

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Christmas Greetings

Fr Michael, Fr Sean & Fr Anish would like to wish all our Parishioners a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weihnachten, Buon Natale, Wesołych Świąt!
Feliz Natal, Feliz Navidad, Nollaig Shona, Prettige Kerstdagen,
Crăciun Fericit! Natal Mubarak,
സന്തോഷകരമായ ക്രിസ്മസ്

Parish Office

The Office will be closed from
Tuesday 23rd December to
Friday 2nd January

Christmas Crib Appeal

This year our Crib appeal
will be for Order of Malta
Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem

Sunday 28th Dec

Mass will be offered on the
Feast of Holy Innocents for families
who have lost children, before or
after birth at 9am

THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Alan McGuckian
will celebrate the Rite of
the Closing of the Jubilee Year
with Mass at 3.00pm in St
Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on
Sunday 4th January 2026 and
invites as many as possible,
from across the Diocese, to
join him for the Mass and
some refreshments afterwards
in St Comgall's Centre.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 11.00pm

New Year's Day Mass 9.30am

Festival of Carols

On Sunday 4th January at 7pm in
the Church.
Everyone is welcome.



Christmas Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian December 2025

My dear brothers and sisters,

Each Christmas calls us to pause and reflect on the profound mystery of God's love. We are reminded that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the herald of Peace, Joy and Hope, was born into the fragility and humility of a manger.

The same God who loved with a human heart remains always with us. In the midst of the human experience of ongoing conflict and vulnerability, the challenge of increasing secularism, and the threat of political and economic insecurity, God will always be with us.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our suffering sisters and brothers across the world in places such as East Africa, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen. Closer to home, we were recently reminded of the agonising wait of the families of the Disappeared, who want to give a Christian burial to their loved ones. May God bless the work of all agencies and individuals who hear the cry of God's children and are taking action to respond throughout the world and here at home to the needs of the vulnerable, the stranger and the lonely.

Christmas reminds us that we have a dignity and value that comes from being created in the image and likeness of God. In a world where this dignity is often threatened, we are called to be guardians of the inherent dignity of every individual. It is the child born at Christmas who grounds and inspires our conviction of the dignity of every child of God. I pay tribute to parents and teachers who pass on the faith to new generations guiding them with the Truth of Christian values and virtues like the wise men who were guided by the Christmas star.

May God bestow his blessing upon all of you this Christmas and into the new year, as you continue to contemplate the face of the Christ-child, the herald of Peace, Joy and Hope. Nollaig

Shona daoibh uilig.

+Alan McGuckian SJ
Bishop of Down and Connor

NATIVITY SCENE



COLOUR BY DESCRIPTION

The sky is dark blue and the stars are yellow.

The mountains are brown and the clouds are white.

The lamb is pink and white, the mule is grey and the ox is brown.

Virgin Mary wears a blue dress. Saint John wears a red coat and orange t-shirt.

Jesus wears light blue clothes.

The straw is yellow.

Colour the three kings freely.