

# Parish Newsletter

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, Mourn Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 December 2024**

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**Parish Webcam—Main Church and Oratory—can be accessed via the parish website.**

**Pastoral Area:** Crumlin/Mourn Rd/Clogher Rd/Walkinstown

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS  
A VERY HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS  
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# Christmas Letter



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish you a joyous and blessed celebration of Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May the many gatherings with family and friends during this Holy Season bring much joy and happiness to you in these dark and cold days. May the Baby Jesus bring you much spiritual blessing to your homes and hearts.

“The Light of Love and Hope” has come to earth. It’s time for us to pause to see this Light and feel its warmth and celebrate its cause. Pope Francis has given the 2025 Jubilee year the theme ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew their hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a Spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world. May we become a beacon of hope to one another.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us show the Lord’s Love, Hope and Peace to all our nearest and dearest and make Christmas really a joyful occasion. As we celebrate our Christmas Masses as one big parish family, you and your loved ones can be sure that you are all remembered in our daily celebrations at Christmastide and throughout the year.

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery of “God who chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us”. Jesus enters into our lives that we might do the same. Whatever the circumstances of our life right now - grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt ~ Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with humanity. Let Him be born again in our hearts and allow Him to enter into our moments and give us the life for which we were created.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, generosity, support, talent and treasure, etc., to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish, parish council, staff of parish office and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes.

Maybe the Christmas message this year should be a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. After all, that’s what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. Christmas belongs to all mankind, specially his believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

In closing, my only prayer today, that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy, Hope and Love. At the same time, I say a big word of thank you to Fr. David Brannigan, our former parish priest, excellent priest, for his presence in our parish. His departure has left a huge void in our parish. We miss him terribly. We know that is life. We hope Fr. Dave is now well settled and happy in Terenure parish. Wishing him and his loved ones a happy and joyful Christmas. On behalf of you, I would like to welcome Fr. Conleth Meehan to our parish. I am hopeful that Fr. Conleth will have many happy years with us in Mourne Road Church.

Finally, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, friendship, support, Christmas greetings and gifts. May all dear parishioners be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus at this special time of the year.

With Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Dan & Fr. Conleth.





**CHRISTMAS PARISH  
REMEMBRANCE CARDS**  
are available from the  
Parish Office 70 cent each

*Church Art Calendars 2025*  
*On sale from the Parish Office*  
€2.00 each

**PARISH CALENDARS 2025**  
can be collected from the tables at the  
back of the Church or from the Parish  
Office.



**Poinsettia Sunday 8th December.**

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 Any New Names** for inclusion on the Christmas Remembrance Board should be handed into the Parish Office no later than Friday **6th** December. Names previously submitted will automatically be included.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL  
COLLECTION WILL BE HELD ON  
THE WEEKEND OF 7th/8th  
DECEMBER 2024.**

**This will replace the Share Collection.  
SVP Donation envelopes are also available at the  
back of the church.**



**CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS  
FOOD POVERTY APPEAL**

Donations can be made online  
@ [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie), by phone  
@ 01 8360011, or by collecting a donation  
envelope from the back of the church.

**Eucharistic  
Adoration**

Monday to Friday  
10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.



**The Eucharistic Prayer Group**

meets on Friday afternoons in the  
Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm.  
All are welcome.

**Every Thursday after Mass the  
Holy Rosary in the Oratory is  
specifically for vocations to the  
priesthood.**

**Rosary beads are free for anyone  
who would like to take them home  
to pray.**

**PARISH LOTTO  
Development Fund**

There will be no  
Lotto draw on  
Tuesday 24th  
December &  
Tuesday 31st  
December 2024.  
The lotto will resume  
on Tuesday  
7th January 2025.

**Thank you to  
everyone who has  
supported the  
Lotto throughout  
the year.**

Drinnagh Panto Proudly Presents

# UNDER THE SEA

A DRIMNAGH PANTO ADVENTURE

21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
OUR LADY'S HALL, MOURNE ROAD,  
DRIMNAGH, DUBLIN 12

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - 2pm & 7pm | Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2pm & 7pm | Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7pm

Tickets Available Online At:  
[www.Gr8events.ie/DrinnaghPanto2024](http://www.Gr8events.ie/DrinnaghPanto2024)

Directed by Tony Coloe

**MASSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m. & 12 noon.**

**MONDAY – SATURDAY Morning Mass at 10.00a.m.**

**All Masses can be viewed on the Parish Webcam via the parish website [www.mourneroad.ie](http://www.mourneroad.ie)  
Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.**

**Parish Office: Open Monday to Friday from 9.15am–1.00pm.**

**Christmas Arrangements—the Parish Office will close on Monday 23rd  
December 2024 at 1.00pm & re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025.**



# CHRISTMAS 2024

## Joy to the World

### Christmas Timetable 2024

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:**

**Each Saturday after 10am Mass. Saturday 14th December Penitential Service with individual Confession 10.30am. Christmas Eve 10.30—11.30am and 2-3pm.**

**Monday 16th to Saturday 21st December Mass at 10am  
*Mass of the 3rd Week of Advent***

**Sunday 22nd December, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Mass at 9.00am & 12.00noon.**

**Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th December, Mass at 10.00am  
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.30pm, *Family Mass with Festive Music & Carols***

**9pm: Mass during the Night, ('Midnight Mass')**

**Christmas Day: 9.00am: *Mass at Dawn.***

**12noon: *Sung Mass During the Day with the Parish Choir.***

**Feast of Saint Stephen: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December:  
*Mass at 10.00am.***

**Friday 27th, Saturday 28th December Mass at 10.00am.**

**Feast of the Holy Family, Vigil Mass Saturday 28th  
at 6.30pm., Sunday 29th December Mass at 9.00am  
& 12.00noon.**

**Monday 30th, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day  
Mass at 10.00am.**

**Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th January 2025,  
Mass at 10.00am.**

