

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year C**

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Masses during the coming week

The Season of Christmas

Monday 10.00am

Monday Night - 24th December

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday - Christmas Morning

Mass during the Day at 10.00am

Wednesday 12 Noon

N.B. There will be NO Mass on

Thursday or Friday morning

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass

Saturday evening - 6.30pm

Sunday morning - 10.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

**There will be NO Adoration
this Thursday (27th)**

Mass Intentions for the incoming week

Monday 10.00am - Anv. Mass

Frank & Madge McHugh

Wednesday 12 noon - Anv. Mass

Bridget McDaid

Saturday 6.30pm - Anv. Mass

Charlie & Annie Moss

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2018

As I celebrate my fifteenth Christmas with you the people of Aghyaran, it gives me great joy to welcome in another memorable time in your midst. It is always a joy to celebrate with you and so many visitors who come to praise and worship with us each year the birth of the infant Jesus.

This year has like so many in the past been a great mixture of joy and sorrow for many people. We had the joy of another Pope visiting Ireland for the first time and bringing so much joy and hope to the Christian church. So many are dealing with the whole Brexit scenario, with all its implications.

We had some memorable sacramental celebrations during the year. We had fifteen new members welcomed into the church when the Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated, the eleven couples who came to St Patrick's Church to have their love blessed in the Sacrament of Marriage and begin the journey of husband and wife.

With all the joy and celebration we also had some sorrow when we laid to rest three much loved members of our community and buried two former members of our parish. We had our usual massive crowd when we gathered to remember and pray for our dead in June, a great evening.

Our parish school St Caireall's has been growing from strength to strength this year with acquiring extra funding for the play school, classes increasing, it all makes for a healthy environment for our children to learn and grow in a safe place with a dedicated staff to assist them. The wonderful Christmas stories played out in the school show last week. Those who managed to make it to our Carol Service this year, incorporating the four churches in Killeter and Aghyaran had a wonderful evening of scripture reading, along with our solo guests and the coming together of the four church choirs, an amazing evening of music, will be long remembered.

Advent is our time for remembering God's vision for the world - Advent is not so much our waiting on God, but God's waiting on us to prepare a place for the Word made Flesh and find 'room' for him in our lives.

With such great memories it leaves me to wish each and everyone, parishioners and visitors a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with joy.

May the joy of Christmas give you a key to every closed door and a light to dispel any darkness in your own life. May God bless you and yours.

Father Gilmore.

Church Collections

Weekly Collection

€991.20 + Euro 55.80

Church Restoration Fund

€887.23 + Euro 65

Total: €1,878.43 + Euro 120.80

Donations

Many thanks for the donation of **£100** received this week for the Bazaar and also a donation of **£100** donation received for the Church Restoration Fund

Christmas Day Collection

The **green** envelope in your box dated 25th December should be used for this collection to be taken up at the Mass on Christmas Eve and the Mass on Christmas morning. This is your '**Christmas Gift to Fr. Gilmore**' and is the **only** collection throughout the year that is solely for the Priest.

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB NOTES:

Entertainment: Christmas and New Year's entertainment/activities in the Centre - Christmas Eve bar open 7pm -10.30pm - Christmas night bar open at 8.30pm - Boxing night bar open from 5pm and music at 10pm with Mark Taggart. Friday 28th dancing to the young country sensation Gary Fitzpatrick from 10pm.

AGM: The AGM takes place next Saturday 29th December at 7.30pm. All our positions are open for new members and new ideas as we look to get people involved to keep building a St Davog's for the future. There is always something you can offer your club. Nomination forms are available at the Centre or from Gerard Byrne email gerardbyrne@hotmail.co.uk

Club Annual Festive Season 5K Run and 4K Walk/Buggy Push. Sunday 30th December - Registration from 9.30am to 11am with a 11.15am start, Help would be much appreciated stewards etc contact a committee member or Owen Devine Mob - 077 2302 7932.

Cards: The card winner last week was Leslie Bogle with Jamie Barclay and Charlie McDonagh sharing second prize. Cards as usual on Thursday night.

Christmas Greetings! The Executive Committee of St Davog's would like to take this opportunity to wish all its members, players, coaches, (senior/ youth teams, and ladies teams), Club Sponsors and indeed anyone who helped out in anyway during the year a very happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

St. Caireall's Playschool & Primary School will be taking part in the Mass at 10am on Friday, 4th January 2019.

Coolcreaghy Hall

Dance

Friday 28th December

Music by: 'Charlie, Claire & Marcus'
Everyone welcome