

CHARLESTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3RD. 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	3rd.	09.30	Michael James and Mary Finn, Cloonaweema
Sunday	3rd.	12.00	Peter and Annie Grennan.
Monday	4th.	10.00	Special Intention.
Tuesday	5th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Wednesday	6th.	10.00	Personal Intention.
Thursday	7th.	10.00	People of the Parish.
Friday	8th.	09.30	Feast of the Immaculate Conception. <i>Personal Intention.</i>
Friday	8th.	12.00	Deceased of the Brady family, Cashel.
Saturday	9th.	10.00	Paddy Cassidy, Ballyglass East.
<i>Sunday</i>	10th.	09.30	Tony Maloney, Parkview.
<i>Sunday</i>	10th.	12.00	James and Mary McLoughlin, Lurga.

CHARLESTOWN EVENING MASSES

Saturday	2nd.	20.00	Paddy Merriman [2nd. Ann.] and his son Niall, Airport Road.
Saturday	9th.	20.00	Martin Kenny, Church Street.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BUSHFIELD

Sunday	3rd.	10.30	Nora & Dominic Ruane, Barnalyra, Anniversary Mass.
Friday	8th.	09.30	Personal Intention.
Sunday	10th.	10.30	Mary Gallagher, Killaturley.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

(1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Psalm 84	Second Sunday of Advent (B) (2) 2 Peter 3:8-14	Gospel Mark 1:1-8
READERS 03/12/17: Vigil	D. McCann	9.30 Francis Mulligan	12 School Pupil
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER, Bushfield, 3rd & 10th Dec. **Sadie McDonagh** 17th, 24th, 25th Dec. **Joe McDonnell**

CAROL SERVICE: The Parish Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 6th. December at 7 pm, St James's Church. All are welcome and particularly welcome are the children from all our schools.

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.

FOR SALE: The TY students of St. Joseph's have produced a lovely calendar and Charlestown Personalised Christmas Cards and these also will be on sale after the masses this week-end. Please support. Cards and calendars are also available in local shops or may be had by contacting Megan at 083 1924408. A portion of the profits will be given to the 'Laura Gallagher' Fund.

ADVENT: This Sunday marks the start of the season Advent. Advent is a time to reflect with deep gratitude on the wonderful gift of Jesus coming to us as the child of God, coming among us to be one of us, to share our brokenness and pain and to show us by word and example the way to live. Advent calls us to conversion, to turn to God with renewed fervour, to be alert to goodness, to know that the goodness of God is ever present and that we are the beloved of God, a people of hope destined for glory and life eternal.

8th. DECEMBER: Friday next is the 8th. December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a feast-day celebrating the reality that, unlike all other human beings, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born free from the shadow of sin. It is a holyday and Mass times are as follows:

Charlestown, Vigil Mass 7th. December, **8 pm.** Morning Mass, Friday **9.30 am and 12 noon.**

Bushfield: Morning Mass, Friday at **9.30 am.** Please note the earlier starting time. This is to allow the children from Barnacogue and Cloonlyon schools to be taken directly to the church and then after Mass to be brought by their parents straight to school.

Sincere thanks for your generous contributions to the Vincent de Paul collection last week-end.

HOLY FAMILY ICON: The Holy Family Icon is in Kiltimagh Parish Church from now until Tuesday 5th. December. On Monday night 4th there will be a short Prayer Service and the parishes of our cluster are invited to attend. Two people from our parish are invited to each offer a Prayer of the Faithful during the course of the Service so if you intend to go to Kiltimagh and would like to offer a prayer, please let me know. The Holy Family Icon will also be in the Fr. Fr. Peyton Centre, 5th-7th December and in the parish church, Ballymote, 7th-11th December with the Prayer Service at 7.30 pm in both of those churches on the 6th and 10th. Please feel free to visit at any other time in any of the locations.

BLESSING: For all parents expecting a baby there will be a special blessing ceremony in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock, Saturday 9th. December, 12 noon. The ceremony will include a prayer for protection and safe delivery and an individual blessing for all expectant mothers present.

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

FASHION SHOW: St. Joseph's TY students are holding a Fashion Show in the CBD Complex on Thursday 6th. December starting at 7.30 pm. Your support would be greatly 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 Aodhain Choral Society will perform on Sunday 17th also at 3.30 pm. Admission free and all are welcome.

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

THE ARTS CENTRE: An exhibition by artists from Macnas, the Galway based performance company, will take place in the Arts Centre, 3rd-22nd December. Opening event is this Sunday, 3rd at 6 pm. Further details from 086 3836078.

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

WATER SCHEME: Mayo County Council are holding a meeting on Wednesday next 6th. December at 8 pm in the Community Centre, Carracastle to discuss a Group Water Scheme in the village.

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.

SHINE A LIGHT: To sponsor a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree, Knock, contact your local pharmacy, hospice shop or Knock Shrine. Memorial Walk and Tree Lighting Ceremony, 2 pm, 3rd. Dec.