

Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Advent - 8th Dec 2024

This Weekend

Dec 7th / Dec 8th

7.00 p.m.

1. John Rawle (29th Anniv.)
2. Michael and Mary Eivers, Longfield.
3. Sean Kearney (1st Anniv.) and deceased family members.
4. Neddy, Kathleen and John Doherty, Devine Crescent.

11.00a.m.

1. Jane and Dan Duffy, Rhenneny.
2. John and Teresa Canning, Tinnenaire.
3. Brendan O'Byrne (4th Anniv.)

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Mon Dec 9th

Daniel, Bridget and Lily Murray, Bracklin Road.

Wed Dec 11th

People of the Parish.

Next Weekend:

Dec 14th / Dec 15th

7.00 p.m.

1. Patrick Brady, Longfield.
2. Deceased members of the Kelly family, Garryandrew.
3. Pauline, John Joe and Mary Flood (3rd Anniv.)
4. Owen Gilchrist (24th Anniv.) and deceased family members.
5. Deceased members of the Murphy family, Kilbride Park and London.

11.00a.m.

1. John and Ann Nolan and deceased family members, Lacken.
2. Deceased members of the Dolan family, Shantum.
3. Elizabeth O'Neil (nee Harper) and deceased members of the Harper family, Ringowney.
4. Maureen Donegan (3rd Anniv) and deceased members the O'Toole and Kelly families.

Offertory Collection: Sat/Sun Nov 30th/Dec 1st - €1 080 - sincere thanks.

St Paul's Sunday Missals - Missals for 2025 are available in the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your copy.

Annual St Vincent de Paul Collection - on Sunday 15th December. Envelopes will be left in Church. Thank you.

• Thought for the Day •

Salvation is for all people. You don't have to be part of a particular ethnic group or nation. You can be a homeless person or a corporate CEO. Kings and queens, peasants and paupers, are all welcome in God's Kingdom. People of every race, generation, and tribe are all welcome. God's love is shown to all people. There is no entrance exam or need to perform certain good deeds. All people will see God's salvation and can enter in. Christmas is about the birth of a baby, but it is so much more. It is the birth of a Kingdom that is above every Kingdom, an opportunity for all people to be friends of God.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall particularly a significant moment in your life, an occasion when you felt called to a change of work, status or lifestyle?

2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.

3. 'A voice crying in the wilderness' is sometimes taken to refer to a voice that is ignored. Pope Francis has issued a call to all of us to take part in the consultation process preparing for the recent Synod. What can you, and your faith community, do to make sure his call is answered.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - Jerusalem is told that she can forget the sufferings of the past. She will know the joy of seeing her exiled children restored to her. God will level out a highway to facilitate their return.

Second Reading - The central message of this reading is a call for unity, perseverance and unwavering witness to Christ and the Gospel. At the same time Paul's love for his fellow Christians shines through.

Gospel - This tells about the appearance on the scene of John the Baptist. The heart of John's message is that God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for him through repentance.

Mon Dec 9th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved from all stain of original sin'.

Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with Soloist Eimear Reynolds and St. Mel's Children's Choir in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 15th December 2024 at 8.00pm. Tickets €10 each or Family Ticket €20, available on Eventbrite / Presbytery / Denniston's / Farrell Stationery / Choir Members. Proceeds to Cian's Kennels.

'The Irish Countryside' - a weekly ramble on Radio Maria Ireland will be coming from Clonbroney on St. Samthann's Day, 19th Dec @ 4 p.m. (and Sun 22nd @ 6 a.m.). You can listen in on www.radiomaria.ie or Saorview Channel 210 or Smartphone App.

ABBEYSHRULE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - Sun 15th Dec @The Rustic Inn 12-6pm. Original, handmade gift ideas and food. Santa 2-5pm (only €7). Facepainting 2-4pm (free). Festive Food all day.

Raffle in aid of Longford Autism Youth Club. Christmas Lights Tractor Run after dusk.

LONGFORD MEALS ON WHEELS - Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 14th Dec and Sunday 15th December 2024.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00 in the Parish Church. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS IRELAND - contact details: 087 262 2804 (10am-10pm). Email: info@gamblersanonymous.ie

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Lorena Salazar.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Helena Quinn.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Haughey, Gerard Green.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -