

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10TH. DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY MASSES 9.30 am & 12 noon, Charlestown. 10.30 am., Bushfield.

VIGIL MASS 8 pm. Charlestown

WEEKDAY MASS 10 am. Evening Mass, First Friday only 8 pm Charlestown.

CONFESSION Saturday 2 to 2.30 pm & 7.30 to 7.50 pm.

ADORATION Tuesday 10 am to Friday 11 pm.

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CHARLESTOWN MORNING MASSES

Sunday	10th.	09.30	Tony Maloney, Park-view.
Sunday	10th.	12.00	James and Mary McLoughlin, Lurga.
Monday	11th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Tuesday	12th.	10.00	Special Intention.
Wednesday	13th.	10.00	Moyra O'Donnell & deceased of the O'Donnell family, Charlestown.
Thursday	14th.	10.00	Susan Dockery & deceased of the Dockery & Holmes families.
Friday	15th.	09.30	People of the Parish.
Saturday	16th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
<i>Sunday</i>	17th.	09.30	Tommy Munnelly, Sonnagh.
<i>Sunday</i>	17th.	12.00	Francis Doherty, Tavneena.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	9th.	20.00	Martin Kenny, Church Street.
Saturday	16th.	20.00	Billy Durkin & deceased of the Durkin family.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	10th.	09.30	Mary Gallagher, Killaturley.
Sunday	17th.	10.30	Personal Intention.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: **Third Sunday of Advent (B)**

(1) Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 **Psalm** Lk 1:46-54 (2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **Gospel** John 1:6-8,19-28

READERS 10/12/17: Vigil D. McCann **9.30** Francis Mulligan **12** School Pupil
READERS 17/12/17: Vigil Nuala O'Donnell **9.30** Patricia Colleran **12** Agatha Craig

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

VIGIL MASS: Sr. Breege, Mary Duffy, Una McLoughlin.
9.30 AM: Paddy Colleran, Siobhán Horkan, Gráinne McLoughlin.
12 NOON: Betty Cox, Nora Harrington, Tony Morley.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER, Bushfield, 10th Dec. **Sadie McDonagh** 17th, 24th, 25th Dec. **Joe McDonnell**

R. I. P.

In your mercy pray for

CHRISTINE HARRISON, formerly of **Bushfield**, daughter of the late **Tom and Betty Harrison**, who died recently in **Guilford, Surrey**.

FOR SALE: *'Let Advent be Advent'*, a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent written by Fr. Vincent Sherlock will be on sale after the Masses this week-end. Cost €4.

CLEAN-UP: Volunteers required for the Christmas 'Clean-up' in Charlestown Church, **Monday 18th. December starting at 7.30 pm.** All help appreciated.

THE LIGHT IS ON: Confessions will take place in Charlestown Church and in all the parish churches in the Cluster on **Sunday 17th. December, 6 to 7 pm** or for longer, if required.

HOLY FAMILY ICON: The Holy Family Icon is in the church in Ballymote until Monday 11th. December. It is a beautiful work of art and well worth seeing. A Prayer Service around the icon will take place in Ballymote on Sunday starting at 7.30 pm, but please feel free to visit at any other time.

ADORATION: On the week-end 18-19 November, Fr. Michael Donnelly of the Missionaries of the Holy Eucharist spoke at all the week-end masses. An invitation for additional adorers was made at all of those masses and, thank God, the response to that appeal was most heartening and the new adorers who signed up that week-end now enables us to offer an extra day for adoration. With the exception of a few of the night hours, all the hours for that extra day are filled and, please God, before we start in January 2018 all the unclaimed hours will be filled. If you would like to take any of the remaining hours and you are a little fearful of the commitment involved, cast aside your fear, be courageous, and realise what the Lord is offering, the gift of an hour of peace and quiet with him. If you feel the Lord is urging you to accept this gift, please contact any of the co-ordinators.

Sincere thanks to all who have opted to be new adorers and to those who have faithfully watched, day and night, over the past two years, we thank you that through your generosity the Lord is able to enrich you, your families and our parish with many blessings.

I would also like to thank our substitutes, those who step in, sometimes at short notice, to ensure that someone is watching with the Lord. Also a special word of thanks to our faithful co-ordinators and they are [Anna, 086 0541784, Kathleen, 087 6356723, Michelle, 086 8803528 and Tina, 086 3031904.](#)

PASTORAL COUNCIL: At the December Pastoral Council meeting the following items were discussed and a consensus reached:

Starting from the first Saturday in January 2018 Confession time will be from 10.30 am to 11 am on Saturday mornings. This will replace the 2 to 2.30 pm Saturday afternoon confessions.

Starting after Easter 2018, when the need arises, more than one intention may be honoured in the Saturday or the Sunday masses or during the week if such a situation should arise. A priest is free to take only one stipend in any one day so when additional stipends are given they will be used to support the sick and retirement priests' fund.

Masses for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Saturday 23rd. Vigil Mass, 8 pm Charlestown. Sunday 24th. 9.30 am & 12 noon Charlestown, 10.30 am Bushfield.

Christmas Eve Masses: Bushfield 8 pm, Charlestown 9 pm. Christmas Day Mass 12 noon, Charlestown.

BAKE SALE: A 'Bake Sale' will be held outside Bushfield Church after the 10.30 Mass, Sunday 17th. December. Proceeds to Palliative Care. All help gratefully accepted.

CARD GAME: Cloonlyon Parents' Association will hold a 25 Card Drive at Ireland West Airport on Wednesday 13th. December at 9 pm. Spot prizes, money prizes, raffle and refreshments on the night. All welcome and your support would be appreciated.

BOOK LAUNCH: *'Santa Writes Back'*, a book by Eilis Treacy will be launched in the Arts Centre, Charlestown, Tuesday 12th. December at 12 noon.

MAYO MVC: Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform in the Galleries of the National Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Saturday 16th. December at 3.30 pm. The Cill Aodháin Choral Society will perform on Sunday 17th also at 3.30 pm. Admission free and all are welcome.

Citizen's Information Outreach, Wed. 13th. November, The Enterprise Centre, 9.45-11.15 am

BOOK LAUNCH: Michael Cummins of Mid-west Radio will launch a book by Terry Reilly entitled *'Mayo's Forgotten Famine Girls'* in the Arts Centre, Charlestown, Thurs, 14th. Dec., 7.30 pm.

BOWLING: An Indoor Bowling facility is now available in the Arts Centre. Further information from Michael Hanley 086 2520483.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE, GALLAGHER HOUSE, TUBBERCERRY, SUNDAY 10TH. DEC, 12 NOON TO 4 PM.

DEMONSTRATION: A Flower Arranging Demonstration with Martina Killeen will be held in the Tubbercurry Golf Club on Tuesday 12th December at 8 pm. All arrangements raffled on the night.