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Third Sunday of Advent - 11th Dec 2022

This Weekend December 10th / 11th

7.00 p.m.

1. Michael & Mary Eivers, Bracklin.
2. Patrick 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.

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

Wed Dec 14th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: December 17th / 18th

7.00 p.m.

1. Maureen Donegan (1st Anniv.).
2. Deceased members of the Murphy family, Kilbride Park and of the Kelly family, Garryandrew.

11.00 a.m.

1. Kathleen & Pat McLoughlin, Cranleymore.
2. Deceased members of the Dolan family, Shantum.

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec. 4th -€1,260 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Annamaye Sullivan, Wolfe Tone Court who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christmas Masses

Mass of Christmas Night - Sat Dec 24th
@ 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

Confessions - Wed Dec 21st @ 7.00 p.m.



• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel • 11 December 2022 • Gaudete Sunday

1. In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others.
2. John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.
3. Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?
4. John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

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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 contains a thrilling message of hope for all those who may be feeling down. Isaiah says: 'Cheer up! Do not be afraid. God himself is coming to save you.'

Second Reading - St James stresses something that we all find hard, namely, patience. He urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

Gospel - Jesus has tremendous words of praise for his cousin John, who is languishing in Herod's dungeon. The Gospel also shows us Jesus at work.

Third Sunday of Advent - The first word of today's liturgy calls on us to rejoice at the imminent birth of the Messiah. That his name is Emmanuel serves to underline the cause of our joy, God's presence with his people for ever, Matthew's Gospel begins and closes with this consoling thought.

SUNDAY MISSALS - St. Paul's Sunday Missals for 2023 are now available. All Parish Readers are welcome to collect a copy from the Sacristy. Missals are available at rear of church costing €5.00.

LONGFORD FLOWER CLUB GALA NIGHT - Tues 13th Dec @ Backstage Theatre @ 8.00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of Christmas Floral Spectacular with Christine Foley from Kells Flower Club. All proceeds donated to local branches of Alzheimers Society and Irish Kidney Association. Admission €15. All arrangements are raffled. Tickets from Farrell Coy / Backstage Theatre 043 3347888.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.:

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 -