

Instruments of Peace

The new year, like a new born child, is placed in our hands as the old year passes away. The days and weeks to come are God's gift; they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them.

We pray that we may be channels of God's love and peace to one another during 2012:

*“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred,
let me sow love
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*Good Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”*

The Year Ahead

Ash Wednesday	22 February 2012
Easter Sunday	08 April “
First Communion	06 May “
Pentecost Sunday	27 May “
Euch. Congress	10-17 June “
Closing Ceremony	17 June, Croke Park

2012 Parish Calendar

The 2012 Parish Calendar is now available and will be distributed free of charge after Masses this weekend by members of the Pastoral Council.

Celebrating Our Common Faith

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress takes place in Dublin **10-17 June 2012**. The Congress is an opportunity for the Irish Church to welcome pilgrims from all over the world & to celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ.

NEWSLETTER

Church of
The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,
Attymass

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st January 2012

Website: www.attymass.ie

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Holy Mary, Mother of God.....

**Church of
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& St Joseph**

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish
 Mon. 10.00am Patrick & Kath. Gallagher
 Tue. 9.30am James Martin Mulhern
 Wed. 9.30am Private Intention

Feast of The Epiphany

Thur. 7.30pm John Hennigan
 Fri. 10.30am Mary Ellen Hughes
 Sat. 10.00am Wm, Mary & John Ginley
Sat. 7.30pm Bridie & John Gallagher

Mass Servers

Sat. 7 Jan. Team 2
 Sun. 8 Jan. Team 5

Sat 7 Jan. Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Reader: Martin Mulherin
 E. Minister: Mary Lavelle
 Margaret Gaughan

Sun 8 Jan. 2012 10.30am Mass

Reader: Anita Kelly
 E. Minister: Monica Ferguson

Fr. Mulligan 096-45095
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Feast of the Epiphany



Friday next, 6th January, is the feast of The Epiphany and a church holiday. The Vigil Mass will be at 7.30pm on Thursday evening & Mass on Friday will be at 10.30am, as on Sunday.

Priest's Christmas Collection

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the priest's Christmas Collection last week-end. Late contributions always gratefully received.

Home Visits

I will take Holy Communion to the sick & housebound on Thur. & Fri. of the coming week, at the usual time.

Offertory Collection

Sun. 25th Dec. €1,800.00

Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

The Centre re-opens on **Tuesday 3rd January 2012**

A CRADLE SONG

O men from the fields,
 Come gently within.
 Tread softly, softly
 O men coming in!

Mavourneen is going
 From me and from you,
 Where Mary will fold him
 With mantle of blue!



From reek of the smoke
 And cold of the floor
 And the peering of things
 Across the half-door.

O men of the fields,
 Soft, softly come thro'
 Mary puts round him
 Her mantle of blue.

By Padraic Colum

Peace Light for Congress

Each. Congress organisers were privileged recently to accept the **Peace Light** from Bethlehem. On 8th Dec. Israeli & Palestinian scouts lit this flame from a candle in the grotto of Christ's birthplace in Bethlehem. Scouts in Europe have brought the peace light to Austria, Switzerland, France and England. On 13th Dec. Irish scouts collected the **Peace Light** in Liverpool & brought it to Dublin. Scouts have carried the light to Parishes, churches, hospitals and nursing homes across Ireland.

The **Peace Light** shines not only in Ireland but in all countries in Europe, in Russia & in Nth & Sth America. This chain of light is a symbol of peace, warmth, love and family. By passing on this **Peace Light** we want to overcome the darkness caused by hate, egoism, materialism & to spread happiness & hope into the hearts of all who encounter the light.
