



Paróiste Chill Taobhóige

Tithe Pobail Ghleann Fhinne agus

Leitir Bric

Baptism of Our Lord—C—January 12th 2025



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Next Weekend Masses

(Dé Sathairn—Saturday)

Glenfinn: 6.00 p.m.

(Dé Domhnaigh—Sunday 9.45

(L.B.) & 11 a.m. Glenfin.

11 a.m.



Confessions

They are available anytime, especially after Mass on Saturday evenings



January Intentions of Pope Francis

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Arranged Masses

Saturday 11th January 6 p.m.

Charlie McGlynn

8th anniversary.

Sunday January 12th 9.45 a.m.

Kieran McElwee 24th anniversary.

11 a.m. Peter Doherty (Month's Mind Mass)

Wednesday January 15th 7 p.m.

Patrick & Margaret Moy—Anniversary.

Thursday 17th 10 a.m.

Séamus Herron (Goreyman)

Anniversary

Friday 17th January 7 p.m.

Mary B. McGinty

1st Anniversary.

Saturday 18th January 6 p.m.

Jimmy Campbell

4th anniversary.

Sunday 19th January 9.45 a.m.

All the priests from Glenfin parish.

11 a.m.

Kitty (Nora) McNamee

10th Anniversary.



Aifrinn na Seachtaine

Monday Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday 7 p.m.

The Wednesday Mass this week will

be in Leitir Bric @ 7 P.M.

Mass for Patrick & Margaret Moy.

Friday Mass at 7 p.m.

Mass for 1st anniversary

Of Mary B. McGinty.



Local Writer's Course

for all levels starting on

Tuesday 14th January

2025 8-10pm 6-

week In-person course.

Write Poems & Stories.

Refreshments served each week

Phone Martin on 0876007100

(Raphoe Pastoral Centre)

CLG GHLEANN Fhinne

Lotto

Lotto numbers for Tuesday 24th December were 6-8-3-2-5-4-7-1. Congratulations to John Herron who wins €60 each. The jackpot next week is €9450.

My Life Every Step Counts Challenge / Ireland Lights Up

CLG Ghleann Fhinne is again taking part in the My Life Every Step Counts Challenge which starts on January 8th. We hope that as many members as possible can take part this year. To join 1. Download/ Log in to the My Life app, 2. Register your details, 3. Select Challenge under the Social tab and select CLG Ghleann Fhinne in the Ulster Challenge.

We are also taking part in Ireland Lights Up commencing on Wednesday 8th January where the track will be lit up every Monday and Wednesday from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.



Thoughts on the Readings for the Baptism of Our Lord January 12th 2025

Some suggest that this portion of Isaiah was composed during the Babylonian exile, decades after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. It was a time when comfort was needed, which is exactly what God was prepared to offer to His people. It is a reminder, at least to me, that God never gives up on us. God is with us (Emmanuel), even when we choose to ignore his approaches and calls to return to Him.

Titus presents God's unfolding plan of salvation in terms of two appearances of Jesus, two *showings* of God's presence. "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all".

Jesus' first appearance showed God's grace, and his second coming will show God's glory, for "we wait for the blessed hope for the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ". In speaking of Jesus' first appearance, Titus likely refers to the whole of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection, rather than his actual birth in Bethlehem. Jesus' birth is an appropriate preface to the life he lives — a life on the margins as a wandering preacher and healer, a friend of sinners, suspect in the eyes of the religious and political establishments. His birth is also appropriate to the kind of death he dies — outside the holy city, a humiliating, shameful death reserved for rebels and slaves.

Jesus shows God's grace in the most unexpected ways, even in bearing shame and suffering on our behalf. For "he it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own". The hope and expectation in which we live are not idle or passive. Jesus gave himself for us in order to redeem us from iniquity and make us his own people "who are zealous for good deeds". The salvation he brings is not only about forgiveness, but also about transformation. As recipients of God's grace, we have been given by God the power to live in a new way.

Lost and Found: A sum of cash was found outside the Heritage Centre on the 27th of November 2024. If you think it might be yours please contact Fr. Lorcan.

Best of luck to club players Luke McGlynn, Daniel Marley and Odhran O'Connor who have all been selected to be part of the ATU Donegal squad in the 2025 Sigerson Cup competition.

Well done to all the nominees for the 2024 Sports Star Awards which were released today. Conor Dorrian has been nominated for the Primary School Sports Boy award while both Katie and Molly Gallagher have been nominated for the Primary School Sports Girl award.

Múinteoir Cíara Uí Dhochartaigh, Scoil Náisiúnta An Choimín was also nominated for the Primary School Sports Teacher award.

Scoil Náisiúnta an Choimín and Welchtown National School have been nominated for the Primary School (Small <100)

Communion Calls—January— Due to the wintry weather they were not done last Wednesday. They will be taken care of next **Wednesday January 15th** at about the usual times.

Brockagh Music Sessions

The first of the Sessions for the **New Year, 2025** was to be on Tuesday 7th January at **8.30 p.m.** However, due to the wintry weather, it had to be postponed. The next session will be due on **Tuesday February 4th.**



Some has said that one of the lessons we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history.

The Gospel holds out the chance for new life, new beginnings, and

new opportunities. How do we make the New Year new and not just a repeat of the same old mistakes, habits and attitudes that have gone before? We make the New Year new when we put the past in perspective.