

# Parish of St. Mary's

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First Sunday of Advent - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2018

### This Weekend: December 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

7.00p.m. 1. Frank Keenan and daughters Margo and Patricia, Barne, & deceased members of the Clyne family.

2. Mickey Hussey, his daughter Deirdre and deceased members of the O'Hara family

10.00a.m. Deceased members of the Brennan family.

12noon John & Anne Nolan and deceased members of the Nolan family, Lacken.

First Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm: Elizabeth O'Neill (nee Harper) 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am: John Rawle, Longfield.

The Manor - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - No intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Redmond, John, Gertrude & Gladys Barry, Longford Town.

### Next Weekend: December 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>

7.00p.m 1. Michael & Mary Eivers.  
2. John & Teresa Canning, Tinenaire.  
3. Owen Gilchrist & deceased family members.

10.00a.m Jane & Daniel Duffy, Rhennyeny.

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,170.00 - sincere thanks.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Fri Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Evening Mass @ 7.00pm. The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Thurs Dec 13<sup>th</sup> & Fri Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ANointing OF THE SICK** - will be celebrated on Wed Dec 5<sup>th</sup> during 11.00 a.m. Mass.

**SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE FOR ADVENT 2018** - When he visited us Pope Francis spoke very movingly about the suffering and pain of those who were abused in our Church. "None of us can fail to be moved by the stories of young people who suffered abuse, were robbed of their innocence, were separated for their mothers, and were left scarred by painful memories. This open wound challenges us to be firm and decisive in the pursuit of truth and justice". He complimented the work of our Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Representatives and our priests and religious who "with the help of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Church in Ireland, ... have set in place a stringent set of norms aimed at ensuring the safety of young persons". I thank all who keep these standards to the forefront of our Church activities. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to making our Church as safe as possible for children.

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 Doherty (087-7057516) - Bishop Francis Duffy.

### DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin a new liturgical year and the season of Advent, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel of the need to be awake and watchful for His coming at the end of time. He compares himself to the head of the house that travels far away. He places his servants in charge of the estate, each with his or her own job, with the admonition, "Stay awake"

*When you are watchful, where do you find God in your everyday life?*

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa.

### DEC 8<sup>th</sup> - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

is a Holyday - Mass on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 pm; Sat 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00 am and Our Lady's Manor @ 11.00 am.

### SANTA & CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Xmas Craft Fair will take place in Edgeworthstown Community Centre, Granard Road, on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. We are still taking bookings for anyone interested in booking a stall for the Craft Fair. Also, visit Santa in his Grotto from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. €5 per child, family reductions. Get a photo with Santa, present. Festive fun for all the family. For more information please visit our website [www.stmaryscommunitycampusltd.ie](http://www.stmaryscommunitycampusltd.ie) or email [stmarys.ETOWN@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.ETOWN@gmail.com) Tel: 043-6672417 or visit our facebook page

### ABBEYSHRULE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR-

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 12-6pm at The Rustic Inn. Lots of good quality local art, craft and food items. Facepainting from 12pm; and children's craft workshop from 1-2.30pm (€4/child, €10/family of 3 - to book a place text Therese 087 9280789. Santa & Mrs Claus arrive at 3pm; Christmas Lights Vintage Tractor Run starts at 5pm in aid of Tidy Towns and mental health charity. Good food all day. Raffle proceeds to local autism groups.

**"A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL"** with Mullingar Choral Society, Mullingar Town Band and special guests to be held in Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar on Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec @ 7pm. Tickets available from any choir member, Cathedral shop or at the door on the night. Price - Single E10, Family E20.

### 2019 OFFERTORY AND PRIESTS DUES ENVELOPES:

The list of names for the Box of Envelopes for 2019 is being updated. If you are not already receiving a Box of Envelopes and would like your name to be included, please contact the Parochial House @ 71046. It is very beneficial for the parish if parishioners use the envelopes as this enables us to use the Tax Relief Scheme. Your generous contributions towards the Offertory Collection/ Priests Dues are very much appreciated.

### CO. LONGFORD SOCIAL SERVICES

- Annual Church Gate Collection on Sat / Sun 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. We deliver meals on wheels and provide transport services for hospitals, /clinics/St. Joseph's Care Centre. All support appreciated.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sarah Lee Greene, Tadhg Murtagh.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, David Greene.

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

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m: Angela Kelly, Mairead Fulham, Marie Reilly.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, John Cahill, Caoimhe Collins.

Sunday 12 noon: Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Yvonne Tuite.