

## 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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### Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

#### A Courageous Prayer

Miracles happen. But they need prayer! A courageous prayer, that struggles for that miracle. Not like those prayers of courtesy: Ah, I will pray for you! Followed by one Our Father, a Hail Mary, and then I will forget. No! It takes a brave prayer like that of Abraham who was struggling with the Lord to save the city, like that of Moses who prayed, his hands held high when he grew weary.

– Homily, *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, May 20, 2013

**Reflection:** Is your prayer brave? Is it courageous? Are you confident that courageous prayer can work miracles? Pray for others with confidence.

#### TIMES OF MASS & CONFESSIONS

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10.00am  
in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

#### Christmas Masses

##### Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan at 6.00pm  
Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road at 7.30pm  
St. Mary's Church, Cloughcor at 9.00pm

##### Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road at 8.00am  
St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan at 10.00am  
Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road at 11.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

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

#### NOTICES



#### Family Table Prayer for Christmas Day

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy.

Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal.

Bless the food we share and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who are lonely, sick or away from home.

We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven.

May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead.

We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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

**Sunday Collection** – £2,015.91.



Thank you.

Please note that there will be a collection at all Christmas Vigil/ Christmas Day Masses – the Christmas Offering. An envelope is provided in your box of envelopes.

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**'.

Many thanks for the anonymous donation of £500.00 that was recently received for **Trócaire**.

#### Service of Penance and Reconciliation

A short service of prayer, scripture and reflection on the need for forgiveness and reconciliation in our lives as we approach Christmas, will be streamed live on the Parish Webcam today (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December) at 6.00pm.

A series of prayer and activity resources for the 12 days of Christmas has been created by the Diocese and the Catechetical Centre in conjunction with the Northern Pastoral Network, for family prayer at home.

A Family Prayer Booklet – The Twelve Days of Christmas, has been specifically compiled with families and prayer in the home in mind. The Gospel for each day of the twelve days of Christmas is accompanied by a Gospel reflection, prayers and a link to online Christmas hymns. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/family-prayer-service-for-use-at-home-this-christmas>

#### A Christmas Blessing

From home to home,  
and heart to heart,  
from one place to another.  
May the warmth and joy of Christmas,  
brings us closer to each other.



Please note that due to Christmas Holidays all anniversaries for the next two weekends should be handed into the Parish Office by Monday at the latest.

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