



Parish of Dunboyne and Kilbride.

Saturday, 24th December, 2016 – Sunday, 1st January, 2017.

Priest on Duty: **Mgr. Dermot Farrell P.P.** Telephone: 01-8255342.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)

9.30 am – 1.00 pm; 1.30 – 5.00 pm.

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Dunboyne Offertory Collection	€1,404.00
Dunboyne Development Fund	€2,262.00
Kilbride Offertory Collection	€357.80
Kilbride Development Fund	€176.00
Kilbride Restoration Fund	€247.50

Mass Intentions: Dunboyne.

Saturday	5 pm	Christmas Eve.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
	7 pm		Mass for the People of the Parish.
	9 pm		Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday	9 am	Christmas Day.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
	11.30 am		Mass for the People of the Parish.
Monday	11 am	St. Stephen's Day.	Baby Beth Gallagher (1st Anniversary).
Tuesday	10 am	Christopher Ennis.	
Wednesday	10 am	Thomas and Judy Monaghan	
Thursday	10 am	Mary Dunlop and Felix and Elizabeth McCrory.	
Friday	10 am	John and Sis Magahran.	
Saturday	10 am	Peter O'Toole.	
	7 pm	Michael O'Brien & Ellen Norton Tony Bastinello Eileen & Anne Boylan Mary & James Tierney.	
Sunday	9 am	Josephine Kelly and Freda Murray.	
	11.30	Clare McDonnell Patrick Murphy Georgie Wells.	

Mass Intentions: Kilbride.

Saturday	7 pm	Christmas Eve.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Sunday	10 am	Christmas Day.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
Saturday	6 pm	James & Margaret Quinn Brenda McGuinness.	
Sunday	10 am	Donnellan Family Intention.	

Christmas Offerings: Christmas Day is the principal offering day towards the annual salaries of the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your support and generosity.

R.I.P: Declan D'Arcy, Oakridge Cres-



To all who have to travel for Christmas, do so safely and with care for others. To those staying at home, please check on your elderly neighbours. We thank the great number of volunteers, the Social Services, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and all who generously contributed to making Christmas a happy time for those in need in our Community. We also want to thank all the parishioners who assist us with the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, especially with looking after the churches, helping at Masses and sharing in the work at the parish office and in the parish schools.

We would like to wish all our parishioners and especially those who are spending their first Christmas in our Parish, the peace and joy our Saviour was born to bring.



A six-year-old Scottish girl named Lulu wrote a letter to God: "To God, How did you get invented?" Lulu's father, who is not a believer, sent her letter to various church leaders: the Scottish Episcopal Church (no reply), the Presbyterians (no reply), and the Scottish Catholics (who sent a theologically complex reply). He also sent it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who sent the following letter in reply:

Dear Lulu,

Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this –

'Dear Lulu,

Nobody invented me – but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very, very, quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected. Then they invented ideas about me – some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints—especially in the life of Jesus—to help them get closer to what I'm really like. But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!

And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off. I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.

+Archbishop Rowan Williams

See The Telegraph, April 22, 2011.



Altar Servers (31st Dec – 8th Jan): St. Paul's Team.

Safeguarding Children: The parish representatives are Noeleen Fallon, Adrian Tiernan and Denis O'Leary. Contact: 8255342.

A Prayer to the Holy Family has been placed in our Parish Crib. We invite all families in our parish to visit our Crib and take a moment together in prayer this Christmas.

Prayer Cards with the Holy Family Prayer are also available to take home

Dunboyne Social Services would like to thank all who gave so generously to the Church Gate Collection. A sincere thanks to all students and their families from the local schools who gave so generously towards the hampers.

A Christmas reflection by Bishop Michael Smith (2016).

In the Gospel accounts on the nativity of Christ two threads – the marvellous and the ordinary – are woven together in the Scriptures in a way that is surely intentional on the part of the Evangelists, especially St Luke. The divine intervention, the fulfilment of the Hebrew promise, comes about in the ordinary dilemmas of life.

As believers, we all live on a divine promise. We look for the completion of that promise in the reality of our lives and in the communities to which we belong. Yet we find a painful gap between what we expect from the promise and the reality that we see. That reality, all too often, is marred by brokenness and pain. Our faith is often challenged to find the harmony between what God has promised and what we see around us.

Pope Francis specifically refers to "the treasury of Mary's heart" (AL 30). In the gap between the divine promise in which we trust and the painful reality in which we sometimes live, all that is stored up in the treasury of Mary's heart becomes for us the source of our faith. She gathered this treasure from amidst the marvellous and the ordinary. A child is born for us. He is God-with-us. Dominion is laid on His shoulders. He frees us for our sins and directs us in the path of righteousness. As we draw on the treasury of Mary's heart - filled as it is with the marvellous and the ordinary - we can make our own her song of joy: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit exults in God my saviour" (*Lk 1:46-47*).

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Tues., 27th and Fri., 30th Dec. It will resume on Tuesday, 3rd January.



Pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.

Rosary and Prayer for Priests in Adoration Chapel on Saturday mornings after 10 am Mass. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays at 7 pm. All welcome.

Dunboyne Pioneer Association: If you are interested in joining. Please call 8252799.

Vincent's Charity Shop opens Monday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm. Shop Phone: 083 8516127. Need Help: Freephone 1800 677777.

Community Notices

St. Stephen's Day - Fun Run 12noon, 5Km in aid of Pieta House from Dunboyne GAA Club. Registration at 11am. Refreshments served after the race in clubhouse.

Senior Help Line: National listening service for older people, open every day over Christmas & New Year, 10 am - 10 pm. If you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. It can be a sad time for many people & some of us can feel very alone. Volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups & downs of life & are happy to listen, to keep company & to support. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 ct. All calls completely confidential.