

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

Leo Mulherin born 16 July 1929. Born to eternal life 4 December 2014

I would ask that you keep my father Leo Ramsay Mulherin in your parish prayers for the deceased. Dad's grandfather Patrick Mulherin came to Australia from Attymass in the late 1880s. Dad was a man of simple faith who attended Mass at least four times a week and demonstrated humility by his actions. His faith provided great comfort to him through out his 85 years and in particular during his short illness. His death came as a great shock to my family.

He was a weekly reader of your parish bulletin (since January 2008) and shared your news with parishioners at St Patricks and St Mary's in Mackay. (Queensland). Your bulletin kept him in touch with his Irishness and he felt at one with the parishioners and in particular the Mulherins', who are distant relatives, that attend Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph. Although he never met any of the Mulherins of Attymass or communicated with them, through the parish bulletin, he felt close to them.

You probably want to know how Dad came to read the parish bulletin? In 2007 my wife Erin and our children Declan, Liam and Rory and I travelled to Ireland to have Christmas with Erin's aunt in Dublin. During our three week holiday in Ireland we travelled to Attymass and visited the church. It was during this visit I collected a parish bulletin and on our return I gave it to Dad and from that time he has been a weekly reader via the web.

While our visit to Attymass was brief I did have the privilege to meet the late Sean Mulherin, who showed us where my great grandfather and his siblings lived.

It was a very special moment in my life as Sean said " Let me show you where our family home was". It wasn't his and wasn't mine, it was instant recognition of kin even though we were distantly related.

Yours sincerely

With best wishes for a Holy Christmas

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Tim Mulherin

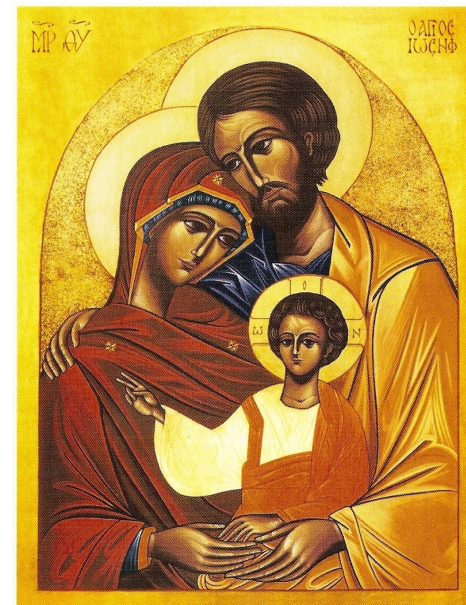
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Church of
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Attymass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

28 December 2014

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Jesus Mary and Joseph

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& St Joseph**

Mass Intentions

Sun. 10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon. 9.30am	Leo Mulherin
Tue. 9.30am	
Wed. 9.30am	
Thur. 10am	Jimmy Crean
Fri. 7.30pm	MI Garrett, Paddy, Lizzie Joe & Mary Garrett
Sat. 11.00am	Patrick & Kathleen Gallagher & Madeline Nilan
Sat. 7.30pm	Baby & Bill McIntyre Conlon & McIntyre Families (D)

Sat. 3 Jan. 2015 Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Reader:	Christine Tolan
E. Minister	Beetie Hughes Mary Gallagher

Sun. 4 Jan. 10.30am Mass

Reader:	Ann Timlin
E. Minister	Maura Tolan Sean Reynolds

Fr. Mulligan 096-45095
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Prayers are requested for the repose of **Leo Ramsay Mulherin**, Australia, who died on 4 December 2014 aged 85 years. His grandfather emigrated from Attymass in 1880s. May he rest in peace. Sincere condolences to the bereaved. Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul on Monday next at 9.30am. May he rest in peace.

Parish Calendar

The Parish Calendar for 2015 is now available at the back of the church. The calendar has been designed by **Sr Helena** and printed by **Office Pro, Ballina & Castlebar**.

Youth/Family Mass

The next Youth/Family Mass will now take place on **Sun. 25th January**. This Mass had been arranged for 18th but had to be deferred as the "Do This In Memory" program will take place on that day.

Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

*The management and staff at the Centre wish their patrons and friends
A Happy New Year.*

The Centre will be closed from 2pm on Tuesday 23 Dec
'til Monday 5 Jan 2015

**2015 celebration of the 1400th
anniversary of the death of
Saint Columbanus**

The bishops of Ireland have designated 2015 as a celebratory year to mark the 1400th anniversary of the death in Bobbio, Italy, of the extraordinary Saint Columbanus. Born around 543AD in Leinster, Saint Columbanus studied in the monastery on Cleenish Island, Co Fermanagh, after which he then entered the monastery in Bangor, Co Down. He became a missionary in Europe establishing monasteries at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine. His greatest foundation is at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one of the greatest of all Irish missionaries who dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel and to establishing monasteries in Europe. This anniversary will be celebrated in Ireland with liturgies and events on Sat. 20 and Sunday 21 June 2015.

Christmas Message

Along with the Newsletter please take home also a copy of the Parish Christmas Message & enjoy some light reading over Christmas.

Cluster Ecumenical Service

Straide parish will host the annual Cluster Ecumenical Service on **Tue. 20 January 2015 at 8pm**. The homily will be delivered by Archbishop John Neil retired Church of Ireland, Archbishop of Dublin.

Foxford Concert

Candlelight concert with Michael English & band in St Michael's Church Foxford on the **2 Jan. at 7.30pm**. Tickets at €20 will be on sale at the Foxford Woollen Mill 6th and 7th December or from Mairead Moore Foxford at 086-3636896.

Special Collection

21 Dec: €94.00

Offertory Collection

21 Dec: €759.00