

**St. Colman's, Cloyne. St. Colmcille's, Churchtown South.  
Immaculate Conception, Shanagarry. Star of the Sea, Ballycotton.  
30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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**Opening Hours:** Tuesday 2.30p.m. – 5.30p.m. Wednesday 1.00p.m. – 4.00p.m.

Thursday & Friday 11.00a.m. – 2.00p.m.

Notices for Parish Newsletter can be emailed, posted or handed in to office before 11.00a.m. on Thursday.

**PARISH MASSES**

**St Colmans Cloyne:** 6.00p.m. (Saturday Vigil), 11.30a.m. Sunday.

**Star of the Sea, Ballycotton:** 7.30p.m. (Saturday Vigil) alternate weekends.

9.00a.m. Sunday, alternate weekends.

**St. Colmcille's, Churchtown South:** 7.30p.m. (Saturday Vigil) alternate weekends.

9.00a.m. Sunday, alternate weekends.

**Shanagarry:** 10.15a.m. Sunday.

**EPHIPHANY; Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Ballycotton 7.30p.m. **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Churchtown South 9.00a.m.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** Churchtown South 7.30p.m. **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Ballycotton 9.00a.m.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** Ballycotton 7.30p.m. **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Churchtown South 9.00a.m.

**Weekday Masses: Cloyne:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30a.m. Thursday 7.30p.m.

**Weekday Masses: Shanagarry:** 9.30a.m. Wednesday & Friday. **Ballycotton:** 9.30a.m. Tuesday & Thursday.

**Confessions:** Cloyne 11.30a.m. on Saturday. Shanagarry every Saturday 12noon – 12.30p.m. with Adoration (beginning Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December). Churchtown South & Ballycotton 7.00p.m. before Vigil Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration: Shanagarry** Tuesday 6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m. **Ballycotton:** Wednesday 6.30p.m. - 8.30p.m.

**Cloyne:** Thursday 6.15p.m. – 7.15p.m.

**The Legion of Mary** meet in the Parish Office each Tuesday at 8.00p.m. New members very welcome.

**Cloyne Parish Prayer Group** meet every Thursday at 8.15p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

WE THANK all who helped out with the Christmas liturgies: Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors, and Altar Servers. A special word of gratitude to the Choir Directors and Church Choirs including the psalmists, soloists, musicians and the children. We thank the Sacristans, Flower Arrangers, all who decorated the Churches for Advent and the Christmas season and all who prepare the churches in any way. We also thank those who clean the Churches, prepare the Church grounds, and those who erect the Cribs and Christmas Trees. Our gratitude to the Collectors and Counters. We thank all who participated in the Christmas ceremonies and all other volunteers who help out in the parish on a regular basis. There are very effective teams working in the four areas of the parish and we are grateful to all.

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish development fund. The Second Collection next weekend is for Diocesan Purposes.

ST. COLMAN PRAYER CARDS with a prayer to St Colman available at back of the church.

**MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Cloyne:** Monday & Tuesday 9.30a.m. Wednesday (New Years Day) 11.a.m., Thursday 7.30p.m. & Friday 9.30a.m.

**New Years Day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January: Ballycotton at 9.30a.m. & Thursday 9.30a.m. Shanagarry:** 9.30a.m. Wednesday & Friday.

**Next Sunday is the feast of the Epiphany**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** Fr Joe and Fr Pat wish to thank you sincerely for the Christmas Offerings.

Gratitude to Retired Priests; Our gracious thanks to Canon John Terry and to Fr. Michael Madden who make themselves available to celebrate Mass and help out in other ceremonies like the Penitential Rites etc. We appreciate very much their kind help and support.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION:** Anyone who has not received a box of envelopes please contact the parish office, or if there are any new families to the area or anyone who wishes to receive a box of envelopes, please let us know.

AN ASSESSMENT BY THE COUNCIL OF PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF CLOYNE: As a Diocese we are facing the reality of a reduced and an aging presbyterate. There are now 29 parishes with a single priest and even urban centres have fewer priests than heretofore. Were it not for the generous service of our retired priests the shortage would be much more obvious. Each reduction in personnel means that more is being asked of the remaining parish priest or priests. If we are to honestly and prudently face up to the situation, then difficult choices must be faced, including the reduction of Masses. Clergy meetings over the past year have discussed several responses to the reality of fewer priests in the Diocese of Cloyne, including the renewed promotion of vocations and the sharing of responsibilities between the priests of adjoining parishes. The evolving situation presents as many opportunities as it does challenges. Having fewer but better prepared Masses, that bring together a greater number of the local faith community, can make a more authentic celebration of the Day of the Lord.

**THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** will hold a **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** in **Garryvoe Hotel** from **12noon – 3.30p.m. this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December.** Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need. One Donation can save up to 3 Lives. Full details of all clinics and on Giving Blood can be found on [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or by telephoning 021 4807400 or [1850 731 137](tel:1850731137).

**THE 2019 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** are available in the sacristy after mass.  
Price €3.

2019 CALENDARS are available at the back of the church.

**CLOYNE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on the following dates in 2019 From Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> until Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. We are now inviting applications from people who wish to be considered for a place as an Assisted Pilgrim staying in the ACCUIL. For further information please contact Donie Cahill at [0872626904](tel:0872626904)

*WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HOLY NEW YEAR*