

21ST DECEMBER 2025

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THE FOLLOWING ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

20th December: 7pm

† The Brady Family, Bank St.

21st December: Clonmore 9am:

† Elizabeth, Patrick & Thomas Meade, Dareens.

† Larry, Josie & Pat Egan, Cowpark.

† Maurice O' Shea & Denis Walsh.

Templemore 10.30am.

† Josephine Bourke.

† Mary Quinn, Shanakill.

† Michael O'Reilly, Moylough, Co. Galway, brother of the Late Paddy O'Reilly.

24th December: Templemore 6pm

† The Flynn Family.

† Tony Maher, Main St.

25th December: 10.30am:

† Breda Maher.

27th December: 7pm:

† Sean & Elizabeth McCarthy, Park View.

28th December: Clonmore 9am:

† Patrick Clarke, Clonboo.

Templemore 10.30am:

† Seamus & Sheila Ryan, The Abbey.

We remember those who died recently:

† Margaret Bond (nee Ryan), Newport & Late of Clonmore. † JJ Morrissey, Toomevara & Late of Templemore † Rody Cawley, Richmond. † Anne Marie Fogarty (nee Holland), Nenagh, The Ragg & Templemore. † Phina Kavanagh (nee Maher), Mountrath and late of Clonmore.

MISSALETES – You are asked to take the newsletter home with you. Please do not leave it scattered on the seats after Mass.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAM – for December Niamh Duggan & Tom Hyland. Grateful thanks to all members of the parish funeral team for their ministry and service.

PARISH LOTTO DRAW – 15th Dec 2025 – Jackpot €18,300. Numbers Drawn: 7, 8, 27, 32. No Jackpot winner. 3 Lucky Dip Winners: Mary Nolan, Anne Marie Kelly, Dromard, Helen Rhatigan. Next week's jackpot €18,450. Lotto available online. For details contact parish office. Thank you for your support.

PARISH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS FOR 2026 – Thanks to all who have distributed the parish calendars and envelopes for 2026. It is much appreciated.



Christmas Masses 2025:

Christmas Eve (Wed – 24th Dec):

6pm Sacred Heart Church, Templemore

7pm Killea

8pm Clonmore

Christmas Day (Thurs – 25th Dec):

9am Clonmore,

10.30am Sacred Heart Church

12Noon Killea.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Carol Service – 21st Dec @ 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 22nd Dec @ 7 -8.30pm

Blessing of Memorial Tree (Grey's Funeral Home) – 21st Dec @ 5pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – Last weekend €2,385.

Donations can be made online @ www.cashel-emly.ie/donate. Select Templemore, Clonmore & Killea & follow the required steps. We thank all who support & give so generously to our parish.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS – ON SALE NOW in the Parish Office, this year some of our Christmas Cards & Mass Bouquets, have an image of the crib in our three churches – Sacred Heart Church, Templemore, St. Anne's Church, Clonmore & St. James' Church, Killea.

WINTER WARMING SOMATICS & YOGA

NIDRA – with brunch €35 Sat Jan 3rd, McAuley centre, Text Kelly to book 086 1778369 limited numbers.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS –

Office closed on Wed 24th Dec & will reopen Mon 29th Dec @ 9.30am.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE – www.templemoreparish.ie is in place – inclusive of Clonmore and Killea. This will have a reach out to all parishioners and all associated with the parish at home and abroad – giving all the parish and community information required, spiritual, sacramental, pastoral and weekly bulletin. The various church collections throughout the year can be paid online on the parish website.

4th Sunday in Advent



Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love

Loving God,

As we light the fourth candle of Advent, we remember that You are the source of perfect love. In a world often marked by division and fear, let Your love shine through us—gentle, patient, and kind. May our hearts be open to receive the gift of Your Son, and may we reflect His compassion in our words and actions. Fill our homes with peace, our relationships with grace, and our communities with understanding. Teach us to love not only those who are easy to love, but also those who challenge us, so that Your light may reach every corner of the earth. We await the coming of Christ with hope, joy, peace, and love, trusting that in Him, all things are made new.

Amen.

GIVE HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS WITH DOUBLE

THE LOVE – Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. One meal costs just 11 cents. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th Jan 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CLONMORE ROSARY – The rosary in Clonmore on Tuesday night has concluded we thank those who have attended during November and December.

THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER – is in circulation since 1888 – one of the longest religious periodicals to date. It has 21,000 subscribers. Most parishes have promoters – the ? of the Messenger in the articles are short and they cover every strata of life – the Messenger is food to nourish the mind, heart and soul. If you wish to be a promoter contact Elizabeth Foley – 087 2309219 or email e.foley@messenger.ie. One year subscription for the monthly Messenger is €45. The Parish office can be a promoter of it – give your name and subscription to Tracey to receive it each month.



PARISH FOLK GROUP – Appreciation to all associated with the church Christmas Concert – for the good will of so many, to all the musicians & singers of the Folkgroup and Out the Road. A joyful and happy celebration. Thanks to all who supported it on the night

CAROL SERVICE – Sun 21st Dec at 7pm. St. Joseph's & St. Colmcille's Schools, Parish Choir & Folk Group & Pipe Band. It will be an opportunity to celebrate with Christmas Carols & true meaning of the Holy Season in Parish Church.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF JOY AND PEACE

Heavenly Father,

On this holy day, we pause to remember the gift of Your Son, the light that broke through the darkness, and the hope that still shines in our hearts.

Fill our homes with peace,
our tables with gratitude,
and our lives with kindness toward one another.

May the joy of Christ's birth inspire us to love more deeply, forgive more freely, and give more generously.

Bless our families, friends, and all who are in need tonight. Let Your love be the melody of our celebrations and the reason for our joy.

In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.



WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE RETURNED HOME FOR CHRISTMAS TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT TRAVEL TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AT THIS TIME. GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, SUPPORT & PRAYERS. NOLLAIG SHONA.
FRS. CONOR, FRANCIS & DOMINIC.