

Sacred Heart Church Saturday 8th Sunday 9th Jan

Readers Vigil Mary Nicholl
11.30am Joe Kirke

Eucharistic Ministers Vigil Gerard Leonard
11.30am Pauline Quigley

Altar Society Mary Wilson, Bernadette K Appiah, Brenda McMahon

St. Macartan's 9th

10.00am **Reader** Sheila Maguire **Eucharistic Minister** Shane Manley

Deaths: We pray for Eileen O'Harte, Creevaghy
Kathleen Martin, Legar Crescent
Teresa Kelly, Dublin
Rob Marden, Annie's Bridge

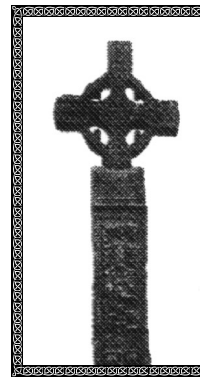
Clones Parish Office will be open from 9.30am—2.00pm on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th January. Normal hours will resume on Wednesday 5th.

Reader's Missals for 2022 are now available. Please email info@clonesparish.ie to reserve a copy.

The Incarnation of Jesus

This immediate post-Christmas period is experienced by a great many people as an anti-climax. Indeed some people experience this as a time of sadness and even depression. Such caring agencies as the Samaritans, for example, tell us that their phone lines are at their busiest at this time of the year. People heap so many expectations on the feast of Christmas that it could never hope to deliver on them. But the sadness of other people is more solidly based in reality. The scattered family members, who had come home for the feast, have now resumed their exile. The harsh truth is sinking in once again: Man does not live on feasts alone.

The Church however does not regard Christmas as a one-day-wonder. Christmas is a season, a lengthy period of time which permits us to allow the celebrated event sink in. Both of today's New Testament readings -from Paul and from John - are lengthy meditations on the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Paul's powerful meditation is, in part at least, a prayer addressed to God the Father. Paul praises God for his free gift to us in the Beloved. He then addresses God on our behalf. He asks God to give us the spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, that we all may come to a full knowledge of him. The full significance of what has happened in the incarnation is not immediately obvious. It can only be grasped by those with the eyes of faith, and it is absorbed only over a long period of time, over a lifetime.

**Parish of Clones**

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St Alphonsus, Connons
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**2nd January
2022**

**Second Sunday
of Christmas**

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		Masses and Intentions for the Week Second Sunday of Christmas
Vigil	7.30pm	Tommy Reilly, Beechgrove (Month's Memory); John Donohoe, Beechgrove; Paula Quigg, Killeevan; Dessie Watters, O'Neill Park;
Sun 2nd	9.00am 10.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	10.00am	No Mass
Tue 4th	10.00am	Maureen & Benny Cassidy, O'Neill Park
Wed 5th	10.00am	Colum Mullally, Fermanagh Street
Thurs 6th		The Epiphany of the Lord Ann Davey, Roslea Road
Fri 7th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Sat 8th	10.00am	Jim & Madge Nolan, Leonard's Island
		The Baptism of the Lord
Vigil	7.30pm	Michael Armstrong, (Month's Memory) & Michael Armstrong, Fermanagh Street; Liam McDermott, Beechgrove; Agnes Smith, Beechgrove
Sun 9th	10.00am	Jimmy O'Neill & Durnian Family, Follum; Catherine McDermott Carrickawick & Dec'd Members of the Devitt Family
	11.30am	Agnes Sherry, Clonmore (Month's Memory); Jimmy Connolly, Analore Street (1st Anniversary)

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.