

MOYVANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Office times: Open Christmas Eve 10am - 12noon. Closed Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day &
Thurs 27th. Open Fri 28th 10am - 1pm. Book Masses, Baptisms and Weddings during office hours.
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CHRISTMAS - OUR MEMORIES ARE JOINED TO GOD



In all the accounts of Christmas we have in the New Testament we hear the Angel bringing her announcement of Jesus' birth with the words: "BE NOT AFRAID". Given the world events over recent months this greeting is just what we need to hear at Christmas. BE NOT AFRAID. Fear cripples us into passivity. It ruins our memories of past or present events. It undermines dignified, trusting and respectful relationships. There is an important difference between being vigilant and being frightened, but since the 9/11 awful terrorist attacks this difference has become blurred. We

have seen people become anxious, change their lifestyle and travel plans and worry for their future and for that of their children. But we don't need to look to international terror to explain the nature of our fear. I think, broadly speaking we fear four things: **God, nature, other people or something in ourselves**. It is usually a combination of these things. For some of us, tragically, it's all of them but to whatever degree fear has come to rule our lives, we need to hear again God's greeting at Christmas: "Be not afraid". St. Paul tells us that love drives out all fear. That's what - and who - we celebrate at Christmas. Perfect love took human form in Jesus Christ the Lord. Throughout this joyful season we celebrate the one whose life, death and resurrection showed us the way out of our fears. Christmas is the feast day when God invites us to be as active as we can in bringing Christ's Kingdom to bear in our world. Christmas is the time when our memories are joined to God's who has remembered us in our fear. Christmas is the season when all Christian relationships are defined by the dignity, trust and respect they bestow on us and on those we relate to. As a result of the Baby of Bethlehem, God has shown us that fear is not our calling and that the saving love of Jesus impels us to take risks in how we live out our faith, hope and love. On any day, then, in the coming year, when we face down our fears and live our Christian life to the full we will discover the beauty and joy of Christmas where Jesus crept in beside us. As a result there is no part of our lives He will not enter with mercy and love. So this Tuesday let's invite in again the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love and live as boldly as we can. Be assured of special remembrance in all my Masses and prayers. Enjoy your Christmas. God's warm blessings to you all.

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Mossie Brick ☎ 087/9473317. Emergencies only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: will commence again on Tuesday 15th January 2019 in Knockanure and on Wednesday 16th January 2019 in Moyvane. Many thanks to all involved in Eucharistic Adoration.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: Offertory €1,443.85; Adoration Moyvane €220; Shrines Moyvane €202. Dues €100. Very many thanks for your continued generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day for Priest's Dues collection (green envelope). Envelopes are available at the back of both Churches for those who do not have Offertory boxes.

SAMARITANS: Annual Church Gate Collection at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

CONCERN: Tarbert Comprehensive School wish to thank all who contributed to their Concern collection last weekend which raised €623.39.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the family & friends of Mattie Thompson, Woodgrove whose funeral took place on Tuesday. To Nancy O'Connor & family, Upper Direen, Athea on the death of her husband Paudie whose funeral took place on Wednesday. To the Sheehan family, Leitrim Middle on the death of their aunt Bridie Cox, Ballylongford. To the Mulvihill family, Glin Road on the death of Marie's brother John Dalton, Athea. To Bridget Mulvihill & family, Glinalappa on the death of her sister Eileen Dalton, Glin. May they Rest In Peace.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil and Sunday Masses - Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd December

MOYVANE:
KNOCKANURE:
MOYVANE:

Sat 22 nd	7.30pm	Denis McEnery, Tubbertoureen (Anni)
Sun 23 rd	10.00am	Willie O'Connor, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna (1 st Anni)
	11.00am	Ned & Maureen Sheehy, Leitrim Middle (Anni)

Church of the Assumption Moyvane: Monday 24th to Sunday 30th Dec

Mon 24 th	6.00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE - Children's Mass - All welcome.
	9.00pm	MIDNIGHT MASS
Tues 25 th	11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Sat 29 th	7.30pm	Patrick Curtin, Aughrim (Anni)
Sun 30 th	11.00am	John Dore, Woodgrove (Anni)

Church of Corpus Christi Knockanure: Monday 24th to Sunday 30th Dec

Mon 24 th	7.30pm	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Tues 25 th	10.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Sun 30 th	11.00am	Richard & Ellen Horgan, Trien (Anni) & deceased of the Horgan family



NOTICES

CHARITY CÉILÍ: In aid of the Stack Family Fund on Thursday 27th December in the Marian Hall from 3 - 6pm. Music by Donie Nolan. For further details contact Marie on 087/9542102.

TABLE QUIZ in aid of Moyvane Senior and Juvenile Badminton Club will take place on Saturday December 29th at 9pm in Speedy's Bar. All support greatly appreciated.

KERRY PND JAN MEETING: If you are a mom and needing some extra support after having your baby, please come along to our meeting. Wed 2nd Jan 8pm Library Room, Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee. 086/7872107 for further information. This is a HSE/Listowel FRC partnership project.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ON TELEVISION & RADIO

For the housebound and those of you who are unable to attend Church celebrations you may wish to know how Christmas is celebrated on both TV and Radio - browse through the following:

Christmas Eve - Television

RTÉ One	11.00pm	Midnight Mass from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne, Co. Meath. Celebrant Fr. Derek Darby. P.P.
BBC1	11.45pm	Midnight Mass from Buckfast Abbey, Celebrant Rev. David Charleworth.

Christmas Day - Television

RTÉ One	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass
	11.00am	Urbi Et Orbi 'Pope's Christmas Blessing'
	11.25am	Service for Christmas Day
	12.10pm	The Archbishops' Christmas Message
BBC1	10.00am	Christmas Morning from Oldham Parish Church

Christmas Eve - Radio

Clare FM	7.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Radio Kerry	7.30pm	Mass with Mon. Dan Riordan, Castleisland.
RTÉ 1	11.00pm	Midnight Mass - Fr. Derek Darby, PP.celebrates Mass in a live Eurovision broadcast.
BBC 4	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Radio

RTÉ 1	1.00pm	Archbishops' Christmas Message
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ADVENT POEM

I love this Advent poem from John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland:

Light looked down and saw the darkness, "I will go there", said light.

Peace looked down and saw war, "I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred, "I will go there said love.

So He, the Lord of Light, The Prince of Peace, The King of Love, Came down and crept in beside us.

