

Priors Corner 13

Servite Priory, Main Street, Benburb, Co. Tyrone, BT71 7JZ

Christmas 2019

As one grows older one realises how quick times passes. It seems no time since we were preparing for Christmas 2018 and here we are on the doorstep of Christmas 2019.

The mad rush has started. Car Parks full, trolleys likewise as we stock up on food and gifts, and we cant forget the internet traffic as we do our shopping on line.

We must be careful, though, not to forget what we are celebrating. We have started our Advent journey—a time of waiting—waiting with expectation. But expectation of what?

Is it not more time of remembering? Christ has come. God has spoken His ultimate word of Love. We are not being asked to wait until tomorrow to make real The Gospel in our lives. We are being asked to do it in the here and now.

From the Servite Community may we wish you all a lovefilled Happy Christmas.

MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. PEREGRINE

(Healing Mass for those suffering from cancer)

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month

At 8:00p.m.

Sacrament of reconciliation celebrated before the celebration of Eucharist

Nan's Stew night

Thank you to Nan Early and the Eglish Open Door Club for a wonderful "Stew Evening" held on 1st November 2019. It was very well attended and raised her target amount to replace the industrial dishwasher in the Priory.

Thank you to all Nan's stalwart workers—well done.

Thank you to all who supported the event . We are always moved by the great generosity of our friends, families and benefactors. We will remember you all in our prayers at the Priory.

A special thanks to Sean Jordan for his great help in this endeavour.

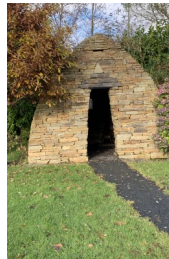
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A VISIT TO IOSAS CENTRE

On Friday 15 November a group from Benburb Centre and Priory visited the IOSAS centre in Muff, Co Donegal.

The purpose of the visit, funded by MUDC, was to see how a modern-day monastic lay community works. The centre forms a part of a wider group which includes an organic farm, a prayer/meditation garden, rehab centre and accommodation for guests in the form of small houses. They also have a coffee shop/drop in centre, gift shop and kitchen to cater for those who visit. IOSAS is a place of peace, reflection and detox.

We were all made welcome with a tour of what the centre has to offer in a very relaxed location.

Part of the visit was with a view to reflecting on a possible "twinning" with Benburb—even though the two are very different.

A thank you to all who arranged the successful visit—library committee, Mid Ulster Council and the staff of the Centre

Prayer around the crib

On Monday the 10th December the community held a carol service around the crib in the Priory car park.

The weather was awful and a small group of staff and benefactors joined in the scripture readings and singing.

Light refreshments were shared afterwards in the main dining room



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Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Benburb Annual Christmas Bazaar took place on 2 December following the 1st Monday St Peregrine Mass. It was a very enjoyable event with numbers attending increased from last year. All seemed to have a very good time.

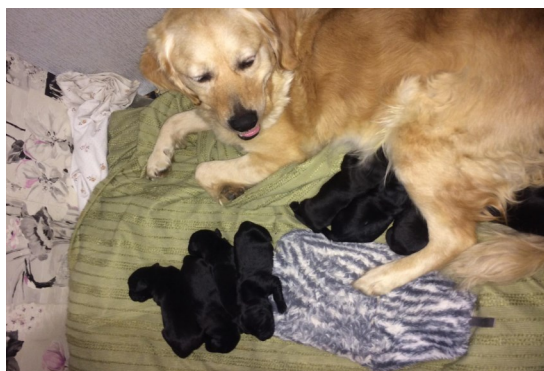
There were the usual bottle stall, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations, cake stall and the wheel of fortune.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part—those of you who attended and donated so generously as you do each and every year, those who donated the gifts and presents for the night, those who worked so hard and diligently in preparing the hall and on the night. Thanks in a very special way to The Friends Of Benburb who work so hard throughout the year to support us and make all possible for us to serve the community.

A very sincere thank you and we wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May 2020 be a very blessed one for all.

A PRIEST IS ON DUTY

Monday	10:00—12:30
Tuesday to Thursday	10:00 - 12:30 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.—12:30
Saturday	10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



Pepper (the Priory dog) and her pups

If you wish to keep up-to-date with what's happening at the Priory please keep visiting our Facebook Page and our web site.

If you would like your name to be added to our mailing list please send your name and address to:

Fr Gabriel OSM, Servite Priory, 10 Main Street, Benburb, Co. Tyrone BT71 7JZ

we will endeavour to send you copies of our literature.

Correspondence in relation to St. Peregrine should continue to be sent to Fr. Sean OSM at the same address.

Enquiries about booking the Priory for retreats, groups, meetings etc can be made by phoning the Priory on 02837548241.

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.

Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday	9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday	when a priest is available
Sunday	2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.