

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

Christmas 2024/NewYear 2025

4th Sun of Advent (C)

22 Dec 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 29 Dec 2024



Jan 2025 Masses:

Saturday: Kill 6.30pm

Sunday: Bunnoe 10.00am

Masses This Week:

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat 21st - 7.30 pm - John, Mary & James Higgins; Eddie Fitzpatrick; Patsy, Sean & Seanie Sheridan; Patricia Heaphy; & Mrs. Cosgrove

- Phil Smith, Lettermore & the deceased family

Tue 24th - **9.00 pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Sat 28th - 7.30 pm - James & Ellie Coyle, Brian Coyle, & Benny Coyle & deceased members of Coyle and McCaffrey family

Sun 5th - NO MASS

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat 21st - NO MASS

Sun 22nd - **12 Noon - Mass by Special Arrangement** - Michael Fay (1st Anniversary)

Tue 24th - **7.30 pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Sat 28th - NO MASS

Sun 5th - 10.00 am

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun 22nd - 10.00 am - David Gallagher, Corbeagh

- Rose & Patrick McPhillips, Killycreeny, their son Declan, & daughter-in-law Mary

Wed 25th - **10.00 am - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Fri 27th - NO MASS

Sun 29th - 10.00 am

Sat 4th - NO MASS

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 22nd - NO MASS

Tue 24th - **6.00 pm - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Sun 29th - NO MASS

Tue 31st - NO MASS

Sat 4th - 6.30 pm - Mick Brady, Drumhurt

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES IN JANUARY

The Parish Office will be closed from 12.30pm on Thu 19th December until 10am on Thu 2nd January.

Important Church Information

Season of Advent: ends Tue 24th Dec. We come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Saviour. The candle for the 4th Sunday of Advent symbolises LOVE and is called the Angel's Candle. We also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus.



Feast Days During Coming Week:

Wednesday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Thursday 26: St Stephen
Friday 27: St John
Saturday 28: The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Monday 30: 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday 31: 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday 1: The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Thursday 2: St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen
Friday 3: St Munchin

First Friday Calls for January:

Friday 27th December -from 10.30 am

Fr. Yusuf is bringing Holy Communion to those at home, to all church areas. If you want anyone to be added to the First Friday Calls list, please contact the parish office.

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2024 Christmas Masses in the Parish:

Christmas Eve - 6pm Kill, 7.30pm Bunnoe, 9pm Drung; **Christmas Day** - 10am Corick

Contrition, General Absolution/Confession 4th Sunday of Advent at the end of Mass

Christmas Penitential Service/Confessions 22 Dec, 7.30pm, St. Michael's Church, Cootehill

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Patrick (Paddy) Lynch (Corodoagh, Tunnyduff, Bailieborough, and late of Drumnatrade, Kill), father of Patricia Ward, who died on Thu 12 Dec 2024, and whose Funeral Mass took place on Sat 14 Dec in St. Brigid's Church, Knockbride West (Tunnyduff). May he rest in peace.

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of PJ Denning, Drumauna, Drung, who died on Fri 13 Dec 2024, and whose Funeral Mass took place on Sun 15 Dec in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Drung. May he rest in peace.

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Canon John Murphy, Bawnboy, Cavan, who served in Kill Parish and who died on Mon 16 Dec 2024, Funeral Mass on Thu 19 Dec in St. Mogue's Church, Bawnboy. May he rest in peace.

We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to ALL the **Christmas Mass singers** in all the churches, who so generously donated their time and wonderful talents to make our celebrations so beautiful this Christmas season.

Seasonal Church Messages

2024 Christmas Message/Appreciation to all parishioners

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and all the various Church Councils/Committees in the parish; and on behalf of the Parish Priest Fr. Yusuf Bamai, and our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes; we extend our Christmas wishes and blessings to all parishioners.

We thank God for all His blessings throughout the year, despite some few challenges, God has been faithful to us. We give Him all the praise and glory. We are very grateful to the priests in the pastoral area for their support and collaboration and to Bishop Leo O'Reilly for his continuous support and assistance to us in the parish.

We also want to use this opportunity to thank all parishioners for all your supports and cooperation. We are sincerely very grateful for your kind and generous contributions to the parish, which enable us to carry on with so many aspects of the parish. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee; the Church Councils and Committees for their commitment and dedication. May God bless you all abundantly.

Finally, we thank the various groups and individuals in the parish for their sacrifices, dedication and commitment: Our Sacristans, our Altar Servers, their parents and their coordinators, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Collaborators, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors/Missalette Distributors, Choirs, Altar Society Ladies/Church cleaners, money counters/Record keepers & Accountants, our Parish office Secretary, Eucharistic Adoration Group, St. Padre Pio Group and so many Associations/individuals that work behind the scenes for our common good. May God bless and reward you abundantly. Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2025.

Fr. Yusuf Bamai (PP).

Christmas Reflection, 2024.

Christmas brings us Christ, the source of life. Christmas brings us Jesus, a Friend of the poor and of the rich. Christmas brings us Christ, Lover of saints and sinners, a Messenger of hope, a Prince of Peace and a Prophet of reconciliation, especially in a divisive world of today; a world plagued with wobbling politics and a broken economy.

As we celebrate the Christmas let us have Jesus Christ as the focus of our celebration; let us bear in mind that the celebration is not ours but rather his. As we eat and make merry this Christmas let us acknowledge the fact that nearly one billion people all over the world will go to bed this Christmas day without food.

As we wear our colourful and expensive clothes and other accessories let us remember that some people somewhere could make a big celebration out of our old clothes, shoes and other things. As we enjoy our beautifully decorated homes let us remember that many people are out there in squalors exposed to cold and heat as the Christmas celebration heightens. As we take our friends and children out to parks and other exotic places, let us remember that there are many children in orphanages and homes for the poor who would sit in there as the Christmas day comes and goes.

As we power up ourselves for the celebration of Christmas in full health, let us remember that there are so many people in various hospitals lying down there on their sick beds as the Christmas day unfolds and ends.

As we move around today visiting families and friends let us remember that there are people in prison most of whom are suffering for crimes they did not commit and who will not have the privilege to move around! It is only with Jesus Christ that we shall have lasting companionship at Christmas and after.

Have a blessed Christmas celebration.

Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP

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Please send all items for the newsletter before 9pm on Wednesday to

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NOTE: All **Christenings** in the Parish continue to be set for the last Saturday of the month at 12.30pm.

Local Information

Bunnoe Youth Choir Carol Service Fri 20 Dec - for a magical start to Christmas festivities. 8pm in Bunnoe Church. Organised in aid of our local St. Vincent De Paul.

Drung GFC Blotto Results Mon 16 Dec 2024. Numbers drawn: 6. 7. 28. 31. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: Lorcan McEntee, Lisboduff, FOD; PJ & Kitty Keogh, Ballinacargy, FOD; Cora & PJ McEnroe, Kill; Sean & Haley, c/o JPs. Next week's jackpot €2,700. Draw as normal on Mon 23 Dec. No draw on Mon 30 Dec, resuming as normal from Mon 6 Jan.

Whist: in Tullyvin Community Centre will resume on Tue 14 January 2025, and every fortnight after that.

Bingo: as normal on Monday 23rd December, no Bingo on Monday 30th December, resuming as normal from Monday 6th January at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre.

Drung Bowling Club in Drung Community Centre every Wednesday evening at 8.45 pm.

Indoor Bowls in Tullyvin Community Centre every Monday night at 8.00 pm. New members welcome, bowls can be supplied.

Badminton Club in the Presbyterian Hall, Cootehill at 8pm on Wednesdays. Beginners and returning players welcome. We have added a second night for players on Monday nights from 8 to 9.30pm in St Michael's Hall. We will have no sessions from the 23rd Dec to 5th Jan.

General News

Would like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone, and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91. No problem too big or too small.

MEDJUGORJE: Pilgrimages to Medjugorje on 3rd June and 4th September 2025. Discount available if booked before end of January. For further details please contact Marian Foy 087 6350506.

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr John Cooney, PP Cootehill: 049555-2120 & 086-875-5695

Fr Martin Gilcreest, PP, Laragh: 049-433-0142

Fr Michael Gilsean, CC, Maudabawn: 087-436-3555

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore

Here are some Support numbers you may find useful:

ALONE (Elderly): 0818222024 **AWARE** (Anxious/Depressed): 1800804848

TEARMANN (Dom Abuse): 0858102433 **PIETA** (Mental Health): 1800247247

SAMARITANS (To Talk): 116 123 **CHILDLINE** (Children): 1800 666 666

WOMEN'S AID (Dom Abuse): 1800341900 **MEN'S AID**: 015543811

NORTH WEST STOP (Free counselling): 086 777200