

MASS INTENTIONS

(Saturday 31st December to Sunday 8th January 2023)

MYNA CHURCH

- SUN 11.30am. Brendan Smyth (A) and Mary and Patrick Coleman and deceased family members, Drumhooskert.
Maureen Geraghty (A), and son Peter, Myna.
Sean Joyce (A) Dringarve and deceased members of Joyce and McGinty families
Mass for the People of the Parish.
- TUE 9.30am Mass.
- WED 9.30am Mass.
- FRI 11.30am Feast of the Epiphany. Mary (A) and Joey O'Malley, Sea Point House, Claggan.
Davy Mulchrone (A) and deceased family members, Drunnagh.
- SUN 11.30am. Martin O'Grady (A), Clooneen and deceased family members.
Liam and Margaret Sammon and deceased family members, Ross
- FAHY CHURCH
- SAT 7.00pm Francie and Mary Mulchrone, Knockgloss and deceased family members.
- MON. 8.00pm Mass.
- THU 7.00pm. Feast of the Epiphany - Mass.
- SAT 7.00pm Mass.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

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SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH:

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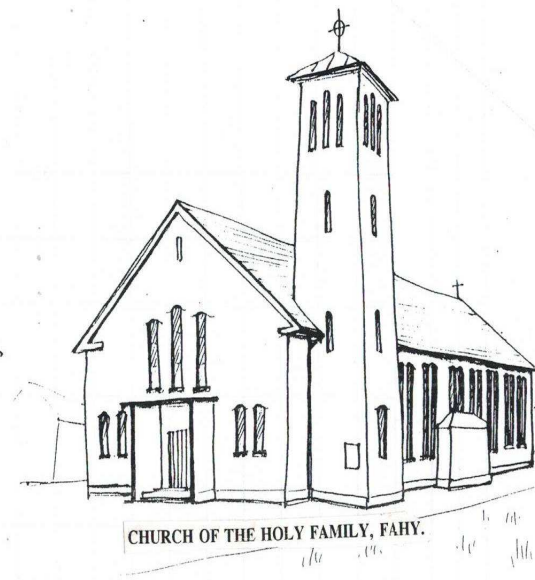
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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st January 2023

Feast of Mary, Mother of God.



The Octave Day of Christmas celebrates the fact that the Christ-child, Son of God, was born of a woman. The first day of the New Year is World Day of Peace. We ask Mary's intercession that our divided world may achieve peace in this year.

Fr. Jim Walsh, P.P.

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PARISH NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PEACE:

Since 1967 the 1st of January has been designated 'World Day of Peace'. In honour of the new born Prince of Peace we are asked to pray on the first day of the New Year for peace in the world and for values such as liberty, fraternal solidarity, the dignity of the human person, respect for nature, the right to work, the sacredness of human life and the denunciation of injustice.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday:** **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (bishops & doctors of the Church).** These two close friends were born in the Holy Land in the fourth century. They were monks but were chosen against their wishes to be bishops – Basil in Caesarea and Gregory in Constantinople. Basil is patron saint of Russia.
- Tuesday:** **St. Munchin.** He was born in Dal Cais in the seventh century. He founded a monastery and church on the site of present-day Limerick. He is patron saint of Limerick.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

Friday (6th January) is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holyday of Obligation. It is called "little Christmas" and was known in Ireland as Nollaig na mBan (the day when women could relax after the hectic rush of Christmas). This ancient feast ranks among the principal festivals of the whole liturgical year. It celebrates Jesus born of Mary as the Son of God, the promised Messiah of the Jewish people, and a light to the nations of the world. In the Orthodox Church the Epiphany was celebrated as the principal feast of the birth of Jesus. Because the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Moscow supported Putin in his invasion of Ukraine the Christians of Ukraine have now made Christmas Day the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Vigil Mass in Fahy Church on Thursday at 7.00pm and Mass on Friday in Myna Church at 11.30am.

Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany – 6th January

God our Father.

The star that led the Magi to the stable,
announced to the world that its saviour was born.

Today we live in a world that is still covered in darkness,
and still needing to make that journey to the stable door.

May our lives reflect your light day by day,
as we seek to serve where you have placed us.

That we might be the means through which
others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen

THANKS TO THE PARISH HELPERS AND WORKERS:

Fr. Jim would like to thank everyone involved in the various ministries of the parish for all your help throughout the year, for your encouragement and support given to me in 2022

May this coming year bring new beginnings, new focus, new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations and blessings in your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with joy, peace and good health, prosperity, and pure happiness.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

First Holy Communion for the pupils of Fahy National School will be on Saturday, 6th May 2023 at 12 noon. First Holy Communion for the pupils of Myna and Carrowholly National Schools will be in Myna Church on Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 12.00 noon.

DEATHS:

Please remember in your prayers: -

Patrick Fahey, Castlebar (brother-in-law of Jacinta Gill, Mayour)

Mary Cullis, (nee O'Malley), Harrow and late of Cullenmore Island.

Peter Heveran, Westport and Moycullen.

Maureen Sammon, Carrowmore, Newport.

Nora Chambers, (nee Quinn, Inniscuttle) Derrycooldrim, Newport
(mother of Mary B. Ryan, Knocknabola).

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

A New Year's Prayer

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows & pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*