



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

**“Don’t carry a load in your pack,
you don’t need two shirts on your back”**

Now that Christmas is over, I have started to pack up my boxes in preparation for my departure at the end of the month. It came as no surprise to me that over the last 23 years I have accumulated an incredible amount of ‘stuff’. There is much wisdom in Our Blessed Lord’s warning as he sent his disciples out on mission, to travel ‘light’; *“Take nothing for the road,” he told them, “no staff, no traveling bag, no bread, no money; and don’t take an extra shirt.”*

Luke 9 :3

However, I am an incorrigible ‘hoarder’ and I struggle desperately to throw anything out. So I am inviting you to help me offload some of the ‘stuff’ that I certainly do not need. I have left some books, CDs and DVDs at the back of the church. They will exhibit my eclectic taste in reading as well as my dodgy taste in music and films. As I look through more and more ‘stuff’ I will keep adding to the tables at the back so if there’s nothing you fancy this week - have another look in a week’s time as there’s bound to be more books, DVDs etc. added.

If you wish, you can leave a small donation in the box provided which will go to a local charity called ‘Project Gambia’ set up by Mossend man, Francis Devine, and some of his friends. Details of the charity below.

Thank you.

Fr. Grant

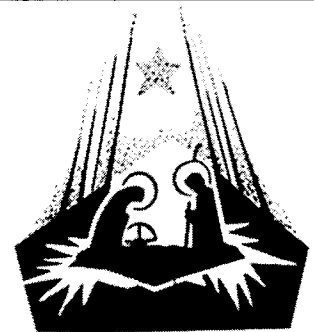


PROJECT GAMBIA

is a charity based in Mossend which was set up to support the feeding programme of St. John’s School for the Deaf in the Catholic Diocese of Banjul in The Gambia, one of the only schools for deaf children in one of Africa’s poorest countries where very little charities exist. As the charity is ran entirely by volunteers, 100% of donation go directly to supporting the children at the school.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

On 6th January a special collection will be taken up to support the work of the Justice and Peace Commission.



**PLEASE TAKE YOUR CHILDREN
TO VISIT THE CRIB.**

*It’s a beautiful way to pass on
the faith by telling your
children the Christmas story.*

You are invited to celebrate

<i>Mon</i>	6.50pm 7.00pm	Evening Prayer Holy Mass
<i>Tue</i>	11.40am 12.00noon	Stations of Nativity Holy Mass
<i>Wed</i>		
<i>Thu</i>	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
<i>Fri</i>	9.20am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Mass
<i>Sat</i>	9.20am 9.30am 6.00pm	Marian Prayer Holy Mass Holy Mass
<i>Sun</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass

PARISH CALENDARS £2.50

WESTERN CALENDARS £3.20

HOLY FAMILY RAMBLERS

The walk on Sunday 13th January is following the 'Mural Trail' in Glasgow. The walk is 6 miles approx. It is through the streets in Glasgow and takes in around 25 murals.

There is no bus for this walk, if you wish to come along you need to make your own way to and from Glasgow.

We will be meeting in George Square at 11am with the intention to start the walk at 11:15am. It is a free day and you can drop out at any time during the walk.

The Little Hut

As we begin another new year, here is a little story to make you think.

The only survivor of the shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened—everything was lost.

He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because **God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.** Remember, the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.



DONATIONS AT THE GRIB
go to St. Margaret of Scotland Adoption Society. I am fully confident of your generosity.

HOGMANAY CEILIDH

Thanks to everyone who supported the Hogmanay Ceilidh. We enjoyed a lovely meal from Fine Choice Catering and brilliant entertainment from the band Quigley's Point. In addition we had a lovely display of Irish dancing from two young parishioners and a piper to bring in the New Year. Thanks too to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. It was a great night and the proceeds came to **£535** which will be donated to Cancer Research.



LET THE CHILDREN LIVE

FR PETER'S STREET CHILDREN

Fr Peter wishes you a very happy New Year and would like to thank you and Fr Grant for the parish's support over the past year and beyond.

Last year, 2018, the parish raised £9,952.50 bringing the total raised by the support of our parish over the past 20 years to **£134,108.50.**

This has helped to improve the lives of many street children and families living in extreme poverty in the shanty towns in Medellin, Colombia.

DIOCESAN COURAGE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLICS WITH SAME SEX ATTRACTION

MOTHERWELL DIOCESE has set up a **COURAGE CHAPTER** of pastoral ministry for those in our Diocesan community with same sex attraction, who are looking to live faithfully their Catholic faith. Courage is an international apostolate with over 100 Chapters worldwide and endorsed by the Holy See. It aims to help members find peace through fellowship, prayer, the Sacraments, and an appreciation of the Church's teaching on chastity. It extends the Church's invitation to mature in Christ, seeking his grace and peace.

For information or advice please email in confidence our Diocesan priest chaplain at Courage@rcdom.org.uk.

FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th January 2019	Vigil	11.00am
Ministers of the WORD	Chloe Crawford Matthew Waring Ellen Cochrane	A M Valentini Angela Campbell Des Donnelly
Ministers of the EUCHARIST	Agnes Poutney Alan Poutney	Michael Roarty Louise Shearer