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Sacred Heart Church  
St Mary's Church, Drumragh

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sunday Cycle A

22nd December 2013  
Weekday Cycle 2



## What Christmas Is All About

Christmas will always be for us  
A time to reflect on Christ,  
The gift God gave to all the  
world  
Was the gift of His life.

We know Christmas is not about  
tinsel,  
Nor fancy Christmas wreaths,  
Nor is it about all the decorations  
That adorns our Christmas trees.

And it's not about Holly or Mistletoe  
Hanging from our doors,  
Nor is it about the gifts that are left  
By the jolly Santa Claus.



Christmas is more than all of this  
And the only reason why  
We celebrate Christ's birth together  
And the wonder of His life.

So remember as you celebrate,  
Just what it's all about  
And invite the Lord to join with  
you,  
Instead of leaving Him out.

For He will always be the reason  
We celebrate this day,  
No substitute the world may offer  
Can take that meaning away.




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*Monsignor Donnelly, Fr  
McDevitt and Fr Zimnoch  
would like to wish all their  
parishioners a Happy and  
Peaceful Christmas.*

<p align="center"><b>Feasts of the Week</b></p> <p><b>Week Beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b></p> <p><b>Monday 23</b> – St John of Kanty, priest</p> <p><b>Wednesday 25</b> – The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p><b>Thursday 26</b> – St Stephen, First Martyr</p> <p><b>Friday 27</b> – St John, Apostle and Evangelist</p> <p><b>Saturday 28</b> – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p>	<p align="center"><b>Annual Carol Service</b></p> <p>The Annual Carol Service will take place in the Sacred Heart Church today (Sunday) at 6 pm. The service should last no longer than one hour. All welcome.</p> 
<p align="center"><b>Sacred Heart Church</b></p> <p align="center"><b>7.30 pm Mass Intentions</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b> Bridie Devlin – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</p>	<p align="center"><b>Parish Office Notice</b></p> <p>The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays from 1 pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, reopening on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 9 am.</p> 
<p align="center"><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>We welcome into our Christian Community:</p> <p align="center"><b>Grace Catherine McCaughey,</b> 4 Pinefield Wood</p> <p align="center"><b>Jackson Laurence Thompson,</b> 15 Edenvale Park</p>	<p align="center"><b>New Year Vigil</b></p> <p>Prepare to see in the New Year in the Sacred Heart Church in the presence of the Lord. There will be a short ceremony of welcome for the New Year, beginning at 8 pm in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, concluding with a blessing to mark the New Year. Everyone welcome.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Prayer for Priests</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> – Fr Joseph O’Conor &amp; Fr Colm O’Doherty</p> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> – Fr Kieran O’Doherty &amp; Fr Brian O’Donnell</p> <p><b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Fr Francis P O’Hagan &amp; Fr Patrick O’Hagan</p> <p><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Fr David O’Kane &amp; Fr Patrick O’Kane</p> <p><b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Fr Peter O’Kane &amp; Fr Seamus O’Kane</p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Fr Arthur O’Reilly</p> <p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Fr Desmond Polke &amp; Fr Michael Porter</p>	<p align="center"><b>Envelope Distribution</b></p> <p>We are appealing for additional Parish Representatives to help existing representatives distribute envelopes next year in the following areas:</p> <p><b>Ballynahatty Road</b>  <b>Beagh Road</b>  <b>Cavanacaw</b>  <b>Coolnagard (all areas)</b>  <b>Corradinna Road</b>  <b>Drudgeon</b>  <b>Drumannon</b>  <b>Fireagh Road</b>  <b>Lambrook Heights</b>  <b>Loughmuck Road</b>  <b>Mullaghmenagh Meadows</b>  <b>Tattyreagh Road</b></p>  <p>If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 or email <a href="mailto:info@drumraghparish.com">info@drumraghparish.com</a>. Your help would be greatly appreciated.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Holy Mass on the Radio</b></p> <p>Listen to Holy Mass broadcast from the Sacred Heart Church at 10 am on weekdays and 11 am on Sunday. Radios are available from Top News, George Street, Omagh at a cost of £25. A good Christmas present!</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Al-Anon</b></p> <p>Does someone in your family drink too much? Why not get in touch with Al-Anon Family Groups? For details of your nearest group contact 028 9068 2368.</p>	



### Mass & Confession Times for the Christmas Period

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Sacred Heart Church

Mass @ 10 am

Mass @ 7.30 pm

Confessions : 10.30 am – 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm – 7.15 pm

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve)

Sacred Heart Church

Morning Mass

10 am

Mass for the Elderly & Families

6 pm

Mass of Midnight

10 pm

**There are NO CONFESSIONS on Christmas Eve**

#### St Mary's, Drumragh

Mass of Midnight

8 pm



#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Sacred Heart Church

Masses @ 9 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm

St Mary's, Drumragh

Mass @ 10 am

**Please Note: Eucharistic Ministers who are on duty on the Sundays of this month are requested to please cover the relevant Christmas Day Masses.**

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Sacred Heart Church

Mass @ 12 Noon

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

Sacred Heart Church

Mass @ 12 Noon

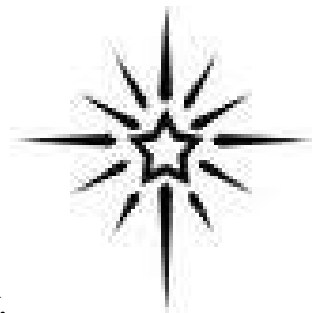
#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Sacred Heart Church

Mass @ 12 Noon

**There are NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Masses will return to the normal times for Saturday night and Sunday.



### Parish Draw

Monsignor Donnelly and Fr McDevitt would like to thank you for your continued support for the Parish Draw. This year it is estimated that profit from the draw should amount to £55,000. This is an increase of over £12,000 from last year, and is due to a large extent to new members joining the Parish Draw. The draw is very good value for money paying out over £63,000 each year in prize money and only costs a little over £1 per week to take part. This could be an excellent and worthwhile gift idea for Christmas. Indeed a lot of people took this option last year. Anyone wishing to become a promoter can call to the Parish Office to pick up a draw card. Any existing promoter who has not yet received their 2014 draw cards can collect these at the Parish Office. Or if you wish to simply become a member of the Draw contact the office or any of the priests. The Draw takes place on the first Tuesday of every month in St. Joseph's Hall after the Parish bingo. Please note registration of the new cards takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014 from 3 to 5 pm in the Pastoral Centre and the first draw of the New Year is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

### Colmcille Club

The Colmcille Club has closed for the Christmas season and will reopen on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – weather permitting.



### Children in Crossfire

“This work is incredible and life-enhancing. I was in awe at what Children in Crossfire is doing on the ground to bring life and hope to people.” Judith Hill, UTV, following a recent visit to Children in Crossfire projects. Please help Children in Crossfire continue the valuable work by supporting the 2013 Advent Appeal. If you want to find out more contact us on 7126 9898 or visit [www.childrenincrossfire.org](http://www.childrenincrossfire.org)

### Cormac McElroy Memorial Match

The annual Cormac McElroy memorial match will take place on St Stephen's Day at 1.00 pm in Healy Park. All past and present St. Enda's players please assemble from 12.00 pm. Interested players contact Declan McGirr on 0771 028 0253 or Jason McAnulla on 0770 980 5626.

### St Joseph's Bookshop

Open Saturdays 10.30 am - 4 pm  
Advent & Christmas Stock Now In  
Advent Candles, Cribs, Christmas  
Ornaments, Christmas Cards

#### Christmas Opening Times:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
10.30 am - 4.00 pm  
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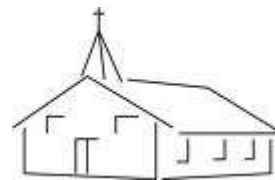
Christmas Eve  
(Tuesday)

10.30 am - 1.00 pm



### Christmas Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in piercing cold. In that hour promise, oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



Contact the Booking Committee at  
St Joseph's Hall for bookings for  
St Joseph's Hall, Omagh .  
Booking Forms can also be  
downloaded at  
[www.drumraghparish.com](http://www.drumraghparish.com)



*The Committee of St  
Joseph's Hall wish all  
its patrons a Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year*



### Useful Telephone Numbers

ACCORD	8224 2439
AL-ANON FAMILY	9068 2368
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	9043 4848
AWARE	7126 0602
CARE FOR CANCER	8224 6599
CRUSE	8224 4414
DRUG AWARENESS	0800 776600
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS	7135 1329
THE SAMARITANS	8224 4944
WOMEN'S AID	0800 9171414
PIONEERS	8224 2921
SVDP THRIFT SHOP	8224 9839
SVDP HELPLINE	0773 883 7991