

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Advent - 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

**This 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.

12noon No Intention.

*The Manor – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – No intention.*

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

*Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – for the Residents of Our Lady's Manor Nursing Home.*

**Next Weekend:** December 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

- 7.00p.m 1. Patrick Brady, Longfield.  
2. Deceased members of the Kelly Family, Garryandrew, and Charlie, Nora & Helen Murphy.

10.00a.m Bernard & Sheila McGuinness, Devine Crescent.

12noon Baby Bobby Jay Rooney, Months Mind

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,295.00 - sincere thanks.

**NEW BOX OF ENVELOPES FOR 2019:** Sincere thanks to the people from the different areas who kindly agreed to distribute the boxes of envelopes for 2019. Sincere thanks to you for your generous contributions towards the Offertory Collections and also towards the Dues envelopes for the support of the Priests. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> until Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Annual Christmas Appeal will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Envelopes will be placed in the Church this Sunday which can be taken and returned on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support in the past.

**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.

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS – Luke3:1-6**

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall in detail the time and the circumstances of particularly significant moments in your life?

2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.

3. Behind the quotation from Isaiah lies the practice of preparing festival routes for religious celebrations. Isaiah visualises such a celebration to celebrate the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem. Can you recall a particularly memorable Advent? What happened? Think of what you can do this Advent.

### **Abortion cannot be supported' - Irish Bishops Statement**

Reflecting on the current Dáil debate on the abortion bill the Irish Bishops said, "We are dismayed that, for the most part, the voices of those who voted against abortion in May's referendum have been ignored. Even what many people would have deemed to have been very reasonable legislative amendments seeking to provide women with information and to prohibit abortion on the grounds of sex, race or disability, have been rejected.

"As we stated after our Autumn Meeting, Irish society must have respect for the right of conscientious objection for all healthcare professionals and pharmacists. They cannot be forced either to participate in abortion or to refer patients to others for abortion.

"Every one of us has a right to life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. The direct and intentional taking of human life at any stage is gravely wrong and can never be justified.

"Women's lives, and the lives of their unborn children, are precious, valued and always deserving of protection. Any law which suggests otherwise would have no moral force. In good conscience it cannot be supported and would have to be resisted.

"We offer our prayerful solidarity with everyone dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life at all stages. We ask everyone of goodwill - whether at home, in parish, in school or at work - to continue to choose and to celebrate the preciousness of life."

During their meeting a delegation of bishops met with individuals representing various pro-life groups from across Ireland, north and south. The aim of the gathering was to acknowledge their on-going commitment to upholding the dignity of unborn human life and to consult on the setting up of a new Council for Life under the aegis of the Bishops' Conference which will operate from March 2019.

**ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL'S** for 2019 are available at the rear of the Parish Church. All Parish Readers are invited to take one home for the coming year. If anyone else would like a copy, we'd be glad of a contribution of €5.00.

### **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.