

# Parish of St. Mary's

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### Third Sunday of Advent - December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

**This Weekend: December 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00p.m** Michael & Mary Eivers, Bracklin.

**10.00a.m** - Deceased members of the Kelly family, Garryandrew.

-Bernard & Sheila McGuinness, Devine Crescent.

**12noon** Kathleen & Richard Dempsey, Marian Avenue.

John Noonan (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Manor** Elizabeth O'Neill and deceased members of the Harper family.

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

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Residents of Our Lady's Manor.*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Henry & Kathleen Murray, Moatefarrell*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - John Bracken.*

**Next Weekend: December 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00p.m** Anthony & Kathleen O'Connor and son Tony and Mary O'Connor.

**10.00a.m** Irene Colgan (**Month's Mind**).

**Offertory Collection:** €1,625.00 - **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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> until Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup> -  
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  
18<sup>th</sup> @ 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 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.

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

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE**

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** 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: [http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/GetInvolved/Volunteer)

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### ADVENT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE 2017

As we approach Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ was born into a family; he was a son. He was brought up by Mary and Joseph and by his wider family and local community. Scripture records his connections with family and friends. Mary and Joseph looked after their son; they protected and kept him safe at a time when there were many threats. In our time, as a Church community, we look after and protect our young people and adults at risk. I thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our Priests for their valuable work in ensuring the safety of children and adults at risk in our Church related activities.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587).

**CNOC MUIRE- 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](mailto:christmas@cnocmhuiregranard.ie)

### **THE DEEP END: Light and Darkness**

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be a good opportunity to ask today: 'who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey'? Who testified to the Light of God and passed the torch on to you? We thank God for them.

Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church ... We become cynical and settle for mediocrity. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome.

*Michel de Verteuil/Jane Mellett*

### **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:** Maircad 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.