

Parish of St. Mary's

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**Second Sunday of Advent -
December 10th 2017**

This Weekend: December 9th / 10th

7.00p.m Patrick Brady, Longfield.

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

12noon - Bernie & Sheila McGuinness, Devine Crescent.
- Richard & Nellie Tuite (100th Birthday Remembrance).

Manor - Owen Gilchrist and deceased family members.
- John and Teresa Canning, Tinnenare.
- Thomas Clabby.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Sat 16th Dec - Alex Kane (Month's Mind).

Next Weekend: December 16th / 17th

7.00p.m Michael & Mary Eivers, Bracklin.

10.00a.m - Deceased members of the Kelly family, Garryandrew.
- Bernard & Sheila McGuinness, Devine Crescent.

12 noon Kathleen & Richard Dempsey, Marian Avenue.

The Manor - Sunday 17th Dec. - Elizabeth O'Neill and deceased members of the Harper family.

Offertory Collection: €1,335.00 - sincere thanks.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL:

Collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Many people participate in the prayer of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish. The group have decided to take a Christmas break from Dec 14th until Jan 9th.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sun Dec 24th -
The Nativity of the Lord - Mass
at 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses - 10.00
a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

Our Lady's Manor - 11.00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

SERVICE will take place in
St. Mary's Church on Mon Dec
18th @ 7.30 p.m. A number of local priests will attend to
help us celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation in
preparation for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE - Presented by Pupils and Staff of St.
Mary's N.S. on Wed Dec 20th @ 7.00 p.m.



COUNTY LONGFORD SOCIAL SERVICES: Church Gate Collection is being held on Sat/Sun Dec 16th/17th.

CONGRATS TO EDGEWORTHSTOWN TRADERS and all associated with the festivities for the switching on of the Christmas Lights on Sunday evening last. It was a wonderful community celebration - compliments to all.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018:

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

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

CNOC MHIURE- GRANARD: Ring Christmas Bells The students and staff of Cnoc Mhuire proudly present 'Ring Christmas Bell', an evening of music song and verse in St. Mary's Church, on Tues 19th Dec. This professional production promises to be a festive treat for all the family. We are delighted to welcome Eileen Coyle- Professional Soprano and Lir Brass Quintet who will add greatly to the evening. Tickets available from the school office (043 6686231) or by emailing christmas@cnocmhuiregranard.ie

THE DEEP END: The beginning of the good news ... The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the whole of Judaea and 'all the people of Jerusalem' went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense for us? Who do we flock to hear?

Today we might also reflect on the messengers in our own lives. Who did God send to you while you were in your own wilderness? Perhaps they brought with them a moment of grace reassuring you that you would not be drifting aimlessly forever. Perhaps the evidence at that moment in your own life stated the contrary, yet these words of encouragement or comfort gave you reason to hope and to hang in there. These 'John the Baptists' are messengers of the light. They are all around us. Sometimes we are the ones called upon to be a messenger of light for someone else. The good news of the gospel today is that even in times of desolation there is a hope, a promise that urges us on. How we prepare for this journey determines our experience. See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you ...

Jane Mellett - 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.