

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Christmas - 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**This Weekend** Jan 4<sup>th</sup> / Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. Pat and Kate Ann Fulham, Clonwhelan.

11.00 a.m. No Intention.

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

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: Jan 11<sup>th</sup> / Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m. No Intention

11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick & Helen Gilmartin and deceased family members.  
2. Robbie Mulleady.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> / Sun Dec 29<sup>th</sup> - €1,360 - sincere thanks.

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** - Masses on Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor and 7.00 p.m. in Parish Church.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Paddy Kelly, Bracklin Road, who died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



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

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - This is a poem in praise of wisdom, a wisdom that has pitched her tent among God's chosen people.

**Second Reading** - This reading introduces the theme of God's loving plan of salvation for us.

**Gospel** - As the Son of God, Jesus existed from the very beginning of time, sharing the divine life of the Father. But then he became man, sharing our human lives in order to give us a share in his divine life.

**Sunday Reflection** - Today's celebration, coming as it does between Christmas Day and the Epiphany, contains themes which are connected to these feasts. Though Christmas Day and the Epiphany form part of the Church's season of Christmas tide, there is a difference of emphasis. Christmas Day celebrates the coming of the Son of God as a human being and the Epiphany highlights the revealing of this truth to all the nations of the earth. Both themes are echoed in today's prayers.

**The Pope's Monthly Intention:**

**January:** For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

- Did you hear about the guy who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's? They gave him 12 months.
- How do astronauts host a New Year's Eve party in space? They planet
- What's a spider's New Year's resolution?

## Jubilee Year of Hope

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

### The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the jubilee

reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

### New Year Prayer

*Eternal God: in your purpose our lives are lived and by your grace our homes are bright. Be with us in the coming year, forgiving, leading and saving; so that we may walk without fear in the way of Jesus Christ.*

- Presbyterian Book of Worship.

### 8 New Year's Resolutions Inspired by Pope Francis

1. Volunteer for a local charity or non-profit.
2. Stop judging others.
3. Take Scripture to heart.
4. Take one concrete step to become more environmentally conscious. (And start now!)
5. Pray every day. Even when it is hard.
6. Let go of a grudge or two.
7. Reduce social media use.
8. Call your loved ones regularly (and truly listen to them.)

**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.

**2025 OFFERTORY AND PRIESTS DUES ENVELOPES:** Thank you for your generous contributions to Edgeworthstown Parish over the past year which have enabled us to meet our financial commitments. Thank you to all who have distributed Boxes of Envelopes for 2025 in their local areas. 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.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Mary Reynolds.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** Aishling O'Reilly.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

**Saturday 7.00p.m.:** Diane Spillane.

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.:** John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

*Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.*

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