**29TH NOV. 2026** **AGHAMORE PARISH** **1ST SUN. OF ADVENT /B**


*St. Mary's Church, Tooreen*


*St. Joseph's Church, Aghamore*


*St. Patrick's Church, Woodfield*

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." *Matthew 28:20*

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**Holy Masses: 28th Nov. – 6th Dec. /Office Hours: Wed. & Friday from 10 am -1 pm**

| Church | Date | Time | Intentions |
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| St. Patrick WF | Sat 28th | 7 pm | **John Patrick Burke & DFM.** |
| St. Mary TN **1st Sun of Advent** | Sun 29th | 10 am | **Sean Kelly, (3rd A) Cappagh / Rose Toughey (A) Crossbeg Delia Looney, nee Sweeney, Cappagh & New York / Joe Murphy & DFM Carton Nth / Edward & Eileen Henry & Daughter Kathleen, Derryvackna. / John Joe & Geraldine Greally, Shanwalla / Padraig Towey, Carn** |
| St. Joseph Agh | Sun 29th | 11.30 am | **Tom & Mary Ellen Conboy, Curhavnaugh, their son Sean & Ann & Nora Boyle & DFM, Curhavnaugh.** |
| St. Mary TN | Tue 1st | 10 am | **NO MASS** |
| St. Joseph Agh | Wed 2nd | 10 am | |
| St. Patrick WF | Thur 3rd | 10 am | |
| St. Joseph Agh | Fri 4th | 10 am | |
| St. Patrick WF | Sat 5th | 7 pm | **DM of the Behan & Gillespie families.** |
| **St. Mary TN 2nd Sun. of Advent** | **Sun 6th** | **11 am** | **Centenary Mass - Celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy** |
| St. Joseph Agh | Sun 6th | 11.30 am | **Thomas & Mary Hudson, son John (2nd A) & DFM, Curhavnaugh & James & Maria Logan & DFM, Lismegan. Mary, John & Callum Casey & DFM, Carrownedan** |

**Parish Child Safeguarding Reps: Mr Séamus Tighe (0861641885) /Mrs Annette Doherty (0863811335) /Westdoc: 0818360000.** **Registered Charity Number 20015183**

**Sanctuary Candle WF:** Nuala Hanley RIP

**Church Cleaners**: Aghmore: Josie Folliard, Kathleen Groarke & Claire Delaney (Dec.) Woodfield: Marie Garvey & Mary Costello. **Heartfelt thanks to all who CLEAN, PROVIDE & ARRANGE the FLOWERS in all 3 Churches**.

**Pope's Intention for the Month of December : For single-parent families**: Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the faith during difficult times.

**Aghamore Community Devel. Bingo** every Wednesday night in the Community Centre at **8pm.**

**Children's Rosary with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** on Friday 4th December at 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm in the Apparition Chapel, Knock - for children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come and join in prayer. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For queries, please contact: 087 2299 623. Website: www.ChildrensRosary.org

**Family Carers Ireland:** Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

**The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA)** is holding a meeting to organise a **Diocesan Council** in the Tuam Diocese on Wed. 2nd Dec. at 8:00pm in **Ballinrobe Church Centre, Eircode F31 TY03**. All Pioneers welcome. Contact Pat on 087 9915229 for more information.

**KNOCK CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Sun. 13th Dec. in St. John's Welcome Centre adjacent to the Basilica - 10.00am to 4.00pm. Knock Christmas Market is where you will find an array of wonderful handmade gifts by local crafters here in the west of Ireland. A wonderful day for all the family to enjoy

| Church | Weekly Collection | Rest'n Fund |
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| St. Joseph's Agh | Wk. 22nd € 575 | € 5 |
| St. Mary's TN | Wk 22nd € 425 | € |
| St. Patrick's WF | Wk 22nd € 146 | € |

**Thanks** for your continued support towards the Parish by way of Weekly Contributions. All 3 Churches function smoothly because of your selfless contributions. May God generously reward your benevolence. **Go raibh mile maith agaibh.**




We are pleased to announce that the Parish WEBSITE: **aghamoreparish.ie** is officially designed & is fully operational. The website serves as a hub or platform where you can access all of the Parish's information, including the most recent news, upcoming activities, links to live Mass online, Mass recordings, Sacraments, Parish Facebook and many other interesting features of all three Churches under one domain – **aghamoreparish.ie.** More info will be added as we proceed.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TOOREEN**
**was dedicated on 8th December 1926**
**by Archbishop Gilmartin**
***A century at the heart of our community***
***1926 - 2026***

**As a lead up to the Centenary of St. Mary's Church, Tooreen and also the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration the following speakers will be in attendance on the following dates in St. Mary's Church:**

**Thursday 3rd Dec. at 7pm = Fr. Mark Quinn**

**Friday 4th Dec. at 7pm = Fr. Kilian Byrne**

**Saturday 5th Dec. 11am - 3pm = Fr. John Keane**

**All are welcome to attend those talks**

**Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy at 11 a.m. on Sunday 6th Dec.**

**We thank God for the many graces and blessings that have come to the people of Tooreen through this Church in the century that has passed.**

**Basket collection on the day will go towards expenses that are involved.**

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**"ART WITH HEART":** Ballyhaunis Community School will hold an Art Exhibition and Sale from 3rd to 5th December in Ballyhaunis Information Hub, Upper Main St. The artwork has been donated by a number of established artists, as well as young student artists from BCS. All funds will go to the Sunflower Children's Hospice.

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**Mayo Age Friendly** at Claremorris Library on Thurs. 3rd Dec. from 11am to 1pm. Your input will help shape future priorities for older people in Mayo.



**What is Advent?** The people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to arrive. Their poetry, their songs, stories, and their religious worship focused on an awaited saviour, whom God had promised, over & over, would come to them to set them free from captivity, and to lead them to the fulfilment of all that God had chosen for them. Israel longed for a Messiah, and John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, pointed out that Jesus Christ, God's Son as the true Messiah: behold the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life** of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church** says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the **"ancient expectancy of the Messiah...by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming."**

**What does the word Advent mean?**

Advent comes from the Latin ad+venire, which means, essentially "To come to," or "to come toward." Ad+venire is the root of the Latin "Adventus" which means "arrival." So Advent is the season of arrival: The arrival of Christ in our hearts, in the world, and into God's extraordinary plan for our salvation.

**Advent wreaths:** Where do they come from? The Catholic Church has been using advent wreaths since the Middle Ages. **Lighting candles as we prepare for Christmas reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. And the evergreen boughs remind us of new and eternal life in Christ, the eternal son of the Father.** It is definitely true that Germanic people were lighting up candle wreaths in wintertime long before the Gospel arrived in their homeland. They did so because candle wreaths in winter are beautiful and warm. That a Christian symbol emerged from that tradition is an indication that the Gospel can be expressed through the language, customs, and symbols of cultures that come to believe that Christ Jesus is Lord. www.catholicnewsagency.com

Advent reminds all of the sacred meaning of Christmas. Despite the secular preparations taking place, eg buying presents and going to parties, **Advent reminds Christians to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus.** May this Advent help us all to prepare spiritually well for Christmas. God bless!