

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Third Sunday of Advent - 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

This 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).

*The Manor – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – No intention.*

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

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Henry & Kathleen Murray, Moatefarrell.*

Next Weekend: December 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

- 7.00p.m William Rooney, Barne.
- 10.00a.m John Noonan.
- 12noon Pat & Kathleen McLoughlin, Cranley more and Deceased Family Members

Offertory Collection: - €1,660.00 - sincere thanks.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mon 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 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 p.m. Local priests will be available  
to help us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in  
preparation for Christmas.

CAROL SERVICE - Presented by Pupils and Staff of St.  
Mary's National School. on Wed Dec 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Many people participate in  
the prayer of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish. The group will  
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. Thank you for your  
generous support.

TROCAIRE - In Yemen people are facing the worst famine in a  
century, with five million at risk of starvation. In South Sudan,  
four million have had to leave their homes and seven million are  
in need of food aid. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal focuses on  
providing food and support for the people in countries such as  
South Sudan and Yemen. If you wish to make a donation this  
Christmas please visit the Trócaire website at  
<https://www.trocaire.org/christmas>

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.

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.

CHANGE A LIFE – BECOME A FOSTER CARER - Our  
fostering teams in Longford and Westmeath are currently  
undertaking a campaign to recruit foster carers for children of all  
ages. If you are interested you can contact your local team on  
043 3350783 or go to [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie) for more information.

LONGFORD COUNTY CHOIR: will hold a Christmas  
Celebration Concert in St. Mel's Cathedral at 7.30 pm this  
evening, Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec in aid of local charities. The Choir with  
Musical Director Fintan Farrelly and Soprano Eileen Coyle will  
perform a selection of new and old Christmas favourites. Tickets  
€10 each with family tickets costing €20 will be available from  
choir members and on the door.

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2019: Thank you to all who kindly  
distribute the boxes of envelopes each year. 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.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE  
GOSPELS Luke 3:10-18

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers  
was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than  
self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In  
your experience, what difference has it made for you when you  
changed your attitude in this way?
2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they  
should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about  
the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about  
your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude, recall such  
friends.
3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to  
acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to  
the Messiah. At the same time he was enthused by his mission to  
'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it  
made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself,  
and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself  
as greater than someone else? - John Byrne osa (INTERCOM)

*"To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season  
but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be  
plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we  
think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over  
us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."* ~

**Calvin Coolidge**

### 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.