

*We remember all
those who died
recently.*

Lily O'Connor



*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

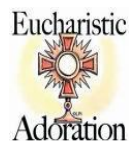
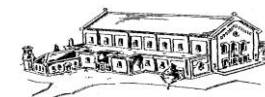
We would like you to pass
this Newsletter on to them
Also, if you know someone
who would like to have *Holy
Communion* brought to them
in their home, please contact
the Parish Office.



*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 Second Sunday of Advent 6th December 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.*



Jubilee of Mercy
8 December 2015 -
20 November 2016

The **logo and the motto** for the **Jubilee of Mercy**, together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto **Merciful Like the Father** (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38). The logo presents a small summary of the theme of mercy. It has been designed in such a way by Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik, so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life.

**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
2nd Saturday - 13th December **Devotions to St. Pio** 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.

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.



PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.
8 22 26 30

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

Next week's Jackpot will be €1000.00.

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 28th/29th Nov 2015
Church Collections**

1st Priests €944.00

2nd Collection: €804.00

**Envelope Collection
€1324.00**

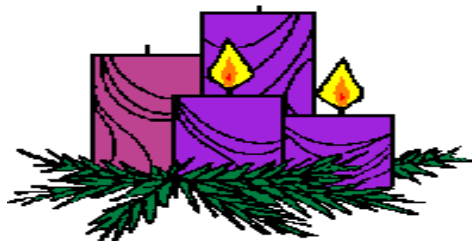
**Christmas
Remembrance Cards**
*are available from the
Parish Office & at all
weekend Masses. 70c each.*

Church Art Calendars
on sale in the Parish Office
€2.00 each.

Tuesday 8th December
**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception**
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 10.00a.m.
**Pastoral Area Evening Mass in
Crumlin at 7.00p.m.**

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*

The Second Week of Advent



Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires. **Each morning this week**, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you."

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!" The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: "Lord, I place my trust

in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me."

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE VERSES

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, Our God will come to save us!

The Lord is kind and merciful; Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life. Rouse your power, and come to save us!



MARANATHA!

JOHN 1:1-18

crosscare

Food Banks As this Jubilee Year of Mercy begins, I am asking you to once again help those most in need in our Diocese by assisting in the collection of vital foodstuffs for the Crosscare Food Banks. These Food Banks give food directly to individuals and families in need through local community food banks and also to over 70 other charities in Dublin who are working with those most in need. Throughout 2015 demand on the Food Banks remained high, with more and more families turning to Crosscare for support with basic food items. I am asking parishes to repeat last year's Food Appeal parishioners to bring non-perishable food items to Masses in their local parish Church on the weekends of 5th/6th and 12th/13th of December. As Pope Francis encourages us, "Think through once again the works of mercy, they are the work of the Father." With prayerful good wishes,

+Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin.

Tuesday 8th December 2-4pm in the Oratory

Secondary School Transition Year Students "Year of Mercy" Mass John Paul II Bronze Awards. (The Oratory will be closed during these hours)

Volunteers for the Nativity at the Christmas Eve Family

Mass: We are looking for young people to volunteer to be part of our Nativity at the Christmas Eve Family Mass on 24th December at 6.00p.m. Practices will take place on Saturday 12th December at 3.00p.m. & Saturday 19th December at 3.00p.m.

Christmas Distribution Parish Calendar/Dues Envelopes/Newsletter will be available for collection from the Parish Office by the distributors from Tuesday onwards. If you have an hour to spare and would like to assist with deliveries please call into the Parish Office. **Thank You.**

The Annual Collection for St. Vincent de Paul takes place at all Masses next weekend and replaces the usual Share Collection. 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. **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)



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.