

PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2018

- Sunday 2nd** 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist – *sung by the Choristers*
Advent Sunday
5.00pm The Advent Procession *sung by the Parish Choir*
8.00pm World Aids Day Concert
- Tues 4th 1.00pm Contempo Lunchtime Concert
- Wed 5th 10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
- Thurs 6th 10am Chatty Crafters
- Friday 7th 11.00am Parochial School Service
8.00pm Kiltulla Community Choir Concert
- Saturday 8th 8.00pm German Choir Concert in aid of Schola Cantorum
- Sunday 9th** 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist – *sung by the Parish Choir*
Second Sunday of Advent
4.00pm Killala Cathedral—Installation of Rector as Canon
- Wed 12th 10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
- Thurs 13th 10am Chatty Crafters
- Sat 15th 10am Decoration of the church for Christmas
8.00pm Cois Cladaigh Choir Concert

CHRISTMAS SEASON DATES

- Sunday 16th** 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist – *sung by the Parish Choir*
Third Sunday of Advent
4.00pm Civic Carol Service— *sung by the Schola Cantorum combined choirs*
- Mon 17th 8.00pm Carol Service in Kilcummin
- Wed 19th 10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
- Sunday 23rd** 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist – *sung by the Parish Choir*
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Eve** 4.00pm Carols around the Christmas Tree
9.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas— *sung by the Parish Choir*
- Christmas Day** 11.00am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist – *sung by the Parish Choir*
- Wed 26th 10.30am No Service
- Sunday 30th** 9.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Service of the Word
- January 20th** 4.00pm Installation of the Very Revd Lynda Peilow as Provost
In St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam All Welcome

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21st October 2018

Dear Parishioners,

So, I write my first letter to you all as I prepare for my first Christmas Fayre, Christmas and so much more. How times change, and I suspect none of us can quite believe the changes, transformations and challenges 2018 has brought to us personally and as a parish. I for one, never foreseen myself as your rector, settled into the rectory with my family after seventeen years in Edenderry. The only home our children have ever known. It has been an overwhelming couple of months for you, for me and our parish, as you said farewell to Gary and Catriona and welcomed me, and my gang. What a welcome it has been! Thank you all for the warmth, kindness, encouragement and hospitality. Clive and I and the children greatly value the work that was carried out on the rectory in preparation for our arrival. We have found our feet very quickly and I am relishing the role of rector. The sense of community and family has always been very important to me in the parishes I have served in, and it influenced my decision to come and minister amongst you. I have marvelled at how the parish journeyed in the interregnum and we are of course thankful to Dean Alastair, but the energy and love for God, parish and church comes from parishioners and it is infectious. I marvel at how you work together as a team and how proud, dedicated and devoted so many of you are to your parish, community and your churches. This is such a blessing to me as rector and what I have already realised is that when the parish works as a team, and people get involved and share what time and talents they have - it allows the Rector to be the priest and carry out those important roles that are primary to answering the call of ordination. Please be patient as I settle and find 'my way' in your midst, and answer God's call. Pray for me as I pray for you.

Thank you for all you have done, are doing and will do in the name of God and for our church.

Yours in Christ,

Lynda

Christmas Fayre:

The Rector has already mentioned that she is looking forward to the Christmas Fayre which will be held in the church on November 24, 10 - 2.

There are four ways in which we would ask you to help - by producing items for the various stalls listed below, by volunteering to help sell raffle tickets in the market on Saturday mornings, by trying to sell the raffle tickets* enclosed and lastly we will also need help with setting up on Thursday Nov 22nd 8.30pm and Friday afternoon. The Organising Committee would love to hear from you by phone, by email (info@stnicholas.ie) or add your name to the list which the churchwardens have at the back of the church and we will get in touch with you.

The Bake Stall - As the Fayre is earlier than usual this year we would be delighted if people would start their Christmas baking early. We would appreciate all home baked goods especially Christmas cakes both iced and un-iced (1/4 cakes seem to be very popular) also plum puddings, mince pies etc. But we would also love to have any other baked items e.g. brown bread, scones, cakes (all flavours and sizes) all types of home baking very welcome.

Home Produce with Plants and arrangements – would love contributions of jams, chutneys, pickles, plants, etc. etc.

Olde Curiosity Shop – high class bric a brac! Unfortunately we are not allowed to sell anything electric unless brand new in original box.

Gift Stall – new items, unwanted gifts etc., etc.

China, Silverware and Glassware – there is a market for unwanted china – not necessary to be full sets.

Vintage – handbags, jewellery, hats, gloves, etc.

Homemade Sweet Stall – All contributions of homemade sweets welcome.

Craft Stall – all handmade items very welcome.

Christmas Cafe – if you would like to make soup, scones etc. please contact Olive.

Book Stall – books of all description. Magazines and journals generally do not sell well.

Toys – in good condition please – do please check that jigsaws contain all the pieces!

Children's Activities There will be fun activities for all the children so it will truly be a day-out for all the family. Please note as Santa is very busy in November he may send some of his Elves on the day.

***Raffle Tickets** When you're returning payment for your raffle tickets, you may now use your paypal or debit card via the www.stnicholas.ie website - just scroll down to the end of the home page and you'll find the donate button. A small deduction is taken by paypal if you use this method. Or, if you prefer to make your payment directly via online banking, please transfer funds to St Nicholas' Collegiate Church No.1 a/c IBAN: IE84BOFI90381613140985 and BIC: BOFIE2D. Remember to include your surname and the word "Raffle" in the reference box so we know what the contribution is for and who it's from - and don't forget to hand in your raffle tickets stubs! If you have any questions email Heather Pope at treasurer@stnicholas.ie, she'll be happy to help. Thank you.

Fayre Committee:

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PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

(Services in Bold, Concerts in Italics)

NOVEMBER

Fri 2nd	8.00pm All Souls Ecumenical Service with the Augi
Sat 3 rd	<i>11am Coffee Concert in aid of Schola Cantorum Eve Garavan (soprano), and Panpan Lin (pianist)</i>
Sunday 4th	9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Sung Eucharist <i>sung by the Parish Choir</i> Fourth Sunday before Advent
Tues 6 th	<i>1.00pm Contempo Lunchtime Concert</i>
Wed 7 th	10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 8 th	10am Chatty Crafters 8.00pm Compline <i>sung by the Choral Scholars</i>
Sunday 11th	9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Sung Eucharist - <i>sung by the Choristers</i> Remembrance Sunday
Mon 12 th	<i>1pm Lunchtime Talk—Mary Fleetwood Berry & The Campaign for votes for women in Galway by Mary Clancy</i>
Wed 14 th	10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 15 th	10am Chatty Crafters 8.00pm Compline <i>sung by the Choral Scholars</i>
Sat 17 th	<i>11am Coffee Concert in aid of Schola Cantorum Andreea Banciu (viola) and Aileen Cahill (piano)</i>
Sunday 18th	9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Sung Eucharist - <i>sung by the Parish Choir</i> 2nd Sunday before Advent
Wed 21 st	10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 22 nd	10am Chatty Crafters 8.00pm Compline <i>sung by the Choral Scholars</i> <i>Followed by Set up for Christmas Fayre</i>
Fri 23 rd	2pm Set up Christmas Fayre
Sat 24 th	10am—2pm Christmas Fayre
Sunday 25th	9.00am Morning Prayer 11.00am Sung Eucharist – <i>sung by Parish Choir</i> Christ the King
Wed 28 th	10.30am Mid Week Holy Communion
Thurs 29 th	10am Chatty Crafters

GDPR Please note that along with all other organisations which hold information on you the parish is currently putting in place policies to become GDPR compliant. We are privileged to keep your data, so that we can contact you to let you know about all the fantastic stuff that goes on here and so that you can help us by being involved and helping us raise funds etc., etc This data is treated as strictly confidential. Our privacy notice is available on the parish website. Please contact the parish data controller, Paul Hardy, at prh1973@gmail.com for more details should you have any concerns.