**Parish Office / Presbytery: Duagh 068 45102 Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm Email:** **duagh@dioceseofkerry.ie** **Parish Moderator:**

**Fr. Declan O’Connor 068 21188 - Fr. Jack O’Donnell: 087 1027961**

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***DUAGH / LYRE PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th December 2023**

**MASSES IN ST BRIGID’S CHURCH DUAGH**

**Sunday 24th December @ 11:30 am and**

**Sunday 24th December @ 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Monday 25th December @ 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass**

**Tuesday 26th December @ 10:00 am.**

**Sunday 31st December @ 11:30 am**

***MÍLE BUÍOCHAS – HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR***

***2023*** has once again been a challenging year as we continue to live in a world faced with climate change, the Ukrainian war and more recently all the problems of the Middle East. I wish to thank all of you who keep our great ***Parish of Duagh / Lyre*** going. A special thanks to ***Fr. Jack & Fr. Tom*** & the priests of Listowel Pastoral Area who are all always so obliging and generous with their time, help and support. A special thanks to all our ***Volunteers***. I wish to thank - ***Caroline*** (our Parish *Secretary & the Duagh Family Resource Centre*), ***Teddy*** (*Duagh Sacristan*) and ***Mick*** (*Lyre Sacristan*). I’m conscious that there many others who on a voluntary capacity give their time, talents & support so generously - in so many ways throughout the year. From our ***Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, both Liturgy Groups, Safeguarding Children Committee***. All the various ministries such as **Choirs, Collectors, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, our Cleaners & Altar Society in each church**. A special thanks to ***Jimmy Relihan*** who does such a wonderful job in the church grounds in Duagh & ***Mick*** in Lyre - quietly, professionally & without ever drawing notice to themselves. You do a mighty job. You have been fabulous. A sincere ‘***Thank You’*** to everyone who helps in any way. If I have forgotten anybody, please accept my apologies. Also, thanks to all of you who support your Parish and your priests financially. While we live in challenging times, we need each other. It is up to each one of us to do our best for our Parish through our support and encouragement. Can I wish each and every one of you & your families members every grace & blessing for Christmas & 2024

***God Bless Fr. Declan (Parish Moderator)***

**MASSES IN SACRED HEART CHURCH LYREACROMPANE**

**Sunday 24th December @ 10:00 am and**

**Sunday 24th December @ 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Sunday 31st December @ 10:00 am**

**RECENT DEATHS:** Thomas (Tommy) McNamara, Toor, Duagh

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY:** Fr Brendan Carmody 087 9601549

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**Fr. Declan 087-0908949 ***(emergency only)***

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** which help to support your priests is taken up as the ***SECOND COLLECTION*** after Holy Communion at our Christmas masses throughout the Diocese this weekend. If you have not already done so, you may use the special envelope in your envelope box or the loose envelope at the back of the church or anyway you choose. Just trop into the plate as the baskets are passed around after Holy Communion or into the Parish Office at any time. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. Many Thanks

**DUAGH LIVE CRIB AND MEMORY ROOM:** You are invited to come along and visit the Live Crib and see the animals. Experience the Memory Room and reminisce as you see old photos, familiar faces, and community occasions. **Open Daily from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm.** Thanks to Duagh Tidy Towns Committee.

**SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS:** Will be taking place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry Parishes.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND IN THE PARISH:** Should anybody require a priest to call to the Sick or Housebound at their home for Christmas feel free to contact Fr. Jack at 087-1027961 or contact Fr. Declan in Listowel at 068-21188. Either one is only too happy to call to you.

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** Duagh raised **€703.10**. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS:** Duagh Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday January 2nd @ 10:00 am.