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Second Sunday of Advent - 4th Dec 2022

This Weekend **December 3rd / 4th**

7.00 p.m. 1. Mary O'Connor.

2. Alex Kane.

11.00 a.m. 1. John and Teresa Canning.

2. Elizabeth O'Neill (nee Harper) and deceased members of the Harper Family.

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

Wed Dec 7th People of the Parish.

December 7th / 8th

7.00 p.m. John Rawle.

11.00 a.m. 1. Jenny and Dan Duffy, Rheninny

2. Michael and Catherine Smith, Mick and Molly Quinn and Nancy Jennings.

Next Weekend: December 10th / 11th

7.00 p.m. 1. Michael & Mary Eivers, Bracklin.

2. Patricia Brady.

3. Owen Gilchrist (22nd Anniv.) and deceased members of the Gilchrist family.

11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick & Doreen McNamee, Cranley.

2. Brendan O'Byrne.

Offertory Collection: Sun Nov. 27th - €1,155 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

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

2. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. 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 content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?

3. 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? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

The Maria Edgeworth Centre Open Day on Sunday 10th December from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There will be complementary traditional Hot Punch and Mince Pies. Do drop in and see our wonderful collection of artefacts in a traditional Christmas setting.

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Safeguarding Message - Advent 2022

The Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois has recently had an audit of its safeguarding practices. I am pleased to report that the audit was very positive. I wish to thank all who assisted with the audit and all who assist in any way in ensuring that the best possible standards are met in relation to safeguarding young and vulnerable people in our parishes.

During this time of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus. In the gift of his Son, God speaks to us of his boundless love for humanity.



The coming of Jesus highlights for us the dignity and value of each child. May our church communities always emphasise and respect that value by ensuring that children are kept safe in their church activities.

If anyone wishes to raise a concern or make a complaint in the diocese, I encourage you to contact the Designated (or Deputy) Liaison Person, Tusla or the Garda.

People who are there to help if someone is hurting you or another child are:

Designated Liaison Person: Sean Leydon: 087 - 7431649

Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Maria Beirne: 087 - 3390927

Garda: 043 3350570 071 9650510

Tusla Longford, Offaly & Westmeath: 044 9353997

Leitrim & Sligo: 071 9155133

Roscommon: 091 546235

Cavan: 047 30475

Fr Thomas Healy

Diocesan Administrator

On behalf of Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

First Reading – This reading talks about the coming of the Messiah, and the two great gifts he would bring, two gifts the world desperately needs, namely, justice and peace.

Second Reading – This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ has treated us.

Gospel – We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Prayer for Vocations

Just as John the Baptist answered the call to be a "voice in the wilderness" to "prepare a way for the Lord" – we pray for those in our society who are called to be the voice in the wilderness of our modern society by living their lives in service as a priest, deacon or religious.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Second Sunday of Advent - The season of Advent falls into two parts. The first which continues to December 16, evokes the themes and persons of the Hebrew Scriptures who prepared the people of Israel for the coming of the Messiah. The second part, which is from December 17 to December 24, is characterised by a mood of anticipation for the birth of the Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Tadhg Murtagh.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Noreen Grant, Mark Reynolds.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mairead Fulham and Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler and Orla Noonan.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

Fr Tom Healy