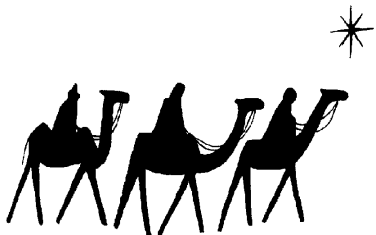


Our Natural Outlook

I am a Christian because I am convinced of certain truths about the nature of God and his plan for creation. The heart of that plan is revealed at Christmas & Epiphany with the coming into the world of God's son who brings new life & understanding to all who will receive it.



This new life is quite simply to know & love God as our father & each other as his children. And being a Christian ... means taking that truth so deeply into your heart & mind that it becomes part of our natural outlook. It means both learning how to live & helping others to discover how to live.

Michael Mayne

Parish Statistics for 2013

Baptisms 9

Weddings 4

Funerals 9

1st Communions 4

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday 6 January is the feast of the Epiphany and a Holy Day. Mass in Attymass is at 10.30am. (There is no Vigil Mass.) The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. The magi represent the neighbouring pagan religions who welcome the good news of the birth of the Saviour of the world.



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Church of
The Immaculate Conception & St Joseph,
Attymass

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 5th January 2014

Website: www.attymass.ie
Mobile www.attymass.ie/mobile



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Mass Intentions

Sun. 10.30am People of the Parish

Mon. 10.30am Mary Ellen Hughes

*No Mass on Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday*

Fri. 7.30pm **Bridie & John Gallagher**

Sat. 7.30pm **Tommy & Bridie Devers
Anthony, Margaret &
Michael Padden**

Parish Calendar

The 2014 parish calendar is now available free of charge in the church porch.

Sat 11 January 7.30pm

Reader: Sr Helena

E. Minister Kathleen Jackson
Mgt Conlon

Sun 12 January 10.30am Mass

Reader: Sean Reynolds

E. Minister John J Gallagher
Bridie Molloy

**Fr. Mulligan 096-45095
Mobile 086-8181345
Fr. Peyton Centre 096-45374
Fax 096-45375**



Prayers are requested for the repose of **Billy Devers**, brother of the late Tommy Devers, Kilgellia, who died in Leeds. Also for **Mary Hennelly**, late of Kilgellia, sister-in-law of Margaret Gaughan, who died in Manchester. Also for **Mary Durkan**, Breaffy, mother-in-law of Lorraine Crean-Durkan, Breaffy. May they rest in peace. Sincere condolences to the bereaved.

**Bonniconlon Ecumenical
Service**

The annual Cluster Ecumenical Service takes place this year in Bonniconlon



Church on Thursday **23rd January at 8pm**. Members of other Christian churches, including their clergy will attend. All are welcome.

Fr Peyton Memorial Centre

Opening Hours:

*Mon to Fri 9.30am—5.30pm
Closed at weekends until further notice*

**Praying for Our Diocese
2014**

The year 2014 is to be a Year of Prayer for our diocese. On this **Sunday 5th January** a pastoral letter from Bishop Kelly will be read out at all Masses outlining the vision and purpose of the Prayer Initiative & how it fits into the development of a Diocesan vision.



On **Sunday 12th January** the Prayer Initiative will begin with the Diocesan Prayer being used for the first time. Each week the whole diocese will focus on praying for one parish, beginning with the Parish of Achonry on **13th January** and continuing with Attymass on the week starting 19th January.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Attymass Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday next **9th January at 8.30pm** in the Fr Peyton Centre.

A Busy Life!

Since his election as Pope on 13 March 2013 the Holy Father Francis has met more than 6,600,000: at general audiences (1,548,500), private audiences (87,400), liturgical celebrations in the Vatican Basilica and in St. Peter's Square (2,282,000), Angelus and Regina Coeli (2,706,000). These figures refer exclusively to activities which took place within the Vatican, and do not include the Holy Father's visits abroad, such as the visit to Brazil in July for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

Offertory Collection

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