

Masses this week all at 10am

Muff on Monday Wednesday and Thursday

Iskaheen on Tuesday Friday and Saturday

Drung from Tuesday to Saturday.

Exposition in Muff today, Sunday at 4.00pm. **Confessions** 4 – 5pm

Reconciliation and Healing Service from 5 – 6pm

Sick round. Fr. Farren will attend the sick on Tuesday.

Christmas in Iskaheen, Muff and Drung. Preparations have begun in all parishes for the celebration of Christmas. Celebrations will be very different this year. We in Inishowen have to be particularly careful as our Covid numbers are 6 times the national average. We have to try to celebrate Christmas in a safe way for the sake of us all. This is true for our liturgical celebrations too. We thank our stewards and cleaners who ensure that our churches are as safe as we can make them where people can confidently come together. Their task is not an easy one. We ask everyone to cooperate fully with them.

Every year we need to remind ourselves that Christ is at the centre of Christmas and maybe particularly this year as it will not be possible for our usual large congregations to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Church leaders remind us that there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays during the pandemic.

People can attend Christmas Masses in our parish from the Vigils Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Advent [19th\20th December] until 06th January 2021. All these Masses will be streamed on webcam and we encourage families to tune in from 'the domestic churches of their living rooms'. Creating a quiet place, as a sacred space, with a lit candle or a crib at the centre can be an aid in helping us to pray. As the Irish bishops say 'our homes can become little churches where we invite the Christ child in'.

They also write 'Although it may not be possible for all who wish to go to Confession to safely avail of the Sacrament we encourage people to place their trust in God's mercy through an act of perfect contrition.'

Numbers permitted in all our churches are limited for all Masses.

In **Muff** we can have 2 pods of 50, with members of a household allowed to sit together. If all come from single member households we can fit 56 into the Sacred Heart, Muff.

In **Drung** the maximum is 50. If all come from single member households we can take 36.

In **Iskaheen** the maximum is again 50, with 26 allowed if everyone arrives as a one member household.

As all Masses are likely to be a mixture of multi member and single member households the numbers we will be able to accommodate is likely to be below the maximum number allowed.

Masses next weekend, 04th Sunday of Advent will be as usual. Vigil Mass in Muff on Saturday at 6.30pm. Vigil Mass in Drung at 8.00pm. On Sunday Masses are in Iskaheen at 9.00am, in Drung at 10.15 am and in Muff at 11.30am.

On **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, and Wednesday 23rd** December Masses will be in **Drung** at 10.00am and 6.00pm. Masses will be in **Iskaheen** at 10.00am and in **Muff** at 7.00pm.

Christmas Eve. Masses in Iskaheen at 9.00am and 8.00pm. Masses in Muff at 11.00am and 6.00pm. Masses in Drung at 10.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

Christmas Day Masses are in Iskaheen at 9.00am, Drung at 10.15am and in Muff at 11.00am

At all Masses in our churches when we have reached our maximum number the stewards will ensure that the outside speakers are on and that at Communion time Eucharistic Ministers will go to Church porches to distribute Holy Communion. Please cooperate fully with our stewards.

Exposition in Muff on Sunday 20th from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. **Confessions** during Exposition from 4.00pm to 5.00pm **Holy Hour** \ **Carol Service** from 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Confessions will be available after all Masses up to Christmas Eve

No Confessions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

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