

Leckpatrick Parish Sunday Message

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St. Mary's Church, Cloughcor



St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan



Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd

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Second Sunday of Christmas – 3rd January 2021

A New Heaven and a New Earth

God is God-with-us, God who loves us, God who walks with us ... Thus Christmas reveals to us the immense love that God has for humanity. From this too derives our enthusiasm, our hope as Christians, that in our poverty we may know that we are loved, that we have been visited, that we are accompanied by God; and we look upon the world and on history as a place in which we walk together with him ... toward a new heaven and a new earth.

– Angelus, January 5, 2014

Reflection: The Christmas season is a great time to reflect on life and to make new commitments. How will you walk with Christ this year to make our world a better place? Where can you spread God's mercy to make a difference?

TIMES OF MASS & CONFESSIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Cloughcor

Sunday Masses: 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan
11.30am in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (The Epiphany) & Friday @
10.00am in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

Confessions: No Confessions

WEDDINGS: Please contact Fr. Gerard Sweeney – at least 6 months notice is required.

BAPTISMS: Parent(s) are asked to contact Fr. Gerard Sweeney on (028) 71882274.

NOTICES

Eucharistic Adoration will be broadcast live on the parish webcam on Wednesday from 5.00pm until 9.00pm.

Parishioners who are unable to get to Mass are asked to kindly drop their weekly envelope through the letterbox at the Parish Office, the Sacred Heart Church or St. Joseph's Church.

Those who would like to contribute by cheque should make cheques payable to 'Leckpatrick Parochial No.1 A/C'.

Parish Draw 2021 – all promoters are reminded that names/addresses for the 2021 Draw should be handed into the Parish office by Monday 11th January 2021.

N.B. The January and February draws will take place during the month of February (date to be confirmed).



Feast of the Epiphany

Wednesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will take place in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road at 10.00am.

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus the feast celebrates the fact that God has made Himself known to the world, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary on Christmas Day.

Dear God, in your strong hands, I place my life today; choosing to depend on You to guide and light my way. Amen

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus, Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: *'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'*
2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like *a light that shines in the darkness*. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others.
3. Bring to mind people who have a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like *as a witness to testify to the light*. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.
4. *'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.'* Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Who, or what, has helped you along this journey?

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