

## **Corofin & Belclare Parish Newsletter**

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30 p.m:**  
**Corofin**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**  
Sean Nolan, Clough  
James & Rita Costello, Bullaun  
Martin Joe & Mary Delia Conneely, Bullaun

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 a.m:**  
**Belclare**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**  
David Canney, Belclare (29<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Nora Sice, Sylane  
P.J Higgins, Sylane  
Mary Kate Steede, Ballaghbawn  
Mary Costello, Carrowbeg  
Joe Burke, Manchester formerly Ballybrone, Turloughmore

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30 a.m:**  
**Corofin**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**  
Thomas O'Loughlin, Nora, baby Thomas, Sr Brigid, Jim, Josephine,  
Fr Peter Mockler & his parents James & Mary.  
Patrick & Agnes Cummins, Stripe & their grandson Jack Moynihan.  
Darragh Glavin, Kilcurriff.  
Mary & Jimmy Dooley, Cummer.

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am:**  
**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 a m:**  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am:**  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am:**  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 a.m:**

**Corofin - Novena Mass**  
**Corofin -** Peter & Mary Kate Daly, Glenafosha  
**Corofin -** Liturgy of the Word & Holy communion  
**Belclare -** Michael & Bridie Greaney, Ballintleva  
**Corofin - Mass**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30 p.m:**  
**Corofin**

Joseph & Kathleen Fleming, Doonbeg  
Tom Hoade, Kilcurriff  
Sr Pius Canavan, Clonmel formerly Ardskeabeg  
Fr John Cullinane & dec of Cullinane family, Anbally  
Mattie Furey, Anbally, his wife Peggy; their daughter Nora  
& sons in law Mike Donoghue (New York) and Tom Donoghue (London)  
Vincent & Mamie McElwain  
Edward & Nonie Mahoney

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00 a.m:**  
**Belclare**

**Do this in Memory Mass**  
Rita Sice, Kilconly  
Fr Tommie Treacy SMA, Claretuam & dec of Treacy family  
Michael Higgins, Belclare & his grandchildren Natalie Higgins & Jason Mills  
Martin Ansbro, Cloonmore

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30 a.m:**  
**Corofin**

**Do this in Memory Mass**  
Teresa & Frank Murray, Ballinacregg  
Paddy Joe Monaghan, Ballinacregg  
James & Mary Alice Kelly, Anbally  
Bridget & Chrissie Donegan, Dublin

**Belclare collection: € 728.00    Corofin collection: € 1705.00**

**Prayers requested for** Gerry Ryan, Ballykeaghera who died on Wednesday. Sincere sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

**Welcome into our Christian community** Sally Autumn Blake, Doughiska, Galway who was baptised in St Colman's church on 1st Dec. Congratulations to her parents

**Corofin collection boxes** are available from the parish office. Could the area reps please collect their assigned station areas. We are very grateful to all who deliver the boxes each year. Belclare boxes can be collected at the top of the church.

The **lights** on our **Outdoor Christmas Tree** at the front of **St Colman's Church** will be lit after the 7.30 p.m. mass this Saturday evening.

**Corofin and Belclare Christmas mass bouquets.** Our annual mass bouquets are available once again from the parish office an after Mass in Belclare church. €5 each of 5 for €20.

**Adoration** in Belclare every Wed 6.30 - 7.30p.m. Adoration also in Belclare church every Monday 1-2 p.m during Advent.

**Dr Duggan Hall Bingo** continues each Sun at 7 p.m. If you would like a lift call 087 2886237.

**Medjugorje pilgrimage** 4 – 11 June 2025 from Corofin - €825.00. Group leader Dymphna Glynn. Spiritual director Fr Ciaran Blake. More info in church porches.

**Bus service** Saturday evening to Mass in Corofin church serving Kilcurriff, Corofin X, Anbally, Tavanagh, Corbally, Bullaun, Ardskeamore, Ballintubber. Free travel pass accepted. Ring Mary Farragher 087 6181176

**Choirs** Thanks to those new members who have joined both our Adult and Community Choir (primary and secondary school students, with some parents) in Corofin. The next rehearsal for the Adult Choir will take place in the church on this Monday evening, December 9th at 7.30pm. We would love to see a few more singers there, both male and female voices. You don't need to be a Luciano Pavarotti or a Charlotte Church! These choirs will help make the Christmas Masses so much richer and, hopefully, will continue to enrich our liturgies on into the New Year. Call 087 9721577 for more information.

**Belclare cards:** Cards 1st Hamper Phil Lydon, 2nd shared by Michael Lundy, J.J O'Kane, Gerry Cunningham, Liam Maloney, Nora Hussey, Jason Hussey, Frank McGrath. Door prize John McDonagh, Nora Hussey, Spots Ned Ward, Michael Lundy, Raffle 1st Jimmy Ansbro, 2nd Jason Hussey, 3rd Michael Lundy. Cards as usual Wednesday night in Belclare national school at 8.30 p.m 1st prize again is a fantastic Christmas hamper.

**Corrandrum Community Christmas Sale of Work** on this Sun, 8th Dec 12:30 PM

**Fahy's Haunted House** A big thank you to everyone who called to Fahy's "Haunted House" in Kilcurriff this Halloween. A total of €1021.82 was raised for the Children's hospital foundation

**Belclare Community council** meeting on Tuesday evening at 8.30 in upstairs room at Belclare sports field. New members most welcome.

**Christmas market and 'live crib' at Turlough Park** - National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, 15 December. Admission is free. See [www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie) for further details.

**Corofin Comhaltas** are offering adult music lessons from January. To register, email the Comhaltas team at corofingalwaycomhaltas@gmail.com

**Best of the luck to our Corofin GAA figure dancers** who will represent Corofin and Galway in the Connacht Scor finals in Claremorris on Saturday 7th December. Sean Tyrrell, Anna Lynch, Sophie Silke, Sophia Dasilva, Dylan Comer, Katie Kennedy, Meadh Tyrrell & Niamh McDonagh. Best wishes to Ann Marie Timoney and the team from all in the community.

**Blessing for Expectant Mothers** There will be a blessing ceremony for all expectant parents in the Basilica at Knock Shrine on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

**Corofin Senior citizens Christmas party-** Venue Anbally Inn on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 p.m. Dinner, prizes, music on the day. Tickets €10. To book contact Caroline on 087 9330928 or Karen on 083 0031831