

Parish of St. Mary's

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First Sunday of Advent - 3rd Dec 2023

This Weekend Dec 2nd / 3rd

- 7.00 p.m.**
 1. Mary O'Connor, Kilsallagh.
 2. Paddy Walsh (Anniv).
 3. Owen Gilchrist, Cullyvore and his deceased family members.
- 11.00 a.m.**
 1. Paddy and Doreen McNamee, formerly of Cranley.
 2. Ken Sheridan, Camlisk, (Fourth Anniv) and Gwen O'Ferrall, Camlisk (First Anniv).

Weekday Masses:

Wed Dec 6th @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

People of the Parish.

Thurs Dec 7th @ 7.00 p.m. - Parish Church

John Rawle (28th Anniv).

Fri Dec 8th @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Jane and Daniel Duffy, Rhenneny.

Next Weekend: Dec 9th / 10th

- 7.00 p.m.**
 1. Michael and Mary Eivers, Bracklin.
 2. Patrick Brady, Longfield.
 3. Teresa Gilchrist (Months Mind).
- 11.00 a.m.**
 1. John and Teresa Canning.
 2. Elizabeth O'Neill and deceased members of the Harper Family.
 3. Tom Skelly (Months Mind).
 4. Brendan O'Byrne (Thurs Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Nov 25th / 26th - €1,130 - sincere thanks.

Dec 8th - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Masses on

Thurs Dec 7th @ 7.00 p.m. - Parish Church
and Fri Dec 8th @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Farrell Reilly, Auburn Park, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requesce in pace.



St Mary's Conference SVP Annual Collection on Sun 10th Dec. Envelopes will be available in Parish Church on Sun 3rd Dec. Thank you for your support.

Edgeworth's Artisan and Craft Indoor Market

Come and discover a variety of local crafters and artists, and get loads of gift ideas and inspiration for the winter holiday season, in the lovely backdrop of the Edgeworthstown.

Make it a day out and discover the magic of the midlands!

Sat 25th November and Sat 16th Dec in the Community Center, Granard Road, 11.00 am to 4.00 p.m. Free admission.

Pope Francis: "The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."

- Fr Tom Healy -

1. It is easy to interpret this passage about impending death or disaster. Recent wars and tragedies are examples. Yet the coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces - good things that happened when they were not anticipated.

2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness was not present.

3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. See yourself as a person given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person?

4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you? - John Byrne OSA

Thought for the Day - Because Christians have always recognized the importance of waiting and preparation, they intentionally built periods of waiting into the Christian calendar. This is a way of making room for this important piece of life that the world is so eager to get rid of. It slows us down, reorients us around God and gives us time to reflect, to prepare, to rest.

Advent is one of those seasons of waiting. When we come to Advent we remember the promise that Christ has come and will come again, but we also remember that we are not ready to jump headlong into celebration. First, we must prepare.

Waiting is a gift. Let us be ready for the sweetness that has come and that is coming again.

First Reading - This reading recalls God's past goodness to his people, while freely admitting the people's sinfulness. The dominant note however is one of confidence in God alone who can save his people.

Second Reading - As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit will keep us steadfast as we bear witness to him in our lives.

Gospel - This urges us to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we simply do not know the day or the hour when the Master will return.

St Paul's Sunday Missals - Missals for 2024 are available in the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your copy

2024 OFFERTORY AND PRIESTS DUES ENVELOPES: The list of names for the Boxes of Envelopes for 2024 is currently being updated. If you are not already receiving a Box of Envelopes and would like your name to be included on the list, please contact the Parochial House @ 043 66 71046. It is very beneficial for the parish if parishioners use the boxes of envelopes as this enables us to use the Tax Relief Scheme. Your generous contributions towards the Offertory Collection and Priests Dues Envelopes are very much appreciated.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate Crossan, Ashling O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Niamh Cassidy, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Anne Smith.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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