

Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Christmas - 5th Jan 2020

This Weekend January 4th/5th

7.00p.m No Intention

- 10.00a.m 1. Ned, Marie and Olive Reilly.
2. Tom Nugent (1st Anniv.), Eamon Maguire and deceased members of the Nugent & Maguire families.

The Manor - Sun 4th Jan - Bill Joe Manning and deceased family members.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Jan 8th - People of the Parish

Sat Jan 11th - Joe Reilly, Cam (Second Anniv.)

Next Weekend: January 11th/12th

- 7.00p.m 1. Seamus Smith.
2. Ken Sheridan (Month's Mind).
3. John Sweeney & Carmel McCormack, Liscahill, and deceased members of the family.
- 11.00a.m 1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank & Mary and brother Joe.
2. Robbie Mulleady, Bracklin Rd.
3. Patrick Brady, Longfield

The Manor - Sun 12th - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 29th - €1,145. 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.



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - Mon Jan 6th. Masses are at 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church; 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Nancy Jennings (nee Smith) Castlebar and formerly St Patrick's Terrace who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

BAPTISM - We welcomed Lucie Brigid Victory Jones, Cranleymore and Dublin into our Christian community recently.

STREETE PARISH PARK - 5k Run/Walk on Sunday 5th January, 2020 at 2pm in aid of St. Christopher's Services. No registration required and all donations to St. Christopher's Services, Longford. Refreshments will be served after the event, also raffle on the day. Please support this event. Adults and children welcome.



Happy New Year and God's Blessings to all Parishioners

The Deep End • World Became Flesh

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the Word...' in Greek, *logos*. This *logos* (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

'God is always incarnate, always bound to the world as its lover, as close to it, as we are to our own bodies, and concerned before all else to see that the body, God's world, flourishes.' Sallie McFague Triona Doherty (Intercom)

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: *'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'*

2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like *a light that shines in the darkness*. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world - speaking the truth for the world to hear, *as a witness to testify to the light*. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. *'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.'* Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

John Byrne OSA (Intercom)

New Year's Prayer

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. ... May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell, Sarah Lee Greene

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, Sean Noonan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Colm O'Reilly, Siobhan Campbell

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -