



The Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th of December 2023

Parish of Dunshaughlin and Culmullen

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Dunshaughlin Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass - 7pm, Sundays 9 am, 12 noon

Culmullen Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass - 6pm, Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Masses: Culmullen 9am, Dunshaughlin 10am

Holy Days: Cul 10:30am Dunsh 10am & 7pm

Rosary: recited each morning in Dunshaughlin before 10am Mass,

Confessions: Saturday 12noon – 12:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Dunshaughlin: Tuesdays 10:30am - 2 pm; 7 - 9 pm (Side Chapel)

Culmullen: Thursdays 9:30am until 11 am

Baptisms: Dunshaughlin Church: First Saturday and Fourth Sunday of the month.

Culmullen Church: Second Sunday of the month. Ceremonies are at 2pm.

Baptism Programme: Call Íde Ó Dúshláine 087 – 153 2994

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 24 th December	Dunsh 9am	Bridget Johnson & Dec'd Family Members;
Monday 25 th December	Dunsh 12noon	Michael & Ellen McHale;
Tuesday 26 th December	Dunsh 10am	Kathleen Jordan
Wednesday 27 th December	Dunsh 10am	Ruby & Patrick Mannion & Stephen Law
Thursday 28 th December	Dunsh 10am	Ita Kennedy & Sean & Imelda Martin
Saturday 30 th December	Dunsh 10am	Ammini Tomy
Saturday 30 th December	Dunsh Vigil 7pm	Bernard & Angie Reilly & Dec'd family members
Sunday 31 st December	Dunsh 12noon	William & Kathleen Murphy & Dec'd Family Members

Christmas Offerings

December Offerings: For the support of the Priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please use the offerings envelope marked **December Offerings** or a plain envelope with your name and address on the outside. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Time

After the Celebration of Easter the most ancient custom in the Church is the Memorial of the Nativity of the Lord. Christmas time runs from the First Mass of Christmas Eve until the Sunday after the Epiphany of the Lord.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve; Masses Dunshaughlin Church; Family Mass 6 pm

Solemn Mass of the Nativity; and Blessing of Crib 9 pm.

Carols with Church Choir ;from 8.15

Christmas Day Masses; 9 am and 12 noon.

Culmullen Christmas Eve; Solemn Mass of the Nativity and blessing of Crib 8 pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10.30 am.

Christmas Blessings

Fr Sean and Fr. Joe wish all our Parishioners a very happy, and peaceful Christmas. May the Lord bless all of you and your families this holy Season.

Happy Christmas: Nollaig Shona Buon Natale Wesołych Świąt



Christmas Week:

Masses at 10.00 am each day

Tuesday; St Stephen Day first Christian Martyr, Deacon

Wednesday; St John Apostle and Evangelist, wrote the Fourth Gospel telling us God is love.

Thursday; The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

Friday; St Thomas Beckett, Bishop and Martyr.

Sunday; The Holy Family, of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Pastoral Centre

The heating system in the Pastoral Centre has been repaired and is now up and running at a cost of approx eight thousand euro. Roof repairs have been carried out costing in excess of six thousand euro. The Pastoral Centre serves the parish; it is also available for the wider community. Like all facilities, running costs are increasing, we rely on rent from various groups, but the Centre is supported mainly by the contributions of our Mass goers. It may be necessary to increase rents in the new year.

We Remember in Prayer

The souls of **Jim Marsden**, Lagore Rd and **Michael Power** Waterford and late of Dunsany (Father of Geoff Power, Hillview, and Sylvia) May they rest in peace.

Thought for the Day

And is it true? And is it true, this tremendous
tale of all, Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
a Baby in an ox's stall? The Maker of the stars
and sea become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is, no loving fingers
tying strings around those tissue'd fripperies.

The sweet and silly Christmas things,
bath salts and inexpensive scent

And hideous tie so kindly meant, No love that in a family dwells.
No carolling in frosty air, Nor all the steeple-shaking bells.

Can with this single Truth compare — that God was Man in
Palestine. And lives today in Bread and Wine

John Betjeman (1906-84)

