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**DUAGH & LYREACROMPANE**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

 **22nd December 2024**

**MASSES IN ST BRIGID’S CHURCH DUAGH**

**Sunday December 22nd @ 11:30 am**

Jeremiah McCarthy, Lacca East Kilmorna (*Months Mind*)

Mary O Connor, Springmount (*Months Mind*)

Michael O Connor, Springmount (*Anniversary Mass*)

Rita Dillon, Derrrindaffe (*Anniversary Mass*)

Josephine Meehan, Kilmorna (*2nd Anniversary Mass*)

Michael (Mickey) Cronin, Kilcara *(3rd Anniversary Mass*)

**MÍLE BUÍOCHAS – HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FROM FR. DECLAN:** 2024 has once again been a challenging year as we continue to live in a world faced with climate change, the Ukrainian war and all the problems of the Middle East. I wish to thank all of you who keep our great Parish of Duagh / Lyre going. A special thanks to **Fr. Jack & Fr. Tom** & the priests of Listowel Pastoral Area who are all always so obliging and generous with their time, help and support. A special thanks to all our Volunteers. I wish to thank – **Caroline & all at the Duagh Family Resource Centre, Teddy** (Duagh Sacristan) who has been ill recently – we wish him every blessing and of course **Mick** (Lyre Sacristan). I’m conscious that there many others who on a voluntary capacity give their time, talents & support so generously - in so many ways throughout the year. From our **Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, both Liturgy Groups, Safeguarding Children Committee. All the various ministries such as Choirs, Collectors, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, our Cleaners & Altar Society in each Church.** A special thanks to **Jimmy Relihan** who does such a wonderful job in the church grounds in Duagh & Mick in Lyre - quietly, professionally & without ever drawing notice to themselves. You do a mighty job. You have been fabulous. A sincere **‘Thank You’** to everyone who helps in any way. If I have forgotten anybody, please accept my apologies. Also, thanks to all of you who support your Parish and your priests financially. While we live in challenging times, we need each other. It is up to each one of us to do our best for our Parish through our support and encouragement. Can I wish each and every one of you & your family’s members every grace & blessing for Christmas & 2025 **God Bless.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE DUAGH**

Tuesday 24th December ***CHRISTMAS EVE MASS*** @ 8:00 pm

Wednesday 25th December ***CHRISTMAS DAY MASS*** @ 11:30 am

Thursday 26th December ***ST STEPHENS DAY MASS*** @ 10:00 am

**MASSES IN SACRED HEART CHURCH LYREACROMPANE**

**Sunday December 22nd @ 10:00 am**

Chrissie & Tom Shanahan, Lyre (*Anniversary Mass*) and their daughter Nora Hickey, Listowel (*Anniversary Mass*)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE LYREACROMPANE**

Tuesday 24th December ***CHRISTMAS EVE MASS*** @ 6:00 pm

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:**

Fr Sean Hanafin 087 8341083 (*Emergency number only*)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS:** Will be taking place on *Christmas Eve and Christmas Day* across all Kerry Parishes.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ‘CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS’:** For a meaningful and grace filled Christmas celebration, we do recommend the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our people. ***Confessions in Duagh*** will be on Monday 23rd at 12pm and ***Confessions in Lyre*** will be on Monday 23rd at 7pm.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS:** Duagh Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday January 7th @ 10:00 am.

**2025 - A JUBILEE YEAR IN THE CHURCH:** A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five years. Pope Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter’s

Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning will be celebrated worldwide on the following Sunday, 29th December Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses that weekend. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. We are asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Savior is with us each day, - as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of ‘Hope’ we mean ‘Hope in Jesus Christ’, Hope in our God, Father, Son and Spirit.