



# The Parish of Ardrahan

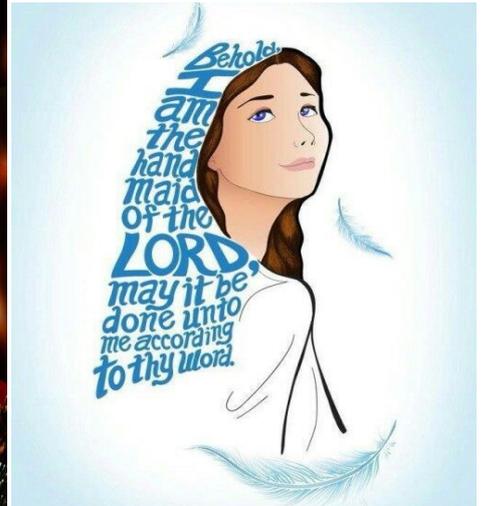
# The Parish of Kilchreest



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**20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**25th Dec Nativity of the lord**



On the **Fourth Sunday**, the Gospel reading is about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus, while the other readings are related to these

The **candles** on the **Advent** wreath **symbolize** hope, love, joy and peace. ... Some denominations consider the **fourth candle** to **mean** purity, and most use a fifth **candle**, called the Christ **candle**, that is lit on Christmas to remind Christians of the light Jesus brings to the world.

When Christ is born, a great light is shined in our darkness because God is in our midst now. The King has come. His dominion is vast; he is Father forever. We lay a plumb-line against a wall to check whether the wall is crooked or not. God himself is the plumb-line by which our unbearable bentness is made manifest to us. When Christ comes among us, that holy measure illumines us and reveals what we are

## Anniversaries

Ardrahan Sat 19th Dec 6.00pm

John Joe Glynn

CastleDaly Sat 19th Dec 7.30pm

Patrick & Moira Daly

Geraldine Mahoney

Ardrahan Sun 20th Dec 10.30am

Tadagh & Katie Sullivan

Peggy O'Brien

Ardrahan 24th Dec 10.30am

Christina Burke,

Michael Fahy & Parents

Office will be Closed for Christmas from the 22nd until the 8th Jan  
Happy Christmas Everyone

*Wishing all Parishioners a Holy, Happy and Peaceful Christmas From Fr Joe*

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS**  
on **Monday** the **21st** of  
Dec for  
**Kilchreest and Ardrahan**  
for **Christmas**





### Saints of the Week

Dec. 21st St Peter Canisius,

Peter (1521-'97) Jesuit priest, writer and educator. Born in Holland, his father was tutor to the sons of the duke of Lorraine. Peter intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. After his ordination he became a prominent preacher, attended two sessions of the Council of Trent and worked beside Ignatius of Loyola in Rome. He is generally reckoned to be the principal theologian and writer of his generation in Central Europe



December 26th St. Stephen, (Deacon and Martyr)

Stephen is referred to in the Acts of the Apostles (6-7). He was one of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles to look after the distribution of alms to the faithful, especially the widows, and to help in the ministry of preaching. Because Stephen challenged his hearers for resisting the Spirit and for killing the Christ, as their fathers had killed the prophets, they stoned him to death for blasphemy. The witnesses placed their clothes at the feet of Saul (afterwards Paul), who consented to his death. Stephen is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

December 27th St John, (Apostle and Evangelist)

Brother of James, son of Zebedee, the disciple whom Jesus loved, is traditionally said to have died at Ephesus. He is considered to be the author of the fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three Letters. The Letters especially teach the law of love; he is said in his old age to have preached only one message— **Love one another.**



### Ardrahan

**Christmas Eve morning 24th 10.30am**

**Christmas Eve**

**24th Dec 4.30pm and 7.30 pm**

**Christmas Day 25th Dec 10.30 am**

**The Feast  
of  
the Epiphany  
January 6th  
Mass at 10.30  
Ardrahan  
Mass at 12 noon  
Kilchreest**

### Kilchreest

**Christmas Eve morning 24th Dec**

**12noon**

**Kilchreest Christmas Day 25th Dec**

**12 noon**

### CastleDaly

**Christmas Eve 6pm**

### St Stephens Day 26th Dec

**Ardrahan 10.30am**

**CastleDaly 12noon**

**Sat Evening 26th Ardrahan 6pm**

**CastleDaly 7.30**

**Sun 27th Ardrahan 10.30am**

**Kilchreest 12noon**

Please make cheques for the Dues payable to  
**Ardrahan Parish A/C No 2 or Kilchreest Parish  
A/C No 2.**

If you are making payments to the envelopes or plate  
collection please make payable to Ardrahan Parish  
**A/C No 1 or Kilchreest Parish A/c No 1.**  
**The Yearly Box's are now available**

**If you are in the Car park for Mass please let  
the Ushers know so you can get Communion.**

