

Parish of St. Mary's

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31st 2017

This Weekend: December 30th/31st

- 7.00p.m** William Rooney, Barne
10.00a.m Pat and Kathleen McLoughlin and deceased family members, Cranleymore
12noon Michael Murphy, Mary Alice Murphy and Margaret Murphy, Curry

The Manor - Sunday 31st Dec. - Noel Clyne, Barney (10th Anniv).

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: January 6th/7th

- 7.00p.m** John Sweeney and Tom McCormack, Liscahill.
10.00a.m No Intention
12noon Ned, Marie and Olive O'Reilly, Cranley.

The Manor - Sunday 7th Jan - No Intention

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 24th - €1,495; Christmas Day - €2,480 - 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.

PARISH ENVELOPES - are being distributed around this time. Some extra boxes are available - if you would like to use one please contact us at the Sacristy or Parochial House.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for Joseph Reilly, Cam and formerly Aughafin who died during the week. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

BAPTISM - We welcomed Matthew Sean Pakalnis, Clover Well into our Christian community recently.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING: Wed 3rd Jan at 11.00 a.m. Mass in Our Lady's Manor. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: Jan 6th is a Holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Fri 5th Jan @ 7.00 p.m. and Sat 6th Jan @ 10.00am. Also Mass on Sat 6th Jan @ 11.00 a.m. in the Manor.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS - I will visit the sick and housebound of the parish on Fri Jan 5th.

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.

THANK YOU to the many people who assisted with our Christmas ceremonies - special thanks to all who provided music at all the weekend Masses.

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - This feast comes at Christmas, a time when families are thrown together more than usual. A sense of humour can help, as we as are all reminded of family resemblances, both physical and personal! A sense of gratitude too is not out of place - gratefulness to parents who always love us. A sense of service, when we make the extra effort to be helpful and kind, would be a real Christmas gift to all the family. A sense of belonging can help us experience the love, joy and refreshment of being part of this particular family.

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.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL - Luke 2:22-40

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.

3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person. - John Byrne osa

New Year Wishes:

*New journey, New beginning, same God
God desires daily commitments not yearly resolutions
May all your troubles be as short as your New Year's resolutions*

**Happy New Year and God's Blessings
to all Parishioners**

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. Dympna.

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

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