

“Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the gentile take courage in that he is called to life. For the Son of God in the fullness of time which the inscrutable depth of the Divine counsel has determined, has taken on him the nature of man, thereby to reconcile it to its Author: in order that the inventor of death, the devil, might be conquered through that (nature) which he had conquered”. – St. Leo I

“This is our present Festival; it is this which we are celebrating today, the Coming of God to Man, that we might go forth, or rather (for this is the more proper expression) that we might go back to God – that putting off of the old man, we might put on the new; and that as we died in Adam, so we might live in Christ, being born with Christ and crucified with Him and buried with Him and rising with Him. For I must undergo the beautiful conversion, and as the painful succeeded the more blissful, so must the — more blissful come out of the painful. For where sin abounded grace did much more abound; and if a taste condemned us, how much more does the passion of Christ justify us? Therefore let us keep the Feast, not after the manner of a heathen festival, but after a godly sort; not after the way of the world, but in a fashion above the world; not as our own, but as belonging to Him who is ours, or rather as our master’s; not as of weakness, but as of healing; not as of creation, but of re-creation”. – St. Gregory of Nazianzus

“Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come”. – St. Augustine

Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange • Cliffoney • Mullaghmore

Fr. Christy McHugh

Parochial House, Grange, Co. Sligo F91 HR26

Tel: 071 9163100 **Web:** www.ahamlish.com **Email:** ahamlishparish@gmail.com

Facebook: Ahamlish Parish Sligo

Sunday 1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm, Cliffoney Church

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 31st December	6:30pm	Eleanor Boyce, Philomena Barry and deceased of Lockhart Family.
Saturday 7th January	6:30pm	Dan Mc Gloin (14 th Anniversary)

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 1st January	10:30am	William and Teresa Guilfoyle and son Dermot
Friday 6th January	10:30am	Frs. Eddie Moore and Oliver Mc Donagh
Sunday 8th January	10:30am	Sean Dolan (3rd Anniversary)

Grange Masses

Saturday 31st December	8:00pm	Kathleen and Vincent Tivnan
Sunday 1st January	12 noon	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday 2nd January	9:30am	Ss Basil and Gregory
	1:00pm	Wedding: Stephen and Teresa
Tuesday 3rd January	9:30am	Joan Curran (1 st Anniversary)
Wednesday 4th January	9:30am	
Thursday 5th January	8:00pm	John Pat Devins (19 th Anniversary)
Friday 6th January	12 noon	The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday 7th January	8:00pm	Terry Meehan, Willie Loughlin, Brendan Rooney (8 th Anni), Fr Leo Flynn (1st Anniv)
Sunday 8th January	12 noon	Dominic + Jane Harte and sons Dominic + Patsy + John James and sons in law Eric + Danny. Sean Mc Gowan, Cloyspara (9 th Anniversary) and his brother Enda (died June 2022)

Diaconate Ordination

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo, by Bishop Kevin at 2:30pm of Conrad and Franklin, both from Cameroon. They will be ordained sometime this year. They will serve in our diocese. Anyone is welcomed to join at the ordination. They both served at Mullaghmore in the summer of 2020.

Home Coming

It was so wonderful to have seen so many people home for Christmas. I hope you all enjoyed it and God keep you safe travelling.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

"For is not Mary the mother of Christ? Then she is our mother also. And we must in truth hold that Christ, the Word made Flesh, is also the Saviour of mankind. He had a physical body like that of any other man: and again, as Saviour of the human family, he had a spiritual and mystical body, the society, namely, of those who believe in Christ. "We are many, but one sole body in Christ" (Rom. 12, 5). Now the Blessed Virgin did not conceive the Eternal Son of God merely in order that He might be made man taking His human nature from her, but also in order that by means of the nature assumed from her He might be the Redeemer of men. For which reason the Angel said to the Shepherds: "To-day there is born to you a Saviour who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2, 11).

"Wherefore in the same holy bosom of his most chaste Mother Christ took to Himself flesh, and united to Himself the spiritual body formed by those who were to believe in Him. Hence Mary, carrying the Saviour within her, may be said to have also carried all those whose life was contained in the life of the Saviour. Therefore, all we who are united to Christ, and as the Apostle says are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Ephes. 5, 30), have issued from the womb of Mary like a body united to its head. Hence, though in a spiritual and mystical fashion, we are all children of Mary, and she is Mother of us all. Mother, spiritually indeed, but truly Mother of the members of Christ, who we are" (S. Aug., L. de S. Virginitate, c. 6).

"If then the most Blessed Virgin is the mother at once of God and men, who can doubt that she will work with all diligence to procure that Christ, Head of the Body of the Church (Colossi. 1, 18), may transfuse His gifts into us, His members, and above all that of knowing Him and living through Him (I John 4, 9)?" Encyclical of Pope Pius X on the Immaculate Conception, 2 February 1904 (Section 10ff).

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

☩ Pope Benedict XVI, who died at the Vatican 31st December 2022. Hughie Feehily, who died at Bundoran. Our sympathy to his wife Mai and family, and nephew Des Mc Fadden. Funeral took place in Bundoran on December 29th, 2022.

Tractor Run 2022 Grange

Congrats to the organizers and participants. 98 tractors took part. €11,000 raised for charity. Well to all concerned.

Fr Joseph Ucherewe, MSP Tel +393714882528 WhatsApp +393896681789 Landline 0719163100.