

**Epiphany (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) “Three Kings Day”** Baby Jesus is shown to these representatives of the world. He is the perfect manifestation of God. The wise men came to adore the King, representing all who have toiled to discover the meaning of life and the nature of God.

**Scripture summarized:** Today’s Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) includes a verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul’s letter to the Church of Ephesus (today’s second reading), expresses God’s secret plan in clear terms: *“the Gentiles are...copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”* Today’s Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ’s birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the Great, tried to eliminate the Child, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.** Our first Reading today from Isaiah 55 is poetic: describing the beauty of the relationships we have with God. “O come to the water, though you have no money, come” we are invited to a great banquet where forgiveness is plentiful.

~ St Charles of Mount Argus (1891-1893) – “The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in the stable at Bethlehem is a mystery, it is a miracle so great, abounding so much in humility and love, that it will be wondered at by the angels and saints in heaven for all eternity. What can I, a mere man, give the Divine Redeemer in return for such great and innumerable blessings - so great, that they cannot be explained - which, for so many years, I have received from His mercy? When I consider this, I feel urged, to thank God with greater fervour, to please Him more and to do and suffer everything willingly, for His love and for His greater glory.”

*(Letter 15-To his brother, Father Peter Joseph Houben. J. X. P. St Paul’s Retreat, Harold’s Cross, Mount Argus, Dublin. 29th December 1875)*

Pope Francis Tweet – “We all have shortcomings, loneliness, and voids that ask to be filled. When we are tempted to retreat into ourselves, let us go to Mary, Mother of fullness. When we cannot untangle the knots of our life, let us seek refuge in her”.

## Parish of Ahamlish and Inishmurray

Grange ✠ Cliffoney ✠ Mullaghmore

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Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Epiphany of the Lord – Year B



### Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

### **Adoration**

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm Cliffoney Church

## Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 06 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Rosary
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Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Vigil of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Dan McGloin</b> , Castlegal
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30pm	Vigil of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30pm	Vigil of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	<b>William, Teresa Guilfoyle &amp; son Dermot</b>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Sean Dolan</b>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	10:30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Pakie Connolly</b> (31 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Collection 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 23 €596 / 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 23 €598		

## Grange Masses

Saturday 06 <sup>th</sup> January	8:00pm	<b>John Pat Devins</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> January	12noon	<b>Dominic &amp; Jane Harte &amp; sons Dominic, Patsy &amp; John James &amp; sons in law Danny &amp; Eric</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	8:00pm	<b>Willie O'Loughlin</b> <b>Norrie Currid</b> (1st Anniv)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	12noon	<b>Ursula McGarvey</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	8:00pm	Vigil of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	12noon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Marianne Feeney</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	8:00pm	Vigil of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Margaret McLoughlin</b> (nee Burns) Months Mind
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	12noon	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Collection 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 23 €810 / 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 23 €1120		

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in Church of Mary Immaculate Grange on May 8th at 11am 2024 for children of the entire parish.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am 2024 at Church of Mary Immaculate Grange.

First Holy Communion will be held in Cliffoney Church on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am 2024.

**Please Remember in your Prayers: Mary Antoinette McGowan**, Mullaghmore. Funeral took place at Nazareth House on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> with burial in Ahamlish. Our sympathy to her family.

**Margaret McLoughlin** (nee Burns) 1924 – 2023, died on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec in Chicago USA. Predeceased by her husband Eugene. Our sympathy to her son Neil, daughter in law Inna, and grandchildren David, Rachel, Katie and Claire, brother Paddy (Moneygold), sister Agnes, (Waterford) and extended family. Burial took place in Florida.

**Anne McLoughlin**, Rathedmond, Sligo, formerly Cummeen, Strandhill Rd. Sligo. Died on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 at St. Phelim's Nursing Home, Dromahaire, Co. Leitrim. Our sympathy to her sisters Bridie and Eileen, brothers Jimmy (Breaghwy) and Michael. Funeral took place in Ransboro Church on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> with burial in Scarden Cemetry.

Eileen Tolan, Teesan (died Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>) Our sympathy to her children Eamon, Caolan, Paul, Emer and Claire, brothers and sisters and grandchildren. Funeral on Monday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at Rathcormac. Predeceased by her by her husband Eamon, retired principal of Grange Post Primary School

**St. Vincent De Paul Volunteers** – we are here if you need us. All calls are confidential. St. Teresa's Conference Grange. Contact: 087 186 8490

The recent *Pre-Loved Fashion Show* held in Cliffoney was great fun. Fundraising reached €4500. Many thanks to organizers and participant and the congregation on the night.

## Grange Church Altar Society 2024

Month(s)		Team
January	July	Triona Roddy & Mary Watters
February	August	Alice Kerins
March	September	Anne Hargardon, Kathleen Feeney & Mary Leonard
April	October	Ann Watters
May	November	Christina McGarry, Eileen McGowan, June Woulfe & Una Brennan
June	December	Laura Flynn & Christina Feeney

**For further information contact Kathleen Feeney on 087 2234147**

**WORK FOR THE LORD** – The Legion of Mary has as its objective the sanctification of its members and then to reach out to everyone in faith. If you would like to enter into Our Lady's service, why not consider becoming a member? There is a branch present here in Grange. - **Meeting day:** Thursday **Venue:** Parochial House Grange. **Time:** 7pm

**Sum of Money found outside SuperValu** - owner can apply to Fr. Christy.