

**OUR LADY & ST. JARLATH, LAVALLY CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, CORTOON****SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH 2024 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

*"Tuam Parish is a Catholic Christian community inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ.  
We want to celebrate God's love for everyone through our words and actions."*

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**Happy New Year**

**Wishing you a Happy New Year and  
God's blessing and protection  
during 2025**

**Months Mind Mass**

**Saturday January 11th 6.00 p.m.**

*Nora Ryan, Waterslade Place & Shop Street.*

**Sunday January 12th 10.30 a.m.**

*Dominic Quinn, Galway & Athenry Road.*

**Epiphany, Little Christmas,  
Lá Nollaig na mBan,  
January 6th -  
marks the arrival of the Magi.**

**Mass times:**

Cathedral :10.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Monday 6th

Our Lady & St. Jarlath, Lavally: 10.00 a.m. Monday 6th

**Monthly Visits** - Fr. Pat and Fr Mark will attend to their monthly visits this week. Fr. Pat will do his calls on Thursday 2nd January at the usual time.

**Christmas Offerings** - The Archbishop and priests of the parish thank all those who contributed so generously to the Christmas collection. Offerings can be placed in the box in the Offertory Collection or dropped through the letterbox in the Presbytery on Dublin Road.

**Thank You** - As 2024 draws to a close we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all parishioners for the generosity and support you provide at all times. Thank you to all those who give so generously of their time and expertise for the benefit of the parish and our liturgical celebrations - those who serve on the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Cortoon and Lavally Church Groups, Sacristans, Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, all involved in Music Ministry, Envelope Distributors, Counters and altar servers. As the year draws to a close and another begins, we want to register our appreciation to all who share in the life and mission of our Parish.

**Mass Cards** - During the month of December €1,890 was received for Mass Cards signed at the Parish Office. These offerings, together with the intentions have been forwarded for the celebration of individual Masses as requested. Mass cards signed by Fr Pat and Fr Mark are available from the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a good and relaxing Christmas. Thank you to all who helped celebrate our Christmas liturgies in the Cathedral, Cortoon & Lavally. It was encouraging to see so many people in attendance. I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

On New Year's Day, Archbishop Francis will launch the Jubilee Year of Hope for the Archdiocese of Tuam at the Midday Mass in the Cathedral.

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St. Peter's on Christmas Eve., marking the start of the Jubilee Year. This Door remains sealed between the Jubilees, which occur every twenty-five years.

In his homily, Pope Francis said: "Brothers and sisters, with the opening of the Holy Door, we have inaugurated a new Jubilee, and each of us can enter into the mystery of this extraordinary event. Tonight, the Door of hope has opened wide to the world."

In the Old Testament, a Jubilee takes place every fifty years. The Jubilee lasted the whole year and was an opportunity for God's people to review their activities and relationships in the light of God's call.

Today, in the Catholic Church, we celebrate a jubilee year every twenty-five years. The year is a time of reconciliation with God and receiving his favour and blessing.

The Holy Year is an invitation to reassess our lives and activities in the light of Jesus' calling and to redirect them in more fruitful ways.

The Jubilee will continue until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th, 2026.

*"...and Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5*

**Fr. Pat Farragher Adm.**

**Weekend Masses Cathedral:** Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 p.m. Sunday: 8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.

**Our Lady & St. Jarlath, Lavally:** Saturday 8.00 p.m. **St. Patrick's Cortoon:** Sunday 11.00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses Cathedral:** Monday-Saturday: 10.00 a.m. **Holydays:** As announced.

**Confessions:** **Cathedral** - Saturday 12 noon -1.00 p.m. or by appointment.

**Baptisms:** **Cathedral** - Sundays 11.15 a.m. **Book at Parish Office** - *Minimum of two weeks notice.*

**Baptisms:** **Cortoon** - Sundays after 11.00 a.m. Mass. **Lavally:** **Book at Parish Office**.

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Lunch 1 p.m.-2 p.m.), Friday 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel Opening Hours:** Monday-Saturday 10.30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 2-6 p.m.

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| <b>Ministers</b>    | <b>Lavally 4th Jan.</b> | <b>Cortoon 5th Jan.</b> |
| <b>Readers:</b>     | Kathleen Lowry          | Jackie Warde            |
| <b>Eucharistic:</b> | Pamela Murray           | Margaret Fleming        |

**Masses Commencing Monday 30th December 2024**

**Monday 30th**

10.00 a.m. Peter & Bridget Flanagan, Gurteen, Dunmore & their granddaughter Freda Flanagan, Galway Road. Josephine Cleary, Fairgreen Heights. Mary Reilly, Tirboy. Martin (Dick) Nohilly, Dublin Road.

**Tuesday 31st**

10.00 a.m. Patricia McHugh, Cloonfush & her daughter-in-law Caroline & deceased of the Forrestal & McHugh families.

**Wednesday 1st**

12.00 Noon Bartley & Annie Igoe, Demesne & deceased of the family. Deceased of the Gilmore & Hogan families, Cortoonroe.

**Thursday 2nd**

10.00 a.m. **Friday 3rd**

10.00 a.m. D. J. Wilson, Bishop Street & deceased of the family. Rose Ward, Cloonthue Road.

**Saturday 4th**

10.00 a.m. Christy Martyn, Aughloria. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Tom, Peggy & Vincent Coll, Ballinlough. Kathleen & Hubert McGrath, Kilcloghans & their son Jimmy. Bridie Madden, Elm Court, Killaloonty. Mary, Peter & Pat Mullins, Cortoon. Annie & Thomas Boyle, Galway. Josephine & Damien O'Connor, Kilmore & deceased of the O'Connor & McCann families.

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**Pope's Francis' Intention for January 2025  
For the right to an education**

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

**Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Tuam Parish Office:**

Re-opens on Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 9.00 am.

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel:**

Re-opens on Monday 6th January 2025 at 10.30 am.