

CLOUGHJORDAN PARISH NEWSLETTER – 22nd December 2024

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS: First Reading: Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel. Second Reading: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. Gospel: Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri 20th Ardcroney: Edward & Bridget McLoughney

Sun 22nd Cloughjordan: Mick Power (1st Anniversary)
Deceased members of the Ryan family, Cloughkeating
William & Sarah Costello
Willie O'Meara & deceased family members
Joseph & Deborah Brophy

Sat 28th Kilruane: Christina Quinlan (1st Anniversary)
Paddy Quinlan

Sun 29th Cloughjordan: Peggy Burns (1st Anniversary)
Kathleen Haverty (1st Anniversary)
Helen & Ker Deane
Poppy Williams & Silas
Alice & Fred Williams & deceased members of the
Deane & Williams families.
Martin & Margaret Grace

We pray for all who have died and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CLOUGHJORDAN LAY LITURGY: Monday & Friday at 9.30am

Mon 23rd Presider: Gemma Brugha - Eucharistic Minister: Margaret O'Neill

Fri 27th Presider: Bawney Hayes - Eucharistic Minister: Josie Hayes

WEEKDAY READERS: Mon 23rd Maureen Shelly, Fri 27th Nola Flynn.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Ardcroney Fri 27th Kay Guest
Kilruane Tues 24th Tom Kirby & Margaret Walsh
Kilruane Sat 28th Maureen Spain & Fiona Conroy
Cloughjordan Tues 24th Nell Darcy & Mary Maher
Cloughjordan Wed 25th Josie Hayes & Martin Kennedy
Cloughjordan Sun 29th Anne Williams & Helen Walsh

GREETERS & WELCOMERS – JANUARY

Ardcroney: John Mulcahy : Kilruane: Susan O'Brien
Cloughjordan: Teresa Williams & Sean Flannery.

MONEY MATTERS – last weekend:

Basket collection: €716.04 Development Fund: €1,068.55

Many thanks for your continued support towards our Parish.

READERS:

Ardcroney Tue 24th Noel Coonan -- Reader & Prayers
Ardcroney Fri 27th Jack Hogan -- Readers & Prayers
Kilruane Tue 24th Mary Maher – Reader : Yvonne O'Looney - Prayers
Kilruane Sat 28th Orna Daly – Reader : Yvonne O'Looney - Prayers
Cloughjordan Tues 24th Peader Kirby -- Reader & Prayers
Cloughjordan Wed 25th Bawney Hayes – Reader & Prayers
Cloughjordan Sun 29th Seamus Costello – Reader & Prayers

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024: Tuesday, 24th – Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass in Kilruane at 6pm and Vigil Mass in Ardcroney at 7.30pm
Vigil Mass in Cloughjordan at 7.30pm and Christmas Day Mass at 11am

CHRISTMAS 2024: Christmas greetings to all who make up the Christian Parish of Ardcroney, Cloughjordan and Kilruane. Thank God we have survived another year despite all that is happening in and outside of our Country. We have a lot to be thankful to the “Almighty” for. We have just to look on our screens, the horror of war, the destruction of our world due to “climate change”, and the breakdown of “law and order” in our Capital City and outside. We continue however to depend on God’s goodness and generosity to us.

Last May, **Pope Francis** announced the theme for the Jubilee 2025 as “**Pilgrims of Hope**”. **Hope does not disappoint.** Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Every 50th year in Biblical tradition a time existed to set slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing land to vest. In our Christian tradition the focus is on reconciliation, renewal and reaching out to people on the margins. Jubilee years are celebrated every 25 years. Holy year begins on Christmas Eve 24th at 7pm with the opening of the door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. All Dioceses will celebrate Mass on Sunday 29th December to mark the opening of Holy Year.

Our thoughts this Christmas are with those who cannot make it home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost a “loved one” this past year. We remember parishioners who will spend their Christmas in hospital or nursing homes. All will be remembered at the vigils and Christmas Day Mass.

A sincere thank you to all who decorated our three Churches, choirs and organists, sacristans, eucharistic ministers, readers, welcomers, greeters & parish secretary. We are people of “hope”. St. Paul reminds us “Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us”. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas 2024 and a fresh, bright & peaceful New Year. “Nollaig shona and Athbhliain laoi mhaise dhaoibh”. **An tAthair Pádraig.**

SHAUN HILMI MEMORY WALK/RUN: A walk/run in memory of Shaun Hilmi will set out from Nenagh CBS on New Year’s Day at 11am. There will be a bucket collection on the day for North Tipp Hospice.

MacDonaghs Lotto 16/12/2024. Numbers drawn: 2-3-8-23. No Jackpot Winner.
10x€50: John Flynn; John Ryan, Knocknacree; Eoin & Shauna; Edel Hassett; MB Foote; Tom Doheny; Colm O'Brien; Ross Austin; Vincent Ryan; Ger Cleary, Ballycommon.
10x€25: Ger Tanner; Anna Ryan; Paddy Ryan, Ballythomas; Sarah McIntyre; Peter Brereton; Orla Hogan; Pat Coonan; Laura Cleary; Mary Hogan, Kylebeg; K. Kelly Nenagh.
Jackpot next week €6,600. A Peaceful & Safe Christmas to all.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle” symbolises love. It reminds us that God is love.

