

# ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

(Tel. 9361572)

## Cinema Now Showing

### WONDER WOMAN 1984

12A 151mins  
Saturday 19th to Tuesday 22nd December  
All Showings 8.15pm

CONTINUING WITH  
WONDER WOMAN 1984  
Friday 1st Jan to Thursday 7th  
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)

**Cockhill Park 50th Anniversary DVD** on sale in Cullen's Shop & Spar Urricam, €50 for double DVD, Call Hugh Quirke 0860626477

# Buncrana Parish Newsletter

**Priest on Call 9361253**

Last week's  
Collection was  
€3,955.  
Sincerest thanks.

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**20th December 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

## Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

This has been a strange year for all of us. Over the past twelve months, there have been many joys and many sorrows, and as 2020 draws to a close, we must try to thank God for it all. The global pandemic is still with us, yes, but the story of Christmas is that God is with us too! The difficulties we are experiencing will pass; this threat to us will disappear; but God will always remain with us.

Christmas itself has been under threat. Thankfully, and safely we hope, we will celebrate it with our families, in our homes, and in the churches. We are glad to be able to come together even if under some restrictions. We remember those who will be missing from our tables: those who must work – many of them front-line workers; those who cannot get home from overseas or are spending Christmas elsewhere; and those too who have gone to the eternal Christmas of heaven since this time last year. Everyone will be remembered this Christmas.

This year reminds us that we need one another; we need company and fun; we need to see faces and hear voices – they lift our hearts and bring a smile to our own faces. Even if we cannot all be present in the one place, through technology, sometimes just the phone, sure it'll be great to hear familiar voices and enjoy the conversation. Shops are saying that they're sold out of Christmas cards – everyone has been making a special effort to share the sense of friendship and family this Christmas.

We know by faith, that the mystery of Christmas is a daily miracle for us as we live, for the God of love still wishes to be in our presence every day. And we pray too that, for those who have died, their new life will be in the eternal Christmas of heaven, again in the presence of the God of love. In the smile of a helpless Christ-child, in the gurgling that comes from his manger stall, in his arms outstretched for our attention and affection, we should see and hear the presence of the God who loves us so completely that he never wants to be separate from us.

Whether you watch the Christmas Masses from your home, or you've got a seat booked in the chapel, or if you want to come to the "Drive-In Car Park" at Cockhill (behind PJ McDaid's) where you will hear the Masses broadcast and be able to receive Holy Communion as you leave (Christmas Eve 2pm, 10pm, 12midnight; Christmas Day 9am, 11am) – we want you to know that God is glad of your prayers and will bless you at this time.

Kellemes Karácsonyi ünnepeket – Wesölych Świat. Féach Íosagán sa chliabhán, 's an Mhaighdean in aoibhneas grá.

A Holy and a Happy Christmas to everyone!

Father Bradley, Father McGoldrick & Father Walsh

**READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (20TH DEC)**

**2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.** The time is 1000 BC. This prophecy of Nathan would sustain and nourish Israel's hope of a messiah through the next 1000 years of trials. Nevertheless Israel would tend to forget that the prophesied 'secure sovereignty' of the 'House of David' would be one built with living stones, with hearts and minds of a people who believed in God as their father and in his promised Messiah. Through the birth of Christ God will at last 'pitch his tent' among men.

**Rm 16:25-27.** St Paul blesses God for having given his Roman converts 'the strength to believe and live according to the Good News.' 'The revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages', hidden in the heart of God, has now been made plain and must be broadcast. The history of God's Chosen People is now every Christian's story.

**Lk 1:26-38.** The salvation of all mankind is announced quietly to young girl in a small village. Mary would have narrated the event years later to the early Church. The Immaculate Conception, by her humble 'fiat', had enabled the Word of God to finally come and live among men.

**Anniversary Masses**

**St. Mary's Cockhill**

churchservices.tv/cockhill

**Mon 21st Mass at 7pm**

Kevin Doherty,  
Kathleen & Manus Grant

**Wednesday 23rd Mass at 7pm**

Bernadette McLaughlin (1st A)

**Sat 26th Mass at 7pm**

**Sat 2nd Mass at 7pm**  
Annie Donaghey

**Mon 4th Mass at 7pm**

Michael McEleney

**Wed 6th - Feast of the Epiphany of The Lord** (please see over for Mass times)

**Fri 8th Mass at 7pm**

**Sat 9th Mass at 7pm**

**Star of the Sea, Desertegney**

**Thurs 24th Mass at 4pm** - Michael McLaughlin.

**Sat 26th Mass at 11am** - Roseann Lynch (1st A)

**Sun 3rd Mass at 10am** - Paddy McDaid

**St Mary's Oratory**

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**Tues 22nd Mass at 10am**

The Gildea Family

**Thurs 24th Christmas Eve**

Mass at 10am - Special Intention  
Mass at 8pm - Marianne Breslin (née McLaughlin)

**Sat 26th Mass at 6pm**

Peter Clougherty & Patrick McCarron

**Sun 27th at 9am** - Special Intention

**Mon 28th - Fri 1st Jan Mass at 10am in**

**The Oratory**

**Mon 28th** - Special Intention

**Tues 29th** - Steve Quintáo

**Wed 30th** - Patrick & Rose McDermott

**Thurs 31st** - The Doherty Family

**Fri 1st** - Breedge Porter & Oliver Boyce

**Sat 2nd Mass at 6pm**

**Tues 5th Mass at 6pm** Margaret Bradley  
**(Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord)**

**Sat 9th Mass at 6pm** - Margaret Grant

**DRIVE IN CARPARK MASS AT COCKHILL CHURCH**

For anyone who may have missed out on getting a ticket for Mass on Christmas Day/Eve, Mass will be broadcast from Cockhill church carpark, the times are **Christmas Eve at 2pm, 10pm, 12midnight; Christmas Day at 9am & 11am.** You must remain in your car for the duration of the Mass, you will be able to receive Holy Communion as you leave the carpark.

This is on a first come, first served basis.

**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 5th January**

Vigil Mass 6pm The Oratory & 7pm Cockhill

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**Wed 6th January**

10am The Oratory,  
11am Cockhill & 7pm Desertegney

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into God's family the following children who were baptised over the last weekend:

**Hayley O'Sullivan & Alan Patryk Szydlík**

May God Guide & Protect our Children always.

**DEATH**

Your prayers are asked for **Fr Patrick McGoldrick** who died recently and for his family & friends saddened by their loss.

**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.

**FOUND**

A sum of money was found outside Cards & Candies, contact 0872625451

**THANKS**

We received €450 from a group who use St Teresa's Room, thank you.

**A thought...**

Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world. *CS Lewis*

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

If you have a concern about safeguarding in this parish, please contact Noel O'Donnell on 048 71362475 or 00447596500793.

**COCKHILL CHAPEL ORGAN FUND**

Sincerest thanks & gratitude to all those who have donated to the Organ Fund. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated.

**Father Bradley**