We look forward to another New Year with hope and confidence, as we renew our trust in the Lord. We thank you for all your kindness and generosity to us and to each other during the past year. We are privileged to serve as priests in this Parish. It has been a difficult year for us all, and we are grateful for the blessings so far for our families. We dedicated our parish to the Sacred Heart and to Mary during the year—and so far value their protection. We also wish to thank all who help out in so many different ways in our churches during this past year.

Fr. P. Doherty and Fr. K. O'Doherty

MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday:  St Patrick's  9.30am
          St Mary's Saturday Vigil 6.30pm and Sunday 11.30am
Daily Mass: St Patrick's  Monday to Thursday 9.30am & Tuesday 7.30pm,
           Saturday 9.30am & Friday 7.30pm (Mass for all deceased)
           Daily Rosary at 9.10am
Daily Mass: St Mary's  Wednesday 10am and 7.30pm - Friday 10am

WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY IS FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

A Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are:
St Mary's  Wednesday 10am and 7.30pm  
St Patrick's Tuesday Vigil Mass – 7.30pm and Wednesday 9.30am

Cheques should be made payable to Maghera Parish
If you wish to set up a Standing Order, forms are available at the Pastoral Centre too.
Please note - The Diocese has requested that all parishioners should wear a mask when attending the church for private prayer and Mass.

MESSENGERS
Annual Fee of £22 now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS  Thank you for last week’s collection of £7,293.00.
We thank you also for your continued generosity and support to the church, and for bringing your envelopes and donations to the church and Pastoral Centre, particularly in these difficult times. May your generosity be rewarded.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In times of calamity and disaster such as the outbreak of a plague which in these days is called Covid-19 or Corona virus—we take the advice and example of the Saints and consecrate our parish and our family and friends to the safety and Protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

CHILDREN IN COSSFIRE’S ADVENT APPEAL – has begun and they have shared this video with us asking for support. You can still collect an Advent box at the back of the chapel if you are in for private prayer. You can also donate online: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal This year’s appeal is raising funds to help provide hand washing and sanitation facilities to 700 schools in Tanzania, especially vital right now. It costs only £20 to provide a whole school with hand sanitiser and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your support.

REFLECTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, in this new year we have begun, may we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable, enough trials to keep us strong, enough sorrow to keep us human, enough freedom to keep us happy, enough failure to keep us humble, enough success to keep us eager, enough wealth to meet our needs, enough faith to banish depression, enough hope to look forward, enough love to give us comfort, and enough determination to keep going.

REFLECTION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our befriending service adapted to Tele-befriending to meet the needs of those experiencing isolation, continues to be an invaluable service during lockdown.

If you feel you could give just give 30 minutes of your time every week to help alleviate the impact lockdown is having on the health and wellbeing of other people in your community, or would like more information, please contact Jo on 02879634488 / josephinemacoscar@praxiscare.org.uk