

ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

Buncrana (Tel. 9361572)

WONDER WOMAN 1984

12A 151mins
Saturday 19th to Tuesday 22nd December
All Showings 8.15pm

CONTINUING WITH WONDER WOMAN 1984

Friday 1st Jan to Thursday 7th
All Showings 8.15pm

Please Note Limited Availability / 45 Seats First come first served!

Samaritans Helpline number Call Free phone: 116 123, Text: 087 2 60 90 90.

Donegal Hospice are offering bereavement Support, call 0894402787 for further details

Burt GAA BURT GAA lotto No Jackpot winner, numbers drawn were 5-7-22-25-26.

Weekly winners: Liam Gallagher, Burt €30 and Packie Mc Laughlin, Burnfoot, €30. Jackpot next week €6,000. As it's Christmas next week the weekly prize money will be €100 if jackpot not won. Burt GAA draw tickets on sale. Draw on 22 Dec. €5 each or book of 3 for €10.

St Aengus' National School Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2020-2021. If you wish to enrol your child for September, please contact the school 074 93 68352 or www.staengusbridgend.com

Burt/Inch/Fahan 2021 calendar The highly popular Burt Inch and Fahan 2021 calendar is now on sale at all local outlets. We thank the business fraternity for their valued help. Cost €5. Proceeds to much needed parochial funds. Contact Kathleen 0749368373 / 0863931426 or Kevin 086 6075077. More details in press.

Vacancy Administration Post 19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, normal CE conditions apply contact niamh@swillycep.ie

Vacancies SCCI Community Employment Scheme require Grounds persons for local football pitches/ Youth Club Assistants and Tidy Towns workers. Please contact David Healey on 0749361264 for details.

NowDoc Phone Number: 1852400911. Have your Eircode handy!

St Mura's SVP would like to thank Jacqueline McGowan for her kind donation.

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

Weekly
Collection
€4,183.63.
Shrine money totalled €871.37

fahanparish@derrydiocese.org

www.fahanparish.com

Webcam: churchservices.tv/burt

20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fr Bradley PP 9363455
Fr Diggin 9368155
Fr Mulhern 9360151
Parish Office 9360151
(Mon-Thurs 9am-12:30pm)

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

This has been a strange year for all of us. Over the past twelve months, there have been many joys and many sorrows, and as 2020 draws to a close, we must try to thank God for it all. The global pandemic is still with us, yes, but the story of Christmas is that God is with us too! The difficulties we are experiencing will pass; this threat to us will disappear; but God will always remain with us.

Christmas itself has been under threat. Thankfully, and safely we hope, we will celebrate it with our families, in our homes, and in the churches. We are glad to be able to come together even if under some restrictions. We remember those who will be missing from our tables: those who must work – many of them front-line workers; those who cannot get home from overseas or are spending Christmas elsewhere; and those too who have gone to the eternal Christmas of heaven since this time last year. Everyone will be remembered this Christmas.

This year reminds us that we need one another; we need company and fun; we need to see faces and hear voices – they lift our hearts and bring a smile to our own faces. Even if we cannot all be present in the one place, through technology, sometimes just the phone, sure it'll be great to hear familiar voices and enjoy the conversation. Shops are saying that they're sold out of Christmas cards – everyone has been making a special effort to share the sense of friendship and family this Christmas.

We know by faith, that the mystery of Christmas is a daily miracle for us as we live, for the God of love still wishes to be in our presence every day. And we pray too that, for those who have died, their new life will be in the eternal Christmas of heaven, again in the presence of the God of love. In the smile of a helpless Christ-child, in the gurgling that comes from his manger stall, in his arms outstretched for our attention and affection, we should see and hear the presence of the God who loves us so completely that he never wants to be separate from us.

Whether you watch the Christmas Masses from your home, or you've got a seat booked in the chapel, or if you want to come to the "Drive-In Car Park" at **St Mura's church, the times are Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm & 10pm Christmas Day 11am** – we want you to know that God is glad of your prayers and will bless you at this time.

Kellemes Karácsonyi ünnepeket – Wesölych Świat.

Féach Íosagán sa chliabhán, 's an Mhaighdean in aoibhneas grá.

A Holy and a Happy Christmas to everyone!

Father Bradley, Father Diggin & Father Mulhern

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (20TH DEC)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16. The time is 1000 BC. This prophecy of Nathan would sustain and nourish Israel's hope of a messiah through the next 1000 years of trials. Nevertheless Israel would tend to forget that the prophesied 'secure sovereignty' of the 'House of David' would be one built with living stones, with hearts and minds of a people who believed in God as their father and in his promised Messiah. Through the birth of Christ God will at last 'pitch his tent' among men.

Rm 16:25-27. St Paul blesses God for having given his Roman converts 'the strength to believe and live according to the Good News.' 'The revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages', hidden in the heart of God, has now been made plain and must be broadcast. The history of God's Chosen People is now every Christian's story.

Lk 1:26-38. The salvation of all mankind is announced quietly to young girl in a small village. Mary would have narrated the event years later to the early Church. The Immaculate Conception, by her humble 'fiat', had enabled the Word of God to finally come and live among men.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6.00pm - St Aengus' Burt

Saturday 7.30pm - St Mura's Fahan

Sunday 9.00am - Chapel of Ease

Sunday 10.00am - Our Lady of Lourdes Inch

Sunday 11.00am - St Mura's Fahan

10 years Anniversary Mass for

Rose Harrigan, Sunday 20 December.

Sunday 11.15am - St Aengus' Burt

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 10am - St Aengus' Burt

Tuesday 10am - St Mura's Fahan

Wednesday - 7.30pm St Mura's Fahan

Thursday 10.00am - St Aengus' Burt

Friday 10.00am - Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch

***Tickets must be booked in the Parochial House for attendance at all Masses
Tel 074 9360151***

DRIVE IN CARPARK MASS AT ST MURA'S CHURCH

For anyone who may have missed out on getting a ticket for Mass on Christmas Day/Eve, Mass will be broadcast from the Carpark at St Mura's Chapel at the following times ***Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, Christmas Day 11am.*** You must remain in your car for the duration of the Mass, you will be able to receive Holy Communion as you leave the carpark.

This is on a first come, first served basis.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard in Burt after the 10am Mass on Monday & in Inch at 12noon on Tuesday

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Anyone that has booked their ticket for Christmas Mass and any Mass up to Sunday 3rd January **must** collect their ticket before 12:30pm on Tuesday 22nd December.

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 4th January.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Fr Patrick McGoldrick CC, Merville, Jude Campbell, Moness, Burt & Patricia (Pat) Dorrian, Old Rectory, Fahan.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian community
Kiana Doherty Connolly, Crisamore, Burnfoot & Alaya Grace Quigley, Rockstown, Burnfoot.
God bless & protect our children always.

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones enrolled, please leave your details at Fahan Parochial House. The cost is 25 Euro.

Tax Forms

Notice for taxpayer (PAYE and Self-Employed) who give 5 euro or more to the weekly collection (i.e. yearly donation must be a minimum of 250 euro). We can claim back from the Revenue the income tax you have already paid in your contribution to the church collection for 2019. This scheme does not affect your tax free allowance. To make a claim, all we need is your name, address, phone number, PPS number and the amount you contribute in the year or contributed each week. If you are prepared to allow us to avail of this scheme, please lift a Form from the Church porch.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLET AND RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Family activities for Advent including prayers, how to create a Jesse Tree, an Advent Wreath and lots more are available to view on the Catechetical Centre website at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/family-resources/preparing-our-hearts-for-christmas-advent-resources/> A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you have a concern about safeguarding in this parish, please contact Noel O'Donnell on 048 71362475 or 00447596500793.

ACCORD INISHOWEN

will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom on Saturday 30th January 2021. To book online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email accordinishowen@gmail.com for more info

A Thought...

Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world. *CS Lewis*