

We wish all parishioners and visitors to our parish, a very happy, Holy and peaceful Christmas. Many thanks for your continued support during the past year.

Beannachtaí na Nollog. Wesólych Swiat

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Vigil in St Mary's 5pm & 7pm and St Patrick's 6pm & 9pm

Christmas Day St Mary's 8am & 11.30am and St Patrick's 9.30am & 11am

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS – Daily after Morning Mass and-

Christmas Eve St Patrick's – 11am to 12Noon

St Mary's 11am /12Noon & 1pm/3pm

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 & Saturday 9.30am

St Mary's - Wednesday 7.30pm - This 7.30pm Mass will be

offered for all deceased members of Watty Graham Club, Glen.

- ❖ 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.**

HEALING SERVICE - St Patrick's Church, Glen today (Sunday) at 6pm. This is our last Healing Service of Advent. This will be available on Webcam www.mcnmedia.tv
Before Healing Service, there will be Confessions in Glen Church from 4pm to 6pm

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2021 - Are now ready for collection. Distributors may collect them from the Pastoral Centre. The new envelopes begin on Sunday Sunday 3 January 2021. We encourage each one to use your envelope.

ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS Thank you for last week's collection of £2,934.00.

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Anyone who wishes to attend any of the Christmas Masses in St Mary's should come along to St Mary's Church today (Sunday) between 2pm and 6pm to register and be allocated seating.

- ❖ It is not necessary to register if you wish to attend Mass outside in the car parks. Masses will be relayed on the outside speakers and you will be able to receive the Eucharist. All Masses will also be relayed from both churches on webcams. www.mcnmedia.tv

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.

Oíche Nollag le Máire Mac an tSaoi
Fágaidh an doras ar leathadh ina coinne,
An mhaighdean a thiofáidh is a naí ar a hucht
Deonaigh do shuaimhnes a ligint, a Mhuire
Luíodh Mac Dé ins an teach seo anocht.

Christmas Eve with Máire Mac an tSaoi
*Leave the door wide open before her,
The Virgin will come with the child on her breast,
Grant Holy Mary, that you will stop here tonight,
and Jesus may rest in this house tonight.*

JOY

*What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds:
'Behold, I bring news of great joy; Today a saviour has been born to you.'
This joy is the real hope of Christmas. Let us open our hearts to receive it.*