



PARÓISTE CHILL TAOBHÓIGE

Tithe Pobail Ghleann Fhinne agus Leitir Bric
The Epiphany of Our Lord—C—January 6th 2018
Litir Nuachta An Domhnaigh

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Next Weekend Masses

(Dé Sathairn—Saturday)

Glenfinn: 6.00 p.m.

(Dé Domhnaigh—Sunday)

Leitir Bric: 9.45 r.n.

Glenfinn: 11.00 a.m.

Confessions
Available after Mass
every
Saturday night.
Please wait near
confessional.



Aifreann na Seachtaine

Monday: 10 a.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m.

Friday: 7 p.m.



Booked Masses

Saturday 5th January 6 p.m.

Mary & Neal Doherty
(Anniversary)

Sunday 6th January 9.45 a.m.

Francie McCormick & deceased of
the family (Anniversary)

11 a.m. Úna McGinty (Drim)
Month's Mind

Friday 11th January 7 p.m.

Charlie McGlynn
(2nd Anniversary)

Saturday 12th January 6 p.m.

Alisdair Nimmo 3rd Anniversary

Sunday 13th January 9.45 a.m.

Kieran McElwee (18th Anniversary)

11 a.m. Eddie Coyle
(7th Anniversary)

Friday 18th 7 p.m.

Teresa Foody (Month's Mind)

Saturday 19th 6 p.m.

Paddy Marley
(3rd Anniversary)

Commentary on Luke 2: 41-52



WE CELEBRATE TODAY the second of four great 'showings' of God in our world. The word '**epiphany**' comes from Greek and it means a 'showing'. We call today's feast the **Epiphany of our Lord** but the term could equally well be applied to the other two.

The first of these four showings we already celebrated on December 25, when God revealed, or showed himself to us in the form of a helpless, newly-born infant. He is presented as born homeless and in poverty and surrounded by the poor and outcasts represented by the shepherds. This 'showing' fits in very well with the theme of Luke's Gospel and it is he who tells this story.

In today's feast, we see the same recently-born baby in similar circumstances but the material and social surroundings are hardly touched on. The emphasis here, as we shall see, is different. Here are strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child. This will be the theme of Matthew's Gospel.

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations."

There are still 2 other 'showings' of Our Lord. One we will have next Sunday as we remember the Baptism of Jesus when, at the age of 30, he shows himself to the world at the Jordan River. The following Sunday we will see the 4th 'showing' when at the Wedding Feast of Cana Jesus reveals his divinity in changing the water to wine and, in this way, saving a special day for a newly married young couple.



Pope's Intentions for January

That young people, especially in Latin America, will follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the gospel to the world..

Pro-Life Collection.

There will be a collection for the Pro-Life Trust at the Masses this weekend. These collections are very important as they assist in informing the public about pro-life activities which provide a positive alternative to the newly introduced abortion legislation. Please be generous.

The Epiphany

The Gospel of Matthew describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus. Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **Gold** reminds us that Jesus was a King, **Frankincense** reminds us that Jesus was God and **Myrrh** reminds that this **Divine King** would one day die on the Cross of Calvary.

St. Columba's College 50th Celebrations

St. Columba's College is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this school year. To mark the occasion, there will be a Gala Celebration Ball on Sat 16th February 2019 in the Finn Suite, Jackson's Hotel. Tickets are now on sale from the school office (074) 9131246, and are priced at €45 each or a table of 10 for €400.



One day, in the early fifth century, a priest preached a stirring sermon in the presence of the patriarch of Constantinople. His subject was the holy mother of Jesus.

The preacher continually referred to Mary as the "*Theotokos*" meaning "God-bearer." This was no innovation – by this time, Christians had been invoking Mary under this title for at least two hundred years. To deny Mary the title "Mother of God" makes of Jesus a dichotomy, a split personality. It would mean that God had not really embraced our humanity so as to become human. Rather, the humanity of Christ is hermetically sealed off from the divinity, as if Jesus were two persons. Eventually in the year 431 A.D. the Church at the Council of Ephesus declared that Mary was indeed the Mother of God and Mary is honoured with this title each year on **the first day of the New Year January 1st**.

Servant of God (15 year old) Carlo Acutis website: www.carloacutis.com
Have a look at this website. You will learn much from it about Eucharistic Miracles around the world. **Excellent!!**

Community Crèche

The Glenfin Area Council are helping to facilitate the setting up of a Community-Managed Crèche in the building that was once a Tearoom in Brockagh.



We are seeking people who would be willing to join a Committee to manage this Crèche.

If you would be willing to help, you are invited to an Open Meeting in Cloghan Day Centre next Wednesday January 9th at 8.30 p.m.

Our God is a God of new beginnings and renewal. However, our hopefulness can be marred by a regret for what we failed to achieve in the past year. This lack, this emptiness can never be filled completely with resolutions and good choices in the New Year of 2019 that we entered last Tuesday. Only God can fill that space, and poverty of spirit gives God the space to fill us. So let us always make sure there is a **space** in our lives where we will always have room to welcome God. With him leading us, no matter what happens, we will safe in his all-encompassing arms.