

Parish of St. Mary's

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24th 2017

This Weekend: December 23rd/24th

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

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

12noon No Intention

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 26th - Peter & Ellen McNally.

Wednesday 27th - Charlie, Nora & Helen Murphy, London & Kilbride Park.

Thursday 28th - Nellie & Peter Keane and the McCormack family.

- David Nolan, St. Patrick's Terrace.

Next Weekend: December 30th/31st

7.00p.m William Rooney, Barne.

10.00a.m Pat & Kathleen McLoughlin and deceased members of the family, Cranleymore.

12noon Michael Murphy, Mary Alice Murphy and Margaret Murphy, Curry.

The Manor - Sunday 31st Dec. - Noel Clyne, Barney (1st Anniv).

Offertory Collection: €1,520.00 - **sincere thanks.** Thank you for your support of the Offertory Collection throughout the year which meets the expenses of the parish. Thank you too for your contributions to the six Dues Collections which provide an income for your priest.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Elizbieta

Milczarek of Clover Well who died during the week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. **Requiescant 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.

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.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Marie Cassidy, Matt Farrell.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Siobhan Campbell, Sean Noonan.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donohoe, Gerard Greene.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Maura Coyle, Sr. Dymrna.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita O'Farrell.

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donohoe, Emma O'Reilly, Yvonne Tuite.

Christmas Message 2017

At Christmas we recall the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. A birth that would dramatically change the relationship between God and the human race. We remember that Jesus 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.

We think of our own family and we miss those who are not with us. At this time we are mindful of families that are vulnerable because of poverty, homelessness and exile. Next August the World Meeting of Families will take place in Ireland. Dublin was chosen by Pope Francis as the venue to host this important event. It will be a conversation about the value of family life; all are welcome to prepare and to participate. We hope that Pope Francis will be there and I hope that you will be able to come and to celebrate family.

I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful and full of hope, because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

THANK YOU - On this my first Christmas as parish priest in Edgeworthstown, I would like to express my gratitude to you the parishioners for your warm welcome to me on my arrival last September and in the time since then. I am settling in well into the local community and look forward to coming to know more and more people into the future. I thank all who play active roles in the parish community. My thanks to: Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir members and their leaders, servers, ushers, those who assist with collecting, counting and banking the Sunday collection, those who distribute boxes of envelopes, those who erected Advent Wreath and Crib, those who care for the Church by cleaning it and beautifying it with flowers, and those who assist behind the scenes in the Sacristy and to all who assist in any way - my sincere thanks to all - may God reward you for your generous contribution to the faith life of our parish. - Fr. Tom Healy

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).

STREETE PARISH PARK 5K Run/walk in aid of St. Christopher's Services takes place on Sun 7th Jan @ 2.00 p.m. No registration fees - donations welcome. All ages welcome. Refreshments and raffle on the day.