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Lately deceased: Briege Daly, Jim Gallagher

CARRICKMORE

Sat 21st	6.30pm	Sean Rafferty {1st Anv}, Patsy McGurk, Annie Conlon, Joe & Mary Quinn
Sun 22nd	11.30am	Vera McElroy, Tommy, Mary, Peter & Thomas Moore, Bernadette Fox
Mon 23rd	7.30pm	George Allison, Margaret McGarrity, Kathleen Sally
Tue 24th	**6.00pm**	**Christmas Eve Mass**
Wed 25th	**11.30am**	**Christmas Morning Mass**
Fri 27th	**7.30pm**	Elaine Dobbs {MM}
Sat 28th	6.30pm	Hugh McMahon, Michael & Mary Ann Loughran & dec family, Michael Rafferty
Sun 29th	11.30am	Francis, Frank & Susan McKernan Mary Alice Daly

LOUGHMACRORY

Sun 22nd	10.00am	Frank Donaghy
Tue 24th	**7.30pm**	**Christmas Eve Mass**
Wed 25th	**10.00am**	**Christmas Morning Mass**
Thur 26th	10.00am	
Sun 29th	10.00am	Vincent Conway, Nuala Treacy, Mona Kelly

CREGGAN

Sun 22nd	9.00am	Tina Donaghy
Tue 24th	**9.00pm**	**Christmas Eve Mass**
Sun 29th	9.00am	Michael McAleer & Joseph McKernan

We welcome into our parish community Cillian John Grimes who was baptised recently in St Mary's Church

Exposition will take place on Mon in Carrickmore 6pm – 7.15pm: There will be no Exposition in St Mary's on 25th Dec and 1st Jan

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal concludes on Mon night @ 7.30pm….thanks to all who have attended.

Christmas Masses: We encourage all to wear their Christmas jumpers to Masses throughout the Christmas season, to reflect the joy of this special time of year. Sunday 29 December is the **Feast of the Holy Family** – perhaps we could come to Mass as a family next weekend, to thank God for all our families & to pray God's blessing on them in the year to come. We might visit the crib as a family during the Christmas season & take a piece of straw from it & place it in our homes. We might like to place the straw in our wallet or purse & carry it with us during the coming year. Perhaps we might even give a piece to someone who is sick or housebound, reminding all that we're all part of the family of faith. A special Prayer Card will be available to all families as we gather for Mass on this special Feast. **Prayer:** God our Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary & Joseph, in peace with you & with one another. Give us the courage & strength to live each day & to face the troubles & Challenges of life, Amen.

The Christmas Poinsetta is associated with Christmas. The shape of the flower & its leaves symbolise the star of Bethlehem which led the wise men to Jesus. The red coloured leaves symbolise the blood of Christ & the white leaves represent his purity.

A word of thanks – thanks to all who have prepared our Churches so beautifully for the great Feast of Christmas & thanks to all who are involved in making our Christmas celebrations so special for all of us.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: Next Year will be a special Jubilee/Holy Year within the Church, 25 years on from the Millennium. Pope Francis has chosen the Feast of the Holy Family (Sun 29 Dec) to mark the opening of the year of Jubilee in all dioceses of the world. Archbishop Martin & Bishop Router along with the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, will celebrate Mass on that day in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh @ 11am. A family from all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese will attend. At the Mass, the Archbishop will also announce the beginning of a period of consultation & preparation for a Diocesan Congress on "Youth & Family Ministry" which will take place in March 2026. People may wish to watch the Mass via the Cathedral Webcam.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Siena: 22 – 29 Sept 2025, led by Fr Peter. All info & booking @ Marian Pilgrimages info@marian.ie or Tel 003531 8788159. A special programme for the week as we celebrate this Jubilee Year!

New Years Day – Wednesday 1 January is the Feast of Mary, the mother of God & World Day of Peace. There will be one Parish Mass on the day in **St Colmcille's Church @ 10am**. What better way to begin the New Year, than by gathering as a Parish Family, to ask God's blessing on all of us & our families & our parish in 2025.

Parish Mass Cards/Bouquets available from Parish Office & Church Sacristies. (Price £4 & proceeds for the Missions)

Creggan Community Association: Irish Dancing Classes on Tues & Thurs (Beginners 6pm, Advanced 7.30pm), Jujitsu on Saturdays @ 4pm, Bingo on Sundays @ 8pm

Termonmaguirc Cancer Patients Comfort Fund would like to express our sincere gratitude to the local community for your continued support during 2024. We wish everyone a happy Christmas & best wishes for 2025!

Bless us O Lord this Christmas – O Jesus our Saviour, thank you for living among us & for showing us the way to God. Thank you for being born at Christmas. Your presence among us is our greatest gift. Thank you also for all the virtues you give us, as we try to follow you. Help us to grow in faith, hope, charity, peace, thanksgiving, joy, patience, contentment, kindness, generosity, moderation, listening, honesty, gentleness, silence, self-control, forgiveness, obedience, respect, humility, faithfulness, compassion, cheerfulness, enthusiasm & for all the gifts & talents you have so generously given our family. Thank you especially for one another & bless & watch over our family this Christmas & always, AMEN

Prayer for loved ones away from home this Christmas – Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us this Christmas time. Keep them safe from all harm, evil & danger. Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love & joy. Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love. We pray through Christ our Lord, AMEN

Prayer for the family as they gather on Christmas Day – Loving God, as we gather on this Christmas Day, we give thanks that Jesus came into our world, bringing us gifts of peace & joy. Bless us as we sit together at table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share & help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours & friends, those who are lonely, those who are sick or away from home at this time of year. We pray that all our departed loved ones, may sit now at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength & light, now & in the days to come. We pray through Christ our Lord, AMEN.