

## Second Week of Advent

*In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'*  
Mt. 3:1

O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.



"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

*O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.*

Fr Victor Hoagland C.P.

## Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party, including a Disco, takes place in the Community Centre on **Saturday, 15th Dec., 5.00 - 7.00pm.** Santa will make a special appearance. Admission €3.00.

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### Acknowledgement

Beetie & Ted Hughes wish to thank all their customers & friends who called to the Post Office on their last working day, also the organisers & everyone that came to their retirement function. Many thanks for your presents & good wishes.

A happy & holy Christmas to all.

### Cancellation

**Due to unforeseen circumstances the Moy Villa F.C. Dinner Dance arranged for Friday 15 Dec. has been cancelled.**

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### MOY VILLA LOTTO

No's drawn 10, 13, 18, 27.

No winner.

€30 winners:

**Owen Davey** Mulaghowney

**Chris Ryan**, Ballina.

Next week's will be J/pot

€2,500

# NEWSLETTER

Church of  
The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,  
Attymass

2nd Sunday of Advent

9th December 2007

Website: [www.attymass.ie](http://www.attymass.ie)



"Prepare a Way for the Lord."

**Church of  
The Immaculate Conception  
& St Joseph**

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish  
 Mon. 9.30am Michael & Mary Ellen Hughes  
 Tue. 9.30am Val & Barry Gilboy  
 Wed. 9.30pm Lizzie, Paddy & Joe  
 Thur. 9.30am Paddy Conlon Mullaghowney  
**Fri. 7.30pm Patrick Moran**  
 Sat. 9.30am Anthony Smyth  
  
**Sat. 7.30pm Wm Mary & John Ginley**

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**Parish Renewal Magazine**

The next issue of 'Parish Renewal', with news & views from the cluster parishes, will be published in January 2008. This will be the 5th issue. Look out for it. It is free of charge.

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**The Moy Villa Christmas Party takes place in 'An Sionnach Rua' on 29th Dec. @ 7pm sharp.**

Fr. Mulligan 096-45095  
 Mobile 086-8181345  
 Fr. Peyton Centre 096-45374  
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Prayers are requested for the repose of **Liz Quinn**, sister of Katie & Michael Strogon, who died recently in London; for **Richard Hennelly**, husband of Mary, nee Gaughan & brother-in-law of the late Tom Gaughan, Kilgellia, who died in England; for **Jimmy Weir**, Kilgellia. His remains are reposing at his home from 1pm this Sunday. Removal at 7.00pm to the church. Funeral Mass on Monday at 12 noon. Burial in Old Killeen.

May they rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy to all who have been bereaved.

**Christmas Pantomime**

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Foxford is presenting "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" on Tuesday & Wednesday **18th & 19th Dec. at 8pm.** tickets at the door. Please support!

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**Fr Peyton Memorial Centre**

**Mass Intention**

Tue. 11th Dec. at 12.15pm Murray Family (D).  
**Opening Hours:** *Mon to Fri 10am to 5.30pm*  
*Sat 12 noon to 5.30pm Sun 2pm to 5.30pm*

Christmas Cards with 'Greetings from Attymass' now on sale.

**Community Meetings**

**Monday 10th December**

**8.30pm:** Meeting of the New Community Centre Committee in the Old School.

**Wednesday 12th December**

**9.00pm :** Card Game in the Community in aid of new Community Centre.

**St Vincent de Paul Collection**

The annual collection of the V. de P. Society will be taken up at both Masses next week-end.

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**New on Our Website**

**New material is being added to the parish website all the time. Be sure to check out [Attymass.ie](http://Attymass.ie) on a regular basis.**

**Added Recently:**

- Photos re Post Office Closure & Function
- Archive of Newsletters
- Under 'HISTORY' see archive of Historical Documents
- Under 'Fr Peyton Centre' see his life story.

**Sale of Work**

The Annual Christmas Sale of Work in aid of the Fr Peyton Centre will take place on **Sunday 9 December at 3pm.** Not to be missed!

**Party Reminder!**

The annual Parish Christmas Party will take place in the Fr Peyton Centre on **Saturday 15th December**, beginning with the celebration of Mass at 1.00pm. All who wish to take part are asked to sign their names on a form which will be available after Mass this week-end. It is important to return the **Reply Slip** by **Monday 10th December.** It may be placed in the designated box at the back of the church or given to any member of the organising committee.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

**1st & 2nd Dec. €730.00**