

On December 8th 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the **Immaculate Conception**. A little more than three years later on February 11th 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous near the town of Lourdes in France. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on 24th March, the young lady, dressed in white with a blue girdle holding a rosary beads in her hand, identified herself with the words: *“I am the Immaculate Conception”*.

The event is memorialised in the grottos at our churches in Aghadrumsee and Clones. This coming Tuesday, as we celebrate **The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception**, it would be very fitting to take time to visit one of these grottos.

Those visiting the grotto in Aghadrumsee will notice that the statues have been painted and the lights have been repaired.

The people of the parish extend a sincere ‘thanks’ to Raymond Cullen for his work in decorating with flowers the grotto at Sacred Heart Church over the past 30 years.

Would any green-fingered parishioners like to contribute their talents and some of their time to help keep these grottos adorned with flora and fauna?

Christmas Arrangements in the Parish.

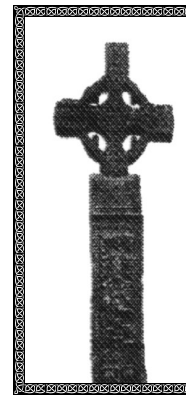
Due to current restrictions, it may not be possible to facilitate all those wishing to attend Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Clones Parish will operate a booking system whereby you fill out a form stating which one of the Masses you would like to attend (these forms will be available in all churches and also from our website after this weekend). Alternatively, an application for a place can be made by phoning 047 51048 or 047 52598 **between 10.00am and 4.30pm on Tuesday 8th December**. Only use the phone option if you are unable to either download a form or collect one from the church.

Forms can be returned in the following ways:

- * via the Secure Parish Envelope Box situated near the candelabrum (Clones)
- * via the boxes provided in St. Macartan’s and St. Alphonus
- * by post to the Parish Office, 5 Carn Dun, NTB Road, Clones, H23 CA26
- * by email to clonesparish@gmail.com

Forms should be submitted on or before 13th December.

Those who are successful in securing a place will be informed before Friday 18th December.



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones
St Alphonus, Conons
St Macartan’s, Aghadrumsee

Parish Office
10.00am—4.30pm (Monday—Friday)
Telephone: 047 51048
Email: clonesparish@gmail.com
Website: www.clonesparish.com

6th December
2020

Second Week
of
Advent

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil	7.30pm	Patrick Wilson & John & Patrick O’Neill, Belfast; Peter Murphy, Aghabog; Gabi Bonner, NTB Road
Sun 6th	9.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish Bernard Smyth (1st Anniversary) & Marcella Smyth, Church Hill; Bridget McCabe, Jubilee Road (1st Anniversary)

Mon 7th	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sacred Heart Church, Clones) (Sacred Heart Church, Clones)
Tue 8th	10.00am 7.30pm	
Wed 9th	10.00am	Nancy & John Quigley, O’Neill Park; Jimmy & Eileen Kernaghan, McCurtain Street
Thurs 10th	10.00am	
Fri 11th	10.00am	Pat, Etta & Niall Farren, Westport Gerry & Philomena Reihill & Maguire & Reihill Families, O’Neill Park
Sat 12th	10.00am	

Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil	7.30pm	Dermot McCabe, Roslea Road; Elizabeth Monaghan & Gunn Family, Cherry Park
Sun 13th	10.00am 11.30am	Mary O’Hara, Cortrasna & Joe Rooney, Greagholia People of the Parish

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones
Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee (Refer to note below)
11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones

Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am
(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Adoration: Postponed until further notice.

Confessions: Postponed until further notice.

St. Macartan's:

Reader 13th Dec Grainne Carey
Eucharistic Minister 13th Dec Rosemary Grew
Altar Society Dec Marie O'Neill, Joanne O'Neill, Paula O'Hara

Sacred Heart Church, 12th & 13th Dec:

Readers Vigil Bartle Woods
11.30am Hugh McDonald
Eucharistic Minister
Vigil Luke Kelly
11.30am Nora Treanor
Altar Society Maureen Connolly, Anna May Greenan, Kathleen McPhillips

St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee

Masses with a congregation will resume on Sunday 13th December with the same COVID regulations as were previously in place.

Building work has now finished and the church will be open every day from 9.30am until 4.00pm for private prayer.

Schools in Clones Parish

St Comhgall's 55329 **St Tiarnach's** 51398 **St Macartan's** 677 51100
Gael Scoil Eois 52162 **Largy College** 51132

Advent Prayer Resources are available on the Diocese of Clogher website www.clogherdiocese.ie and via the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page and other social media platforms from this weekend. They include prayers for family and school, links to the Advent Calendar with prayers, reflections and music for each day.

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom: For three sessions during Advent you are invited to take part in a min-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, Enniscorthy (Ferns Diocese), from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December at 8.00pm each day. To take part, simply email thehookoffaith@gmail.com and you will receive the Zoom link.

Mary's Meals Annual Walk (socially distanced) around St. Tiernach's Park on Sunday 13th December after 11.30am Mass. A donation of €10 will feed one child for many months. Mary's Meals is a no frills charity with a simple idea that works: by providing one good meal in a place of learning, children are drawn into the classroom where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no refreshments afterwards. Donations can be made by contacting Mary on 086 064 6967 or Geraldine on 087 267 5859.

Advent Reflection with Bishop Larry: You can join Bishop Larry on www.clogherdiocese.ie or on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page at 5.00pm on each Saturday of Advent as he lights a candle on the Advent Wreath and gives a short reflection on that Sunday's Gospel reading.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week from 8.00am until 8.00pm; phone **0818 222 024**.

Clones GAA Lotto 11, 17, 18, 19 No Winner. Jackpot now €3,000
Aghadrumsee GFC Lotto 01, 07, 16, 27 No Winner. Jackpot now £10,150
(Play online at https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Aghadrumsee_St_Macartans_GAC/lotto)