

Sacred Heart Church Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd January 2022

Readers Vigil Marie McPhillips 11.30am Leo Rooney
Eucharistic Ministers Vigil Edward Tackney 11.30am Nora Treanor
Altar Society Eileen Lendrum, Mary Lou Masterson, Eileen Maguire

St. Macartan's:

Reader 2nd Jan Ciaran Carey **Eucharistic Minister** Máire Cullinan
Altar Society Jan Angela McCarville, Susan Mulligan, Maria Little

St. Alphonsus:

Reader 2nd Jan Nuala McBride **Eucharist Minister** Paul Hackett
Altar Society Jan Ann McAdam, Marion McMahan

Deaths: We pray for Fr. John Kearns, Garrison & Corcaghan
Kevin Faux, Enniskillen & Aghadrumsee
Betty McCormack, Crocknaboghill

Emmanuel! God is with us!

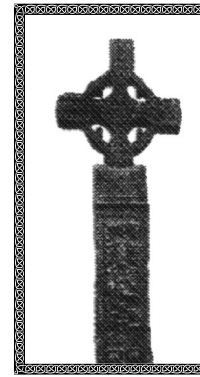
Over 2,000 years ago, a young couple travelled across a difficult terrain in trying conditions. Despite fears and trials, they travelled in hope. A mother was with child. They made their way to Bethlehem, not out of any wish of their own but in answer to a political order. They were to be counted, not for their own wellbeing or social advancement but for the levying of taxes and political exploitation. When they arrived in Bethlehem, they found themselves to be homeless, without shelter, forced to rely on the generosity of others. Into this scene on the fringes of an empire, God came among us, as a baby in a manger. The angels announced his birth and the deep peace that would come to the earth through him. The first to visit him were not the great and good, but lowly shepherds - vulnerable people on the margins of society. At one level, the political order was bringing people together for the purposes of power, but God came amongst his people in a lowly stable, to bring love and peace, without boundaries or divisions.

These past 21 months have shown us the importance and value of solidarity in our world. In times of trial and fear, in times when we ponder future possibilities, people seek and deserve hope-filled and inspired leadership; something that unites, something that seeks to erase the division between those who have and those who have not, between people of different nations and faiths, between different political outlooks. This continues to challenge those of us in Church and Civic leadership.

God is with us! Jesus comes among us to show God's solidarity with us - through love. The love that Jesus first brought to the world in Bethlehem reached its depth on the Cross of Calvary. It continues to do so to this day. His example and his teachings challenge us. His love inspires us to reach out with the good news of the Gospel, to respect others, to dialogue and to trust, even in the most difficult situations.

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Wishing all people across the Diocese of Clogher the blessings of Christmas.
Bishop Larry Duffly *Bishop Ian Ellis*



**Parish of
Clones**

Sacred Heart, Clones
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**26th December
2021**

**Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and
Joseph**

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**Masses and Intentions for the Week
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sun 26th	10.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 27th		No Mass
Tue 28th		No Mass
Wed 29th	11.00am	Michael, Liam, Katie, John & Yvonne McKiernan, Clones
Thurs 30th	11.00am	Mass of The Day
Fri 31st	11.00am	Paula Quigg, Killeevan; Dessie Watters, O'Neill Park
Sat 1st	11.00am	Mary the Holy Mother of God
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Second Sunday of Christmas		
Vigil	7.30pm	Tommy Reilly, Beechgrove (Month's Memory) John Donohoe, Beechgrove
Sun 2nd	9.00am 10.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish

Pope's Intention for January 2022

For all suffering as a result of religious discrimination and persecution that their rights and dignity, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family, be recognised.



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