

Parish Christmas Message

Merry Christmas!

Our hearts are broken that stymied our joyful spirit. Our anticipation celebrating Christmas next year and the coming years will be different; we are losing something that's so close to our heart, one's community church. We hark back the years where it occurred such as: weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funeral services and other celebrations. It was during these occasions that we were beaming with joy and thanksgiving and the same time a place for solace and consolation. The place of refuge where we cry to God for help and grace. The place we feel home to worship Him and offer our prayers and sacrifices. We reminisce the garden parties, the fund-raisings and the financial support to maintain it. The community church is already part of our being.

Now the church we hold dear is taken away from us. We are lost; we are grieving and angry. Is there still a Merry Christmas in our hearts?

Yes, there is, but it must be willed and our trust in God not wanes!

First, we hold on to our faith, Jesus is with us; He is Emmanuel. Jesus is with us in our health and illness, joys and sorrows, well-being, and suffering.

Second, we truly celebrate Christmas if there is reconciliation, forgiveness, patience, meekness, joy, peace and love within our family and communities.

Finally, our Blessed Mother did not fully understand God's ways, but she pondered all these things in her heart. We also may not comprehend God's ways, but like our Blessed Mother let us strengthen our prayer life through meditation and the Word of God and by our service to other one another. Only then we could truly celebrate Merry Christmas and understand what Christmas really means.

On behalf of Fr. Charlie Kelly and Fr. Jerome Hann, may the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Fr. Jose



The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
December 25, 2022



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Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Placentia – Deceased members of Barnett & Ennis Family

Bulletin

In loving Memory of

Pomroy & Byrd Family

**Schedule for Week of
December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023**

New Year's Eve

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Fox Harbour Int: John McGrath, Alphonsus Spurvey, John Whiffen
Minister of the Word: Gerard Kelly

Sat. 7:00 p.m. Placentia Int: Mary & Jim Ryan, Rita Power, Eddie Greene,
Penney Nobels, Derrick Lewis

Minister of the Word: Donna Lambe

New Year's Day

Sat. 9:30 a.m. Freshwater Int: Parish Intentions

Minister of the Word: Dominique Viscount

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Healey

New Year's Day

Sun. 11:00 a.m. Dunville Int: Aloysius & Annie Bishop, Nellie Murphy,
Florence Barry

Minister of the Word: Jerome McGrath

Eucharistic Minister: Dianne Cheeseman

Sun. 11:15 a.m. Ship Harbour Int: Patrick, Mary & Donald Griffiths, Matthew Griffin,
Mary Murphy

Minister of the Word: Cathy Griffiths

**Schedule for Week of
January 2 – 8, 2023**

Sat. 7:00 p.m. Freshwater Int: Sr. Patricia Maher, Evelyn Maher, Mary Maher,
Linda King, Gerry Lewis, John McGrath,
Marcellus & Lucy Maher & deceased members of
Family members

Minister of the Word: Kathleen Maher

Eucharistic Minister: Wayne Power Jr.

Sun. 9:30 a.m. Dunville Int: Angela Pomroy & deceased members of Byrd &
Pomroy Families, Ambrose Denty, David O'Keefe

Minister of the Word: Linda Walsh

Eucharistic Minister: Anne Marie McGrath

Sun. 11:15 a.m. Dunville Int: Parish Intentions

Minister of the Word: Joan Meaney

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Meaney

**Our Parish Weekend Mass Schedule
Beginning, January 7, 2023**

Saturday Freshwater 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Dunville 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Dunville 11:15 a.m.

Collections

	Offering	Dues	Church Main.	Advent Env.	Christmas	Other
Placentia	\$1815.50	\$75.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	
Freshwater	\$ 40.00					
Dunville	\$ 536.85	\$30.00	\$65.00	\$140.00	\$20.00	
Fox Harbour	\$ 30.00					
Ship Harbour	\$ 337.55	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 5.00	\$5.00

Parish Office – Dunville

Please note that the Parish Office in Dunville will open on January 9th. The Parish Office will still be run remotely the first week of January (January 3 – 6). The Administrative Assistant still can be reached by calling 227-2174 or email: ourladyofangelsparish@gmail.com

Church Envelopes - 2023: These are available at the back of each Church.

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course. The next course is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John's

Couples can register using the following link:

[Marriage Preparation Registration - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://MarriagePreparationRegistration-RomanCatholicArchdioceseofStJohns.org).

Fundraiser – 50/50 Draw:

Tickets for the month of December are now for sale. You can call the Parish number to arrange for pick up or you can e-transfer: olapgrandinyourhand@gmail.com. Tickets \$10 each.

Thank you to all those who continue to support this fundraiser.