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First Sunday of Advent The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await, steady and without blame, the day of his coming. We are warned against complacency, taking God's gifts for granted. Our God is watching over us; he is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

Mass intentions this week

Castleconnell **6.30pm** **28th Nov**
Daniel Goralski (1st Ann), Stephen, Nellie & Martin Ryan, Stradbally, (Ann).

Castleconnell **11.30am** **29th Nov**
John Conroy (Ann), Deceased members of the Meaney Family, Castleconnell, Jimmy Coffey (Ann).

Mass intentions next week

Montpelier **7.00 pm** **4th Dec**
The Hough Family (Montpelier)

Castleconnell **6.30pm** **5th Dec**
Catherine Barry, Woodpark, (Ann).

Ahane **10.00am** **6th Dec**
Mary Collins (Ann).

Castleconnell **11.30am** **6th Dec**
Deceased members of the Travers Family.

Community Led Liturgy Every Monday, led by the Pastoral Council. All are welcome.

Padre Pio Devotion this Thurs, 3rd December, from 10.00 – 10.30 followed by ***Eucharistic Adoration*** until 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours. Anyone wishing to access the Padre Pio Glove can arrange to do so by contacting 087-6375792.

Pray for the repose of the souls of Rene Hickey, Castleconnell, Kate Seery, Belmont and Australia, and Kate Childs, formally of Castleconnell, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Masses from St. Joseph's Church Castleconnell are being streamed for live viewing on our Webcam @ www.castleconnellparish.ie. Mass can also be heard on Radio 106.3fm.

Money Matters Offertory collection €1,350. Many thanks for your on-going generosity.



The Popes Intentions – November *For the proper use of wealth*
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Care of the Aged: The Care of the Aged committee invite you to the Annual Christmas Party with Mass in the Castleoaks Hotel on Sunday the 6th Dec @ 2 pm. The cost is €10 per person for dinner and music. All monies must be paid by 29th of November to any committee member or to George Lee in the shop.

Christmas Raffle – Donations Welcome We are holding a Christmas Raffle in aid of the Roof Fund and are kindly asking for prizes for our raffle. Any contribution, big or small, would be very gratefully received. Your generosity will help us raise much-needed funds towards the Roof Restoration project. Thank you for your continued kindness, generosity and support. All donations to the Parish Office please.

Raise the Roof – A Celebration of Christmas Classics Featuring the Rolling Tones Rock Choir, with special guests. Join us for an unforgettable evening of festive music and community spirit on Sunday, 13th December at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Castleconnell. Ticket Prices: €20 Adult, €10 Child, €50 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) Come along and help us Raise the Roof as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together! All proceeds to the Roof Restoration project. Tickets available from the Parish Office or Shannon Stores.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to support their Christmas Appeal in the coming days and weeks. A representative of our local society will speak at our masses on the weekend of Dec 12th. A retiring collection will be taken up on the day. All support will remain local and will be much appreciated.

Prayer of Blessing for an Advent Wreath
Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen

