

*We remember all
those who died
recently.*

*Carol Banks
Margaret (Peggy)
Redmond*



*We give our loved ones
back to you, O Lord;
and just as you did not
lose them in the giving,
so we do not lose them
in returning them to
you.*

Do you have a neighbour
who is housebound?
Or do you know someone
who might like to hear what
is going on in the Parish

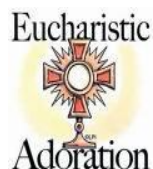
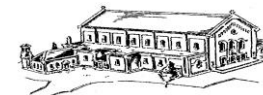
We would like you to pass
this Newsletter on to them
Also, if you know someone.
who would like to have Holy
Communion brought to them
in their home, please contact
the Parish Office.



*A copy of the Newsletter can
also be downloaded from the
Parish website.
www.mourneroad.ie*

Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh

Pastoral Area Crumlin /Mourne Rd. /Clogher Rd First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2015



*Eucharistic Adoration
takes place
Monday to Friday
10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in the Oratory.*

*Would you like to spend a little
time alone with the Lord in quiet
prayer? If you have an hour to
spare please leave your name into
the Parish Office.*

**MANY THANKS ON
BEHALF OF THE PARISH
TO MICHAEL RYAN
WHO IS RETIRING AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
OF THE BOYS SCHOOL
AFTER MANY YEARS OF
STERLING SERVICE. MÍLE
BUÍOCHAS MICHAEL. THE
NEW SCHOOL BOARDS
WILL BE ANNOUNCED
SHORTLY.**

CHRISTMAS BOARD <<<NEW NAMES>>>

Any new names for inclusion on
the Christmas Remembrance Board
should be handed into the Parish
Office **no later than Monday 14th
December.**

Names previously submitted will
automatically be included.

**MASS TIMES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m, 9.00a.m.,
10.30a.m. (Family Mass) & 12 noon Choir
7.00p.m. Pastoral Area Mass *St. Agnes, Crumlin*
10.00a.m. MONDAY – SATURDAY
Morning Prayer: 9.40a.m. each morning.
Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.**

Legion of Mary Group meet every Tuesday at 2.30p.m. in the church Meeting Room.
Eucharistic Prayer Every Friday 2.30–3.30p.m. in the Oratory
1st Saturday - 5th December Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will take place after
10.00a.m. Mass.



Poinsettia Sunday

From Sunday 13th onwards we
invite you to bring a Poinsettia to
the church in memory of a loved
one living or deceased. In this way
we hope to fill the church with the
festive colour of Christmas and at
the same time remember in
Christmas prayer all those we love.



**Prayer
List 1st Friday 4th December**
Mass at 10.00a.m for all those on
The Altar List of the Dead



8.00p.m. Taize Prayer
around the Cross takes place in
the Oratory. All welcome.



PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.
6, 9, 12, 27

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes

Next week's Jackpot will be €900.00.

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Tearoom.

**Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe
in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.**

All are welcome to attend the draw.



Parish Office Opening Hours

**9.15a.m. to 1.00p.m. & 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. Monday - Wednesday
9.15a.m. to 1.00p.m. Thursday & Friday (Closed both afternoons)
Contact: Phone 4556105 Email: mourneroadparish@eircom.net
Website: www.mourneroad.ie.**

w/e 21st/22nd Nov 2015

Church Collections

1st Priests €1045.00

2nd Collection: €858.00

**Envelope Collection
€1713.00**

**Christmas
Remembrance Cards
are available from the
Parish Office & at all
weekend Masses.
70c each.**

**Lighting of the Christmas
Tree and Blessing of the
Outdoor Crib**
takes place after 6.30p.m.
Mass next
Saturday 5th December.
All welcome.

Mass Times for St. Agnes
Weekdays 9, 10am & 7pm
Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30 am, 11am, 12.30pm
& 7 p.m. Pastoral Area Evening
Mass

Mass Times for
Clogher Road
Weekdays 10.00am
Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm
Sunday 10.00am & 12.00 noon



First Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer of Light

Lord, watch over your people, who come to you in confidence. Strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you. Give courage to those who falter because of their failures. In this holy season of Advent, lead them closer to you in hope, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May they one day proclaim your saving acts of kindness in your eternal kingdom. Amen.



Advent : A Season of Hope

Advent: A Time of Preparation: In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before **Christmas**. The word **Advent** comes from the Latin **advenio**, "to come to," and refers to the **coming of Christ**. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the **coming of Christ** in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His **Second Coming** at the end of time. Our preparations,

therefore, should have **all three comings** in mind. We need to prepare ourselves to receive Christ worthily. **First We Fast, Then We Feast.** That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased **prayer, fasting, and good works.**

The Symbols of Advent: In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear **purple** vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the **Third Sunday of Advent**, known as **Gaudete Sunday**, when priests can wear **rose-coloured** vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

Celebrating Advent: We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. We can incorporate such customs as the **Advent wreath**, and the **Jesse Tree** into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special **scripture readings** for Advent, which remind us of the threefold **coming** of Christ. **Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet.** Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.



PARISH WEBSITE IN ADVENT: VISIT www.mourneroad.ie and live more deeply this beautiful liturgical season of **ADVENT** with the help of daily **Scripture** readings and weekly uploaded videos and music to help your spiritual journey towards **Christmas**.



Christmas Fair for the Boys Primary School takes place on Sunday 13th December from 1-5p.m. Santa, Bric-a-Brac, Bottle Stall, Face Painting, Wheel of Fortune, Christmas Gifts, Tea & Coffee. All are welcome.

Christmas Bingo – Mother McAuley Centre on Wednesday 2nd December at 8.00p.m.. Entertainment, Prizes Galore & Supper – still only €5.00 – please come & bring your friends.

Midas Music Company presents Cinderella at Our Lady's Hall - 29th & 30th December at 7.30p.m., 31st December & 1st January at 2.30p.m., 2nd January at 2.30p.m. & 7.30p.m. & 3rd January at 2.30p.m. Tickets €12.00/Group rates for 10 or more €10.00 per ticket, available from the hall. Tel: (01)4439939

<https://www.facebook.com/mourneroadpantomime> **Vacancy for Youth Evangelisation Worker** The Archdiocese of Dublin is currently recruiting a Youth Evangelisation Worker. Please forward an up-to-date CV and covering letter to Ms. Ashling Keane, HR Officer, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 or by email to ashling.keane@dublindiocese.ie by 5pm on Monday 7th December. The full job advert can be found at www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancy-youth-evangelisation-worker **Vacancy for Parish Secretary** Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Merrion Road is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. (15 hours per week). Letters of application with CV enclosed should be sent to Fr. Fergus O'Connor, Parish Priest, at info@merriamroadchurch.ie by Wednesday 16th December at 6pm. **Advent - Where is Your God?** - how can you move your

Christmas to a time of spiritual comfort, of gratitude, of celebration? John Callanan S.J. is an Irish Jesuit priest who has written a number of books on the life and prayer style of Anthony de Mello S.J., an Indian Jesuit. Thursday evenings, 19th & 26th November, 7.30pm at the Iona Pastoral Centre, Idrone Ave, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. **Lay Retreat Association** Silent one-day retreat for men and women on Sunday 29th November at Milltown Park, 10.00am to 6.00pm. Spiritual direction by Jesuit Fathers. Talks, Guided prayer, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and Blessing of the Sick. Meals provided. Suggested offering: €30. Contact Lay Retreat Association 01 5577113. **Advent Program in St Paul's, Arran Quay** Wednesday 2nd, 9th & 16th December morning prayers at 7:45, 8:15 and 8:45 am – pop in for 10 minutes to pray; and lunchtime talks from 1:00-1:45 pm, a series of talks hosted by Irish Missionary Union. On Saturday 12th December, 'Witnesses of Hope – Songs for Christmas and Testimonies from the Middle East' starts at 4:00 pm. :

www.evangelisation.ie/2015/11/24/advent-in-st-pauls-arran-quay **Feast of Saint Francis Xavier** Saint Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street invite you to join us and celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, Patron Saint of the Missions, on Thursday 3rd December at 11.00 am.