

Christmas Day

Tullylish Parish


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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
 BE CLOSED UNTIL
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY
 2008 at 10.00am



Holiday Mass Schedule

ANNIVERSARIES	
Laurencetown	
Mon 24th 9.00pm	Martin Manganahan John Savage
Tues 25th 10.00am	Peg & Brian Murphy Sarah & John Campbell
Fri 26th 9.30am	Ann Fitzmaurice McEvoy
Sun 28th 10.00am	James McKay
Sat 5th 6.00pm	Anthony & Annie Byrne
Sun 6th 10.00	-
Gifford	
Clare	
Mon 24th 10.30pm	-
Sat 29th 7.30pm	Vincent Doran

Laurencetown		Gifford	
Wed 26th Dec	7.30pm		10.00am
Thurs 27th Dec	10.00am	NO MASS	
Fri 28th Dec	9.30am	NO MASS	
Mon 31st Dec	10.00am	NO MASS	
Tues 1st Jan	7.30pm		10.00am
Wed 2nd Jan	NO MASS		10.00am
Thurs 3rd Jan	NO MASS		10.00am
Fri 4th Jan	NO MASS		10.00am

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	Laurencetown	Gifford	Clare
Sat 29th	J Teal		J Cardwell
Sun 30th	R Mc Conville	B Sands	
Sat 5th	P Campbell		T Nugent
Sun 6th	A Byrne	R McParland	


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The Magi understood the true meaning of Christmas - to give. God gave His best, His most valuable treasure - His Son. He gave out of love. And the Child of Bethlehem also gave: He gave Himself in His death on the cross.

Dear Fr Powell, Fr McDonagh & Parishioners

I pray my Christmas greetings find you all in good health and deep inner peace.

Yes, it that time of the year again when treasured memories of family and friends comes to mind. The year past has meant for many new life in the birth of little babies, for others it has meant deep sorrow and pain in the loss of loved ones. For some students it has meant passing of important examinations and for others it has resulted in failings! Some passed driving tests and others will try again! But at the end of the day we count our blessings in so many ways knowing that we are not alone. God - Emmanuel is being born in our hearts again, this very moment!

I wish you all a Christ-filled, peaceful and loving Christmas and New Year 2008!
Sr Bernadette Duffy - South Africa December 2007



One Solitary Life
 He was born in an obscure village
 The child of a peasant woman
 He grew up in another obscure village
 Where he worked in a carpenter shop
 Until he was thirty

He never wrote a book
 He never held an office
 He never went to college
 He never visited a big city
 He never travelled more than two hundred miles
 From the place where he was born

He did none of the things
 Usually associated with greatness
 He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty three

His friends ran away
 One of them denied him
 He was turned over to his enemies
 And went through the mockery of a trial
 He was nailed to a cross between two thieves
 While dying, his executioners gambled for
 his clothing
 The only property he had on earth

When he was dead
 He was laid in a borrowed grave
 Through the pity of a friend

Twenty centuries have come and gone
 And today Jesus is the central figure
 of the human race
 And the leader of mankind's progress
 All the armies that have ever marched
 All the navies that have ever sailed
 All the parliaments that have ever sat
 All the kings that ever reigned put together
 Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
 As much as that... one solitary life.

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny baubles, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtimes, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, care for the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, I profit me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.
 Love sets aside decorating to kiss the husband.
 Love is kind, though humbled and tired.
 Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.
 Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.
 Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.
 Love loves all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
 Love never fails.
 Video games will break, peat necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.
 But giving the gift of love will endure.

Parish Calendars
 Available at the back of each church,
 one for everyone in the Parish.

Christmas Message

We wish everyone a holy and happy Christmas. In doing so, we are mindful of the fact that due to death, sickness and poverty some homes will not experience the joy of Christmas. Our hearts go out to them in a special way.

Beata Maria de oratione auxilia tuum quaerit.

We extend a warm welcome to all those who have come to spend Christmas with their families. May you have a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

May the Child Jesus bless you and your loved ones,
now and throughout the coming year.

