



# The Parish of Ardrahan

# The Parish of Kilchreest

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Items for newsletter to be in by  
12.00 noon on Friday

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**Masses for the Parish of Kilchreest**  
Castledaly - Sat 7.30pm  
Kilchreest - Sun 12.00noon

**Masses for the Parish of Ardrahan :**  
Saturday 6.00pm / Sunday 10.30am

**Weekday Mass Ardrahan**  
9.00am Mon-Tue - Thur - Fri

**Fr. Joe will be off on Wednesdays**

*Phone 635164/840859  
at these times for Baptism,  
Anniversaries Weddings*

### Baptism

To be held on the 1st and 3rd weekend  
in Ardrahan 2nd & 4th weekend in  
Kilchreest \Castledaly

*No Mass may be offered after 4.30pm  
on Saturday other than the Saturday  
Vigil at 6pm/7.30pm.*

No extra Masses on Sunday with the  
exception of a funeral

## **27th Dec Holy Family**



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian

family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit."



## **Anniversaries**



**Ardrahan Sat 26th Dec 6.00pm**

Mass of the people

**CastleDaly Sat 26th Dec 7.30pm**

Patrick & Bidy Fahy

Mary Flatley

Teresa Forde

**Ardrahan Sun 27th Dec 10.30am**

Mary Tannian Mts Mind

**Ardrahan Thur 31st Dec 11.00am**

Ann Marie Flanagan

Bridie & Caroline Burke

**Ardrahan Sat 2nd Jan 6.00pm**

Pa Keane, Frank Whelan

**CastleDaly Sat 2nd Jan 7.30pm**

Tom & Sarah Egan

**Ardrahan Sun 3rd Jan 6.00pm**

Ann Forde

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

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.





### Saints of the Week

#### 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.

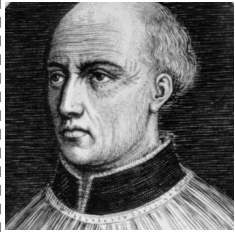
#### December 27th St John, (Apostle and Evangelist)

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.**



#### 28<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Innocents (Martyrs)

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Innocents (Martyrs)** The children of Bethlehem, two years old and under who were massacred by Herod, were considered to be martyrs because they not only died for Christ, but instead of Christ.



**Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Thomas a Becket** He was reluctant to take the See of Canterbury, but was persuaded to do so by the Papal Legate. He was ordained and the following day was consecrated Archbishop. Thomas resigned as Chancellor of England shortly after becoming Archbishop against the king's wishes. Conflict was not long coming between church and state and so with bishop

and king. The Thomas was exiled and later returned. He was killed in Canterbury.

**Dec 31st St Sylvester** Pope Tuesday He became bishop of Rome in 314 AD, soon after the Edict of Milan

recognized Christianity. So Sylvester was free to build many churches in Rome. The Lateran palace was given to him by Constantine and this became the cathedral Church for the diocese of Rome. He died in 335 and was buried in the Cemetery of Priscilla



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



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