

# ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

(Tel. 9361572)

## Cinema Now Showing

### PIXIE

16 93mins  
Saturday 12th Dec - 8.15pm  
Sunday 13th Dec - 8.15pm

### ELF

PG 92mins  
Sunday 13th Dec - 3pm

### WONDER WOMAN 1984

12A 151mins  
Wednesday 16th To Tuesday 22nd December  
All Showings 8.15pm

**Please Note  
Limited Availa-  
bility / 50 Seats  
First come first  
served!**

### Porter Funeral Directors Meenagorey

Funeral home now available on request in Buncrana and Carndonagh, contact 0872926917/ 0860794820.

**Samaritans Helpline number** Call Free phone: **116 123**, Text: **087 2 60 90 90**.

**Donegal Hospice** are offering bereavement Support, call 0894402787 for further details.

**The Lake of Shadows** has reopened for indoor dining for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Booking Essential. To book call (074) 93 61005. We look forward to welcoming everyone back

### COVID-19 CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE

Tel 0830107089, providing support to families within Inishowen who are experiencing difficulties due to the **Pandemic**, promoting inclusion & equality. Going LIVE Mon, Wed & Fri from 10am - 1.00pm.

**Study Groups** meet every Monday/ Tuesday evenings at 8 for round-table study of the following Sunday's readings: what they mean, backgrounds, how they complement each other. Join by Zoom or in person. Contact 087 291 3186 for details.

**Vacancies** SCCI Community Employment Scheme require Groundspersons for local football pitches/ Youth Club Assistants and Tidy Towns workers. Please contact David Healey on 0749361264 for details.

**ALSO Vacancy** Administration Post 19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, normal CE conditions apply contact [niamh@swillycep.ie](mailto:niamh@swillycep.ie)

# Buncrana Parish Newsletter

**Priest on Call 9361253**

Last week's Collection was €5,450. We also received a donation of €7,000 Sincerest thanks.

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**13th December 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Fr Bradley 9363455**  
**Fr Walsh 9361393**  
Parish Catechist  
0867853726  
Parish Office  
9361253

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be available in the Sacristy on Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th after morning Mass in the Oratory, and in the Sacristy on Monday 14th & Friday 18th after evening Mass in Cockhill.

## CHRISTMAS MASS

Anyone that has booked their ticket for Christmas Mass and any Mass up to Sunday 3rd January **must** collect their ticket before Tuesday 22nd December.

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 4th January.



**READINGS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading:** Penned around 530 BC in the midst of the difficulties in the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the 60-year exile, the prophet announces that the Almighty's plan was now entering a new phase: a time of prosperity, liberty and freedom, when 'the Lord will make (the Chosen People's) integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.' This spirit of hope was passed down and was the one in which Mary received our Saviour.

**Second Reading:** Today's reading comes at the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of St Paul's earliest letters written around 51 AD. The brief instruction given here has had enormous influence on Christian spirituality. The gift of the Spirit is a feature of the messianic era and discernment of its inspirations is one of its gifts. Mention of the body, soul and spirit serves to underline 'the totality of the sanctifying action of God.'

**Gospel:** Like John the Baptist we each have a role as a 'Christ-bearer'. (Glenstal Missal) We are called to turn our lives into a pointer to our Saviour, living his hidden life among men. This self-effacing task should not be underrated: it is a kind of preparatory 'baptism' (like John's) for those whom God has called to be new people.

**Anniversary Masses**

\*\*\*Tickets must be booked in the Parish Office for attendance at all Masses\*\*\*

**St. Mary's Cockhill**

churchservices.tv/cockhill

**Mon 14th Mass at 7pm**

Kathleen McFadden (30th A), Charlie Kearney (20th A) & Nellie Donaghey (18th A), also Tom & Winifred McGrory

**Fri 18th Mass at 7pm**

John Doherty Richard (MM) & John Caldwell (20th A)

**Sat 19th Mass at 7pm**

Millie McLaughlin (MM)

**St Mary's Oratory**

churchservices.tv/buncrana

**Tues 15th Mass at 10am**

Bernard & Josephine Keany

**Thurs 17th Mass at 10am**

Bernard McCarron & Special Intention

**Fri 18th Mass at 10am**

James & Bridget McLaughlin & Family

**Sat 19th Mass at 6pm**

**Sun 20th at 9am**

George & Eileen Coyle (MM)

**Star of the Sea Desertegney**

**Wed 16th Mass at 7pm**

Billy Grant

**Sunday 20th Mass at 10am**

Colm McLaughlin (MM)

**Sun 13th Mass at 10am**

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into God's family the following child who was baptised over the last weekend:

**Chloe Christina McKinley**

May God Guide & Protect our Children always.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - BUNCRANA CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul urgently require funds this Christmas and have collection box at the back of the Oratory (in the porch), if you are able to make a donation, please do so there or at the SVdP shop on Main Street or to any member.

Thank You.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - COCKHILL & DESERTEGNEY**

This weekend (12th & 13th December) is SVP Sunday, we are asking for donations, members of SVP will be at St Mary's Grotto, Cockhill on Sunday 13th from after the 11am Mass until 4pm collecting much needed funds, if you can help please do.

Thank You.

**A thought.....**Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss the joy is to miss all. **Robert Louis Stevenson**

**COCKHILL CHAPEL ORGAN FUND**

Sincerest thanks & gratitude to all those who have donated to the Organ Fund. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated. This week we received £300, €150, €50 & €100.

**DEATH**

Your prayers are asked for **Nuala Grant** who died recently and for her family & friends saddened by their loss.

**THE NET**

The December edition of The Net is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Monday 14th** - St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.

**DRIVE-IN CAROL SERVICE**

This event is fully booked but will be streamed on the 'Buncrana Churches Together' Facebook page from 4pm on Sun 13th Dec.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

The final session of Advent reflections taking place this Thursday 17th Dec at 7:30pm via Zoom. For registration details, email [buncranafaith@gmail.com](mailto:buncranafaith@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

These are available from the Parish Office priced at €10.

**Father Bradley**