

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17TH. 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	17th.	09.30	Tommy Munnelly, Sonnagh.
Sunday	17th.	12.00	Francis Doherty, Tavneena.
Monday	18th.	10.00	Holy Souls.
Tuesday	19th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	20th.	10.00	People of the Parish.
Thursday	21st.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Friday	22nd.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Saturday	23rd.	10.00	Anthony & Agnes McDermott, Barnacogue and Paddy & Mary Gormley, Clonberne.
<i>Sunday</i>	24th.	09.30	Michael Duffy, Lurga and Paddy & Bridgie Duffy, Tavneena.
<i>Sunday</i>	24th.	12.00	People of the Parish.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	16th.	20.00	Billy Durkin & deceased of the Durkin family.
Saturday	23rd.	20.00	Tommy Maye, Hagfield.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	17th.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	24th.	10.30	Mass of Thanksgiving.

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

(1) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 **Psalm** 88 (2) Romans 16:25-27 **Gospel** Luke 1:26-38

READERS 17/12/17:	Vigil	Nuala O'Donnell	9.30	Patricia Colleran	12	A Parent
READERS 24/12/17:	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, 17th, 24th, 25th Dec. *Joe McDonnell*

PLEASE LEAVE USED STAMPS IN THE BOXES PROVIDED IN BOTH CHURCHES

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

BISHOP KELLY: We extend our congratulations and prayerful good wishes to Bishop Brendan Kelly on his appointment as Bishop of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora. We thank him for the years he spent in our diocese, for the warmth and friendliness of his personality, his engagement with and encouragement of the various initiatives within the diocese and his heartfelt support of those involved, both lay and clerical. We wish him every blessing in his new ministry and assure him of our continued prayers.

THE LIGHT IS ON: The '*Light is On*' for confession in all the parish churches of our Cluster this **Sunday 17th. December, 6 to 7 pm** or for longer, if required. Fr. Gerard Davey, Carracastle will be hearing confessions in Charlestown Church.

MASS TIMES: Next week-end the Mass times are as follows:
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Vigil Mass, Saturday 23rd., **8 pm** Charlestown Church.
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Masses, **9.30 am & 12 noon**, Charlestown, **10.30 am** Bushfield .

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

A Carol Recital with Cloonlyon NS will take place in Bushfield Church before the Christmas Eve Mass starting at 7.45 pm.

A Christmas Candle and Prayer Card
will be available for each family at all of the Christmas Masses

CONFESSION: There will be an opportunity for confession on **Saturday 23rd, 2-3 pm.** Charlestown Church and after the **10 am Mass each morning during the coming week.** I appeal to all to make a special effort to avail of the sacrament at this time to prepare heart and soul for the blessing of Christmas.

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

ENVELOPES: This week-end the Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are available for collection in both churches. A sincere thanks to all who faithfully, week after week, contribute to the offertory collection. The money received each Sunday goes for the upkeep of the church: insurance, light, heat, candles, altar breads, wine, parish contribution to the diocesan central funds, water charges, bank charges, property tax, missalettes, office requisites, minor repairs, the sacristan, the offertory envelopes. Once again I ask you, please, to use the envelopes. They provide a record of contributions and this is necessary in organising a tax rebate for the parish, a simple and easy way of generating extra funds for the parish without asking for anything other than what has already been given.

If you would like to contribute by direct debit, please let us know and we can organise it with you.

BELLAGHY: There will be Music and Light Bites in O'Hara's Bar this Sunday evening between 6 and 9 pm to celebrate Christmas coming, and to thank everyone for supporting events throughout the year. Santa Claus is also scheduled to make an appearance. Feel free to come along, a welcome awaits you.

NOLLAIG na mBAN: Bellaghy Ladies celebrate Nollaig na mBan in O'Hara's Bar, Saturday 6th. January 'after eight'. Music, Food, Demonstration and lots more.

TOWARDS PEACE: Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hope and deepest pain. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a church context and are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is there for you. Contacts: www.towardspeace.ie or 01 5053028.

TRACTOR RUN: A Tractor Run in aid of Curry/Moylough Playground will be held on Tuesday 26th. December at 1 pm with registration in St. Mary's Community Centre from 12 noon. There will also be a Children's Mini Tractor Run which will start at 12.30 pm.