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FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY 15th December 2019

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Death ~ Mrs Joan McCleary died on Sunday 8th Dec. Her funeral took place on Friday in Roselawn Crematorium. Please remember her husband Stanley and sons Stephen and Simon in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.



ADVENT - the conductor raises his baton, the choir takes a collective breath - Amy Scott Robinson.



TODAY ~ GIFT DAY SERVICE

Thanks to all the children and everyone who donated presents to the NSPCC Christmas Toy Appeal



The Gift of Giving



PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS ON SUNDAY 22nd & 29th. Will resume on Sun 5th Jan

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Diary Dates

SERVICES IN FIRST OMAGH DURING DECEMBER

Diary Dates

Sun 22 Dec ~ All Age Service. Christmas Unwrapped. (See reverse for more details)

Sun 22 Dec at 7pm ~ Carol Service in First Omagh, with our friends from Mayne Methodist. Festive supper after the service in the Rowan Hall.

Carol Service

Wed 25 Dec at 11am * ~ In First Omagh with our friends from Trinity and Gillygooley.

Sun 29 Dec 11:30 ~ Morning worship.

Bottles of water are available in the church porches should anyone be in need of a drink of water, at any time, during the service.



Prayer Chain ~ Contact Isobel: 07789 424606 if you have a confidential request for yourself or for someone else. (with their permission)

Weekly Prayer Topics:

World ~ Chris and Rachel Humphries – in Portugal. Give thanks for their continued progress with language study and pray that they will enjoy their first Christmas in Portugal and be enabled to point people to Jesus as they partner with Comunidade Predras Vivas in discipleship groups and youth ministry.

Church ~ Tritonville Close. Pray for Richard Zipser, manager, for wisdom and guidance in caring for the residents in this sheltered accommodation for older people in Sandymount Dublin. Pray for all those involved in the daily lunch club and give thanks for the good relationships between staff and residents.

Congregation ~ Christmas Services. Pray for JIGSAW and BLAST and for John and the Church Choir as they prepare for the special Christmas services next Sunday. Pray that the whole church family will enjoy the all age service next Sunday morning and that many people will come to the Carol Service in the evening as we celebrate together the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Community ~ General Election. Pray that as a new government is formed following the General Election that those in positions of power will act in the best interests of the country as a whole. Pray for local parties as they are due to be engaged in a process to restore devolution.

CLOTHES COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

CONTACT EDWIN JOHNSTON (079 2001 6573) OR BASIL VIRTUE (077 1009 3564) IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO DONATE

CD RECORDINGS OF RECENT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE

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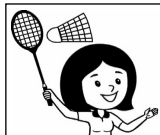
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Pastoral Care: If you or your family have any pastoral care needs please contact Rev. Nelson.

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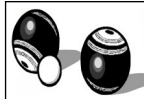
Craft Class ~ Finished for Christmas. Re-commences Monday 13th January 2020



Senior Badminton Monday 16th December at 8.00pm.
Ladies - Tues 17th Dec 10.00am.



Boys' Brigade Now finished for Christmas. Will re-start on Tuesday 7th January 2020.



Bowls Wed 18th Dec 7.30pm in Rowan Hall.



Youth Fellowship will go together to **Carol Service** on **Sunday 22nd December at 7.00pm**. For young people Y8-11. Will begin again on Sunday 12th January 2020. Contact Emma Fleming via Tel: 07378 721312.



World Development Appeal contributions are now due. Please use the Blue envelope in the back of the FWO pack. Payments can be made until the end of Dec.

Next Sunday 22 Dec 11.30am

JOIN US FOR OUR



Christmas UNWRAPPED *Uncovering the true meaning of Christmas*



Come celebrate CHRISTMAS DAY with us!

Rejoice
A SAVIOUR
is BORN

**Wed
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In First Omagh at 11.00am
With our friends from Trinity & Gillygooley

All Welcome

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**In First Omagh
with our friends
from Mayne Methodist**

*Special music
from our choir*

Festive supper after the service in Rowan Hall

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