Sonas na Nollag - A Very Happy Christmas



**GREENLOUGH PARISH CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021** 

As we celebrate Christmas and approach 2022 we want to assure you of our prayers and remembrance at the Christmas Masses. We ask you to continue to pray for us.

As priests we are always overwhelmed by your kindness and support as well as your patience.

During the year we have been privileged to journey with you in good times and in bad. This is a privilege that we do not take for granted and it is unequalled in any other walk of life or vocation.

For some 2021 has brought days of joy, for others sadness, for us all the heavy backdrop of the pandemic. Even in the darkest of times the kindness of so many people seems to be boundless.

This time last year with the role out of the Vaccine, we looked forward to the year past and the ability to enjoy again the simple things of life. This hope has been partly realised, although we still have some way to go. With patience and perseverance the better days will come. If we continue to do what is asked of us we can hasten that day for everyone.

Jesus being born 2000 years ago brought light into a darkened world, today he continues to bring that light into our lives and our world.

May you and your families have the peace and light of the Child of Bethlehem this Christmas and always. Fr. Dermott & Fr. Eamon Greenlough Parish - Happy Christmas 2021

December

25th

The angel said: "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." The message of Christmas is a message of joy. Many of us experience it as such but we very soon go back to our ordinary ways of living. As Christians the joy of Christmas is given to us in faith so that others may experience joy also because of us. We cannot afford to go back to joyless living. We need to stretch ourselves to let the joy of this very special time grow and develop in our daily lives so that the world can be filled with the radiance of Christ. We do this through the quality of joy that we develop in marriage and family life. We do it also through the sense of joy that we work at in our faith community. This week we can practise joy in our lives so that it will become infectious for all those around us.

#### Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

*Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life.* Our day of Prayer takes place on Wednesday 29th December.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS May God bless you all; may the presence of Jesus brighten your joy, ease your sorrow, and gather us into unity in our community and in our families. Sonas na Nollag oraibh uilig.



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# A Saviour Is Born For Us

Masses during the Week 25th December 2021 - 9th January 2022 Saturday 25th December: No Vigil Mass. The Church will be open until 6.00pm



Sunday 26th December - Feast of the Holy Family 9.00am & 11.00am. Church will be open to 6.00pm Monday 27th; Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th December: No Masses or Adoration this Week.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE Friday 31st December Mass of Chimes 11.30pm



New Year's Day, Saturday 1st January: No Morning Mass. 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Saturday 1st January 2022: 7.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 2nd January 2022: 9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th January: 9.00am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Wednesday 5th January 2022: 7.30pm Vigil

Thursday 6th January: 9.00am (Adoration to 6.00pm) Friday 7th January 2022: 7.30pm Evening Mass Saturday 8th January 2022: 10.00am

Sunday 9th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Saturday: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am

Anniversary Masses Tuesday 4th January: 9.00am for Tommy Clarke Thursday 6th January: 9.00am for Christopher O'Neill, Friday 7th January: 7.30pm for Willie Lagan Sunday 9th January: 11.00am for Willie Anthony McPeake

## **Greenlough Parish**

Merry Chrístmas; Sonas na Nollag; Príecígus Ziemassvetkus; Mílad Majíd; Wesolych Swíat Bozego Narodzenía



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Sick Visitation: Please note due to the current Covid situation Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will not take place in January.

Collections 19/12. Weekly: £550.90; Mthly: £82.00; Cash: £621.00. B/Fund: £243.85. Envelopes can be left in Clady Shop or in the Church during the week. Thank you for your generosity.



Children in Crossfire wish to thank all those who took Advent Envelopes home with them.Boxes can be returned to the Church in January 2022.



THANK YOU - We take this opportunity as a parish to acknowledge & thank all those who have allowed us to operate as well as possible during these difficult times, especially our Stewards, Church Sanitising Group, Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Musicians & Singers.

### Parish Office & Newsletter

The office will close on Tuesday 21st December and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during 2021. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas & peaceful New Year.



The next printed Newsletter will be the weekend of Sunday 9th January. Please leave notices/anniversaries in the Sacristy by 7.00pm on Saturday.

