass on FM108 or on the loudspeaker. Eucharistic Ministers will then distribute Holy Communion to people in their cars. This may also be an option for those who may not feel comfortable entering the church. **People are asked** to be patient and to follow the direction of the ushers at all times, so that people can come and go with ease. **The Government has recommended** the use of face-coverings and have asked people not to congregate before or after Mass **First Friday Visitations:** Fr Sean hopes to call to the sick and housebound in Bawnboy on Monday, Kilnavart on Tuesday and Corlough on Wednesday. All the usual precautions will be taken, but if you prefer not to receive a visit at this time, contact him.

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