

Life Is an Advent Season

CONNECTIONS, 11-28-93

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

"The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."



Weekday Masses

Monday 7.30 pm; Tuesday, 10am; Wednesday, 10 am
[Mickey McConologue, Cashel; Thursday, 7.30 pm; Friday, The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, 7.30 pm
[Philomena Doherty, Leiter MM]; Saturday 11 am.

Confessions

Friday, 7.15 –7.30 pm; Saturday 7.30 pm—7.45 pm.

Anniversary Masses this weekend:

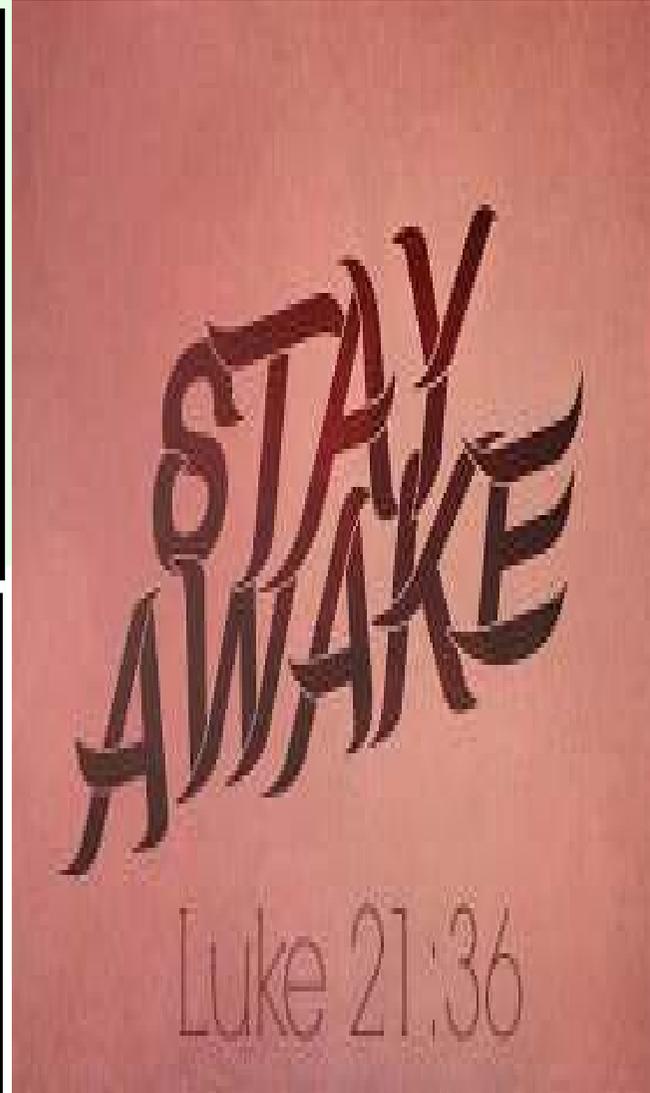
Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Sarah Sexton, Moneydarragh
Sunday 11 am: Caroline McDermott, Terrahork

Next weekend

Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Lily McDermott, Oldtown
Sunday 11 am: James Ruddy, Oldtown [MM]

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.



First Anniversary Mass for Lily Noone, Malin [nee Kelly], Drumaville on Saturday 8th December at 6 pm in Aughaclay Church, Malin.

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Collections Weekly Offering : €1,010; Development Collection €435. Your generosity to our collections is much appreciated.
NB Retired Priests Collection will be taken up by basket at all Masses next weekend. [Printers forgot to include envelope in box].

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord will fulfil his promises to Israel and Judah.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party next Saturday 8th December 2 30 pm in Mc Grory's. All Seniors welcome.

Culdaff FC Annual Bazaar will be in Bocan Hall next Sunday 9th December. Doors Open at 4.30pm and Bazaar starts at 5pm. A special appearance by the man himself Santa Claus. All players and committee are asked together prizes for the Bazaar. All welcome.

Counters for the Month of Dec: : Tommy Lafferty, Brian Lafferty, Brian Deeny, Hugh Diver, Patricia Harkin, Mary McLaughlin

Colgan Hall Annual bazaar will take place on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm in the Colgan Hall. Many fantastic prizes to be won on the night. Ring 074 93 29377 or 085 252 4006 for further details.

ETB are holding free computer class for beginners in the Colgan Hall on Thursday mornings from 10am to 1pm with light refreshments. Call Caroline McCabe, Adult Education Officer on 086 174 0684 for further information or drop into Jeanette in the Colgan hall office for more info.

Follow the Star Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Lenamore Road, Muff. We have some spaces still left for our beautiful family event starting on Sat 8th Dec and which celebrates the Christian traditions of Christmas. Booking essential. Please call the Centre on (00353) 74 93 84866 to enquire or book.

Flower Arranging Demo (by Josie Coll) in the Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin on Thursday next 6th December at 7.30pm Tickets €10 including supper & Door Prize All proceeds to RNLI
Tickets can be got at Kelly's Filling Station or phone 0860621244 or 0873549002 or you can pay at the Door

Bocan St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Church Gate collection will be taken up on Saturday 8th Dec and Sun 9th Dec 2018. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. An overview on SVP spending and an appeal will be made from the altar at the 3 Masses by an SVP member

The annual 'Christmas Craft Fayre' will be held on Friday 7th December in the Arás centre in Carndonagh Community School. There will be tea and coffee, and lots of home baking for all to enjoy, and we will be selling homemade goods to decorate your home during the festive season!

Culdaff FC are launching a new 50/50 draw on Sunday 16th Dec. Tickets €2 or three for €5. Guaranteed winner every week of half the amount of sales. All proceeds to Clubhouse Redevelopment Fund. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Whist

1st Dolores O'Donnell, Carn

2nd Vera Deeny, Terrawee

3rd John McLaughlin

Tickets

Therese McLaughlin, Evelyn Ruddy, Charlie Doherty, Carmel McLaughlin

Other Winners

Therese McLaughlin, Rose Thompson, Annie McBride, John Doherty, Eamon Donaghy, Mary Ellen Ruddy, Fr McGonagle, Sheila Doherty

Whist every Friday night at 8.30 pm in Bocan Hall. Snowball next week: €80 on 188 or better

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 13th of December at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Country Cafe Concert at The Cairn Greencastle on Sunday 2nd Dec at 8 pm Country songs, Stories and Quiz with The Cairn Theatre Group - Tel 9381104

“The lack of mystery in our modern life is our downfall and our poverty. A human life is worth as much as the respect it holds for the mystery. We retain the child in us to the extent that we honour the mystery. Therefore, children have open, wide-awake eyes, because they know that they are surrounded by the mystery. They are not yet finished with this world; they still don't know how to struggle along and avoid the mystery, as we do. We destroy the mystery because we sense that here we reach the boundary of our being, because we want to be lord over everything and have it at our disposal, and that's just what we cannot do with the mystery.... Living without mystery means knowing nothing of the mystery of our own life, nothing of the mystery of another person, nothing of the mystery of the world; it means passing over our own hidden qualities and those of others and the world. It means remaining on the surface, taking the world seriously only to the extent that it can be calculated and exploited, and not going beyond the world of calculation and exploitation. Living without mystery means not seeing the crucial processes of life at all and even denying them.”

— **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, [God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christma](#)