

Parish of ST MARY'S *on the HILL* 28th November 2021

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Louise Bywater (Collinward Cres)

Colette Nicholl (Glenkyle Ave)

Lynda Ridgway (Amble, England)

ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie McKeown, Josh Duffy, Margaret Crowe,
Robert & Peggy Thompson, Deborah Magee,
Bernadette Joyce, Philomena Sheehy, Phemie Morgan,
Pauline O'Rourke, Patricia MacBride, Austin Campbell,
Mary McEvevey, Baby Josh Duffy, Frank Mullan,
Alexander Dunlop, James McErlean & Fr Seamus
McErlean, John Hughes.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 27th 6pm Patricia MacBride

Sun 28th 9am Bernadette Joyce (1st Anniv)

11am Jackie McKeown / Frank Mullan (1st Anniv)

12.30pm Robert & Peggy Thompson, Deborah Magee
(Louise Bywater rec dec)

Mon 29th 10am Josh Duffy / Liam Tobin rec dec US

Tues 30th 10am Margaret Crowe / Austin Campbell

Wed 1st Dec 10am Linda Ridgeway rec dec England

Thurs 2nd 10am Philomena Sheehy

Fri 3rd 10am James McErlean & Fr Seamus McErlean

Sat 4th 10am Special Intenention



We welcome into the People of God
Louie Dunlop & Tallulah Ward
who were baptised in our parish.

PREPARING FOR THE SYNOD

*Pope Francis has called on the Universal Church to
prepare for the Synod on Synodality
Reflections each Sunday of Advent – see parish
website*

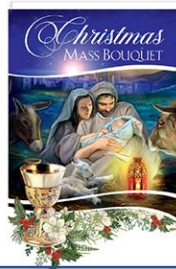
WALK WITH ME

Daily reflections for each day of Advent: a small
booklet 'Walk with Me' is now available in the
porchway of St Bernard's Church £1.00.

'CHRISTMAS SHARING' COLLECTION

Taken up this weekend to support a variety of projects
in the Developing World deal with the effects of Covid.
You can place a donation in the Blue buckets in the
porchway of St Bernard's or leave it in the parish
office.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS



The Parish Christmas Masses will be
offered for those who receive a
Parish Christmas Mass Bouquet.

A variety of 6 cards £8

A limited number on sale this
weekend with more next weekend.

BUILD YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

As Christmas decorations begin to go up why not
build your Christmas Crib over each of the Sundays of
Advent beginning this 1st Sunday with the Ox and
Ass. There will be scriptural reflection each week in
the bulletin related to a different figure.

1st Sunday of Advent – Ox and Ass

2nd Sunday of Advent – Joseph

3rd Sunday of Advent – Mary

4th Sunday of Advent – The Shepherds

**BUILD
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REFLECTION - 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALL TO KNOW GOD

Isaiah Chapter 1

The Ox and the Ass

Listen, O heavens, earth attend, for the Lord is speaking:

“I have reared children and brought them up but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its master, and the ass its master’s crib;

but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”

They have abandoned the Lord, despised the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away from him...the whole head is sick, the whole heart is diseased,,,

Wash, make yourselves clean...learn to do good;

search for justice, discipline the violent; defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

“Come now, let us talk this over”. says the Lord “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”

In the Book of Isaiah chapter 1 the prophet informs us that the ox knows its master and the ass knows its master’s crib but he questions whether the people of Israel know their God. They fulfil their religious duties, they pay their tithes to the Temple but do they know God? Do their actions show that they know a loving and merciful God?

The crib is both a catechical aid for teaching children and a prophetic call to all to take seriously our need to know God: to know the love and mercy of God. Once we allow ourselves to be transformed by that love and mercy, we are called to help transform the lives of others with love and mercy, especially the lives of the broken and the poor.

