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Fourth Sunday of Advent - 18th Dec 2022

This 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.

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

Mon Dec 19th Henry and Kathleen Murray, Moatefarrell

Wed Dec 21st People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: December 24th / 25th

7.00 p.m. Private Intention.

9.00 a.m. Private Intention.

11.00 a.m. Private Intention

Offertory Collection: Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Sun Dec 10th - €1,390 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Gwen O'Ferrall, Camlisk, 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



Mary's Meals - Big Family Christmas

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty.

For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

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.

THANK YOU - As the year draws to a close, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who contribute so generously to the life of the parish. I express our gratitude to all who play active roles in the parish community:

Sacristans, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir members and their leaders, Servers, Ushers, those who assist with collecting, counting and banking the Sunday collection, those who distribute boxes of envelopes, those who erected Advent Wreath and Crib, those who care for the Church by cleaning it and beautifying it with flowers, and to all who assist in any way - my sincere thanks to all - may God reward you for your generous contribution to the faith life of our parish - Fr. Tom Healy



- Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •
- World Day for Consecrated Life •

The text speaks of how 'God with us' was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago. I suggest that we move on from there to consider how we become aware of 'God with us' now in our daily lives.

1. It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel - God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

2. Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.

3. Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

First Reading - This reading foretells the birth of a very special child - a child who will be called Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Second Reading - This contains the opening lines from St Paul's letter to the Christians at Rome. In them he refers to the human and divine 'roots' of Christ.

Gospel - Joseph, the just man, is told that Mary's child was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of this child is to save his people from their sins.

COUNTY LONGFORD SOCIAL SERVICES - Annual Church Gate Collection for County Longford Social Services, is being held on Saturday 17th December & Sunday 18th December.

"Ensure that Holy Christmas is never a celebration of commercial consumerism, of appearances or of useless gifts, or of excessive waste, but that it is a celebration of joyfully welcoming the Lord into the crib and into the heart" - Pope Francis

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.

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