

# Parish of St. Mary's

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### First Sunday of Advent - December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

**This Weekend: December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7.00p.m** Frank Keenan, his daughters Margo & Patricia Keenan, Barne, and Pat & Noel Clyne, Barney.

**10.00a.m** Mickey Hussey (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) and his daughter Deirdre.

**12noon** Patrick & Marcelline Flood and deceased members of the Flood family.

Thurs Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. John Rawle, Longfield

Fri Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. Jenny and Dan Duffy,  
Rhenny.

**Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Redmond, John, Gertrude and Gladys Barry**

**Next Weekend: December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00p.m** Patrick Brady, Longfield.

**10.00a.m** Paddy & Kitty Dempsey and deceased members of the family, Bracklin Road.

**12 noon** - Bernie & Sheila McGuinness, Devine Crescent.  
-Richard & Nellie Tuite (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rememberance).

**The Manor - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Owen Gilchrist and deceased members of the family and John & Teresa Cannine, Tinnare.**

**Offertory Collection: €1,215.00 - sincere thanks.**

**DEATHS:** Please pray for **Sean Doyle**, Ringowney. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. **Requiescat in Pace.**

**ST PAUL'S SUNDAY MISSAL 2018:** Readers may collect their copy in the Sacristy. There are some additional copies of the Missal for sale for €6.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING:** Wednesday 6th Dec at 11.00 a.m. Mass in Our Lady's Manor. All are welcome.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Dec 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Thurs 7th Dec @ 7.00 p.m. and Fri 8th Dec @ 10.00am. Also Mass on Fri 8th Dec @ 11.00 a.m. in the Manor.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL:** Collection will be taken up at Masses on Sat/Sun Dec 9th/10<sup>th</sup>.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018:** The World Meeting of the Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Preparing for this event and seeing it through will only be possible with the generous assistance of many volunteers. Further details on volunteering are available at the World Meeting website:

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/GetInvolved/Volunteer>

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 1pm to 5pm at St. Mary's Community Centre, Granard Road. Craft Stalls, Festive Music, Refreshments. Visit Santa in his Grotto (2-5pm), get a photo with Santa and a present.

**ABBEYSHRULE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** Sun 10th Dec 12-6pm at The Rustic Inn, Abbeyshrule. Lots of art, craft and food stalls. Face painting 12-2pm. Children's craft workshop 1.00 - 2.30 pm (€4/child, €10/family of 3 - please book by contacting Therese on 087 9280789 with names of children). Festive food all day. Santa & Mrs Claus arrive at 3.00pm with gifts (€4/child, €10/family of 3). Raffle proceeds going to local autism support group and youth club.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - Beginning again is an invitation to look in two directions. What happened for me in the last year, both in my ordinary life and my life as a believer, a person of faith? For what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward and the new beginning gives us a chance to start again on the Way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

**THE DEEP END: Keep Awake**

We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: 'Where do I see God being born around me today?' In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart?

Have a more 'aware' Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, be aware of your thoughts. By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us. Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be. INTERCOM

**READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER**

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Monica Coyle, Cathal McGirr.

**Sunday 10.00 a.m.:** Mark Reynolds, Anne Mulligan.

**Sunday 12 noon:** Kate Crossan, Dolores Courtney.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER**

**Saturday 7.00p.m:** Mairead Fulham, Marie Reilly, Kate O'Connor.

**Sunday 10.00 a.m:** Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell, Anna McGerr.

**Sunday 12 noon:** Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Angela Dockery.