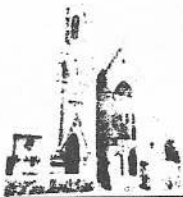


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Third Sunday of Advent - 12th/13th Dec 2020

This Weekend Dec 12th / 13th

- 7.00 p.m.** 1. Michael and Mary Eivers, Bracklin
2. Patrick Brady, Longfield
- 9.00 a.m.** Brigid, Daniel and Lily Murray and Sean and James McKeon
- 11.00 a.m.** 1. Frank Keenan, and his daughters Margo and Patricia and deceased members of the Clyne family.
2. Paddy Walsh.

Weekday Masses: St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.

Mon 14th Dec People of the Parish

Wed 16th Dec Helen and Kathleen Murray, Moatefarrell.

Next Weekend: Dec 19th / 20th

- 7.00p.m.** William (Willie) Rooney, Barne.
- 9.00 a.m.** No Intention.
- 11.00 a.m.** 1. Pat and Kathleen McLoughlin, Cranley more and deceased members of the McLoughlin family.
2. Tommy Nolan (Second Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 6th - €2,135 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for Brendan O'Byrne, Aughafin who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Masses @ 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 pm.
Christmas Day - Masses @ 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration will now take place from 11.30 to 12.30 on Monday to Friday. All are welcome to take part in this special time of devotion to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The One who calls you is faithful."

Will you be faithful to His call?

Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest or consecrated religious. If you feel God is inviting you, speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

'Happiness is the art of making a bouquet of those flowers within reach' - Bob Goddard

'Joy shows from the eyes, it appears when one speaks and walks. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. When people find in your eyes that habitual happiness, they will understand that they are the beloved children of God'.

- Mother Teresa.

• The Deep End • A Bearer of Light •

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

'Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome. (INTERCOM)

• Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we know him. What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?

2. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news of the gospel that God loves you - a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?

3. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?

4. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness? Do these questions have any special relevance to you in the midst of the current situation in our country? (INTERCOM)

Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Kayanna Greene, Selina Greene

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate Crossan, Kate O'Donoghue

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sandra Durkin, Mairead Fulham

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Emma O'Reilly

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -