

ATTYMASS PARISH

CHRISTMAS 2022



We wish all our parishioners and those who have come to visit a Holy and Happy Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Nollaig Shona daoibh go leir agus guímid athbhliain faoi mhaise do mhuintir ár pharóiste go léir!

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année !

Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!

Szczesliego Nowego Roku!

Attymass Parish Christmas Confessions & Masses

Confessions
Tuesday 20th
7pm-8pm

Christmas Eve
7.30pm

Christmas Day
10.00am

Weekday Masses

St. Stephan's Day 11.00am

Tuesday 27th –Thursday 29th 10.00am

Friday 30th 11.00am

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022

This weekend, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and next weekend we will celebrate the birth of Our Saviour in a stable in Bethlehem and begin the Christmas Season. I want to share a few thoughts with you, as we enter Christmas week and 2022 is slowly drawing to a close. The year 2022 will be remembered, where the world came to live with Covid-19 and return to everyday living, which is positive and there is the sadness with the war of Ukraine, which has effected not only the people of Ukraine but the entire world. It highlights for me, do we take the simple things in life for granted, family, friends and of course the freedom to live our lives and celebrate our faith. Sadly in the 21st century this freedom is not in every part of the world. The main message of Christmas is that the infant Jesus born in the stable in Bethlehem to bring peace to the World as our Saviour .

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During this era someone wrote a carol as a "catechism song" for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol had a code word for a religious theme that children could remember:

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

Three French hens stood for Faith, Hope and Charity

The four calling birds were the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

The five golden rings recalled the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven sacraments

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful apostles

The twelve drummers drumming symbolised the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

Let us pray: Lord, little one and mighty one, be born in the Bethlehem of every town of the earth that has faith in you, in the Bethlehem of every home that has love for you; in the Bethlehem of every heart that hopes for you. Above all, be born with your healing and peace in the houses of hearts divided by sin, and haunted by loss and loneliness. Be born among us and with us, Amen.

We welcome Fr. Valerian Castelino CSC, as he celebrates his first Christmas among us and as he begins his mission in the Fr. Peyton centre

I would like to take this opportunity also to say a sincere word of thanks to you the People of Attymass Parish. We remember very special way all those in the parish who have passed away and those who have lost a loved one; we keep them and you in our prayers. We remember in a special way Stephen Purkis, Stephen worked in the parish office and looked after the parish webpage and any IT problems we had. He is missed especially by his family, we the parish family miss him also.

I want to say thanks to all who assist in the day to day life of the parish - Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, , Parish Covid-19 Support team, Parish Stewards, Cleaners & sanitizers, Fr. Steve, Sr. Helena, Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Choirs, Musicians, Collectors, Counters, Flower Arrangers, the staff of Attymass N.S. the Staff of the Fr. Peyton Centre and Members of the Community Schemes and the Attymass Community Stewards. The Committee Members of the three Cemetery Care Committees in the parish and the countless volunteers who help in so many ways. Thank you to you the people of the parish for your constant support of this parish which allows so much to happen in our Church. May God bless each and every one of you and the Holy Family of Nazareth protect you in the year ahead. The Christmas Masses in the parish are celebrated for you the people of the parish, as a Christmas present from the priest to his people.

God Bless.

Fr. John

COLOURING TIME

An invitation to some of our younger Parishioners to spend a bit of time and make use of the colours and crayons you might have received for Christmas. Bring the Christmas Scene to life through colour. We will award a prize in the following age groups: Junior Infants and Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class, Third Class and Fourth Class, and Fifth and Sixth Class for the picture that is considered most imaginative and colourful!. Cut out the picture and name details and return to the church by **Sunday 8th January 2023**. We will give **€10.00 each** to the four winners. Winners announced in Bulletin of **January 15th 2023**.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME!

Name: _____

Class _____



PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers **Michael J Laffey**, Middlesbrough and late of Carrowkerribla (son of the late Thomas and Ellen Laffey) and all those whose who have passed away in our Parish since last Christmas and all whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also remember all those who have passed away during the coronavirus pandemic. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The collection for the support of the priest of the parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The **Brown Envelope** is found in your box of offertory envelopes. If you don't have a box of envelopes, you can use a regular envelope, but please mark it "Priests' Collection" Thank you for your support and kindness. It is deeply appreciated. Please make cheques to "Attymass Priests Revenue Account".

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

New Years Day Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am for Peace in the World for the year ahead.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Christmas Confession will take place in the Parish Church on **Tuesday, evening 20th December from 7pm-8pm.**

MARY'S MEALS BIG CHRISTMAS

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

MOY DAVITTS

Congratulations to Christine Walsh who won a jackpot of €400 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail

outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the Newsletter of the **Wednesday 21st December at 8pm** for the Newsletter 31st December and 1st January 2023

NEW PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

The outgoing PPC decided it would be best to divide the parish into areas, as to have representation for all areas of the parish and to invite nominations of one man and one woman from each of these areas to serve on the New PPC starting in February 2023. **The areas are: (1) Ballycong and Carrowkerribla, (2) Bonnifinglas and Curradrish, (3) Treenoughter, Carrick, Ardrass, (4) Byhalla, Kilgellia, Fr. Peyton Avenue, Derreen, (5) Mullahowney and Kildermott, (6) Carracastle, Currower, Cartron, (7) Carradoogan, Graffey, Cullane, Ballymore. The Next Stage: Nomination paper will be in the Parish Newsletter of January 1st 2023 Nominations can be returned at the weekend Masses on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th January and Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th January 2023. There will be a box at the back of the Church. Please remember the persons (one male and one Female) you are nominating should be asked before their names are submitted.**

CHURCH SAFETY MEASURES

1. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. By Law face coverings are now to be worn in places of worship.
3. Holy Communion will be distributed into the hand only
4. Social distance needs to be maintained at all times both inside and outside of the church.
5. Newsletters are single use items. If you take one upon entering the Church, please bring it home – do not discard it.
6. **There is no room in the sacristy to accommodate people due to Covid-19 regulations. Please wait in your seat if you wish to see Fr. John**

BONNICONLON GAA

Bonniconlon GAA club are holding a charity 5k walk and 7 a side football match on St Stephens day at 12pm. All proceeds will be in aid of Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association. All support welcome

FR. PEYTON CENTRE

Fr Peyton Centre Christmas holiday arrangements: Closing at **2pm Thursday 22nd December** Re-opening on **Tuesday 3rd January 9.30am** The management and staff would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Christ born in a stable is born in me,
Christ accepted by shepherds accepts me,
Christ receiving the wise men receives me,
Christ revealed to the nations be revealed in me,
Christ dwelling in Nazareth You dwell in me,
Christ, grant that people may look at me and see Your Presence. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

7.30PM

Readers: Mary Lavelle
Tony Gallagher
Eucharist: Martina Mulherin
Christine Tolan

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00AM

Reader: Ann Timlin
Pat Boyle
Eucharist: Evelyn Moughty
Monica Ferguson

Saturday 31st Dec 2022

Reader: Christine Tolan
Eucharist: Patsy Garrett

SUNDAY 1st Jan 2023

Reader: Noreen Quinn
Eucharist: Hugh McHugh

BEATIFICATION PRAYER

Dear Jesus, the Venerable Patrick Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together everyday, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that *the family that prays together stays together*, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen.



Parish Mission Statement

“Inspired by the Life and Work of the Venerable Patrick Peyton CSC, we the people of Attymass Parish strive to build a Community that is rooted in Gospel Values and is deeply committed to the Mission of Jesus.”

NEWSLETTER

MONTH OF DECEMBER / JANUARY CHURCH DIARY

VENUE	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS
Parish Church	Saturday 17th	7.30pm	The Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Willie Ginley & deceased members of the Ginley, Byhalla John & Mary, Peter, Eileen, McHale, Glanduff & Mary & John McGee, Manchester (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Sunday 18th	10.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent: The People of the Parish
Parish Church	Monday 19th	9.30am	Paddy Kane & Deceased of the Kane Family, Mullahowney (Facebook Live)
Fr. Peyton Centre	Tuesday 20th	12.00pm	Intentions of the Seniors Group (Facebook Live).
Parish Church	Tuesday 20th	7.00pm	Confessions from 7pm until 8pm
Parish Church	Wednesday 21st	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Parish Church	Thursday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Souls
Parish Church	Friday 23rd	7.30pm	The Sick of the Parish
Parish Church	Christmas Eve	7.30pm	Christmas Mass for the People of the Parish (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Mass for the People of the Parish (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Monday 26th	11.00am	The Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
Parish Church	Tuesday 27th	10.00am	The Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Parish Church	Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Michael, Margaret, Annie May, Maureen, Bret, Patrick Duffy, Mullaghowney
Parish Church	Thursday 29th	10.00am	Vince Mulherin, Ballycong
Parish Church	Friday 30th	11.00am	Mary Durkin, Mullaghowney, Month's Mind (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Saturday 31st	7.30pm	The Vigil of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Anthony & Kathleen Tolan, Curradrish Patrick & Brigid, son Patrick Melody, Curradrish (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Sunday 1st	10.30am	The Solemnity of the Mary, The Holy Mother of God

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Under GDPR, the protection of your personal data is important to us. We are happy to include your notice in our Parish Bulletin, but please ensure that you have received the consent of any persons referenced before submitting a notice to us. Some items may have to be edited for space purposes. Please submit items by **Wednesday 21st December at 8pm for the Newsletter 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023** via email attymassparish@achonrydiocese.org and please include your contact details. Thank you.

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Fr. Peyton Memorial Centre
 Closing at 2pm Thursday 22nd December
 2022 Re-opening on Tuesday 3rd
 January 2023 9.30am.

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN
 SAFE GUARDING**
www.achonrydiocese.org/diocesan-policy
PARISH REPRESENTATIVES
 Veronica Peyton and Padraic Walsh