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Fourth Sunday of Advent - 21st December 2025

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, Pastoral Council, Servers, Safeguarding Rep, Ushers, those who assist with collecting, counting and banking the Sunday collection, those who distribute boxes of envelopes, those who erected the Advent Wreath and Crib, those who care for the

Church so faithfully 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

• Thought for the Day •

Joseph and Mary had a rocky start to their marriage. He quite naturally suspected her of betraying him, both a great sorrow and a scandal. She, on the other hand, must have been wounded that he did not trust her. Then there was the difficult journey to Bethlehem and the astounding events there. It must have been a time of real growth in marital love for both of them. Each had to trust the other. Only as true partners could they nourish and protect their son. All relationships go through difficult periods, but God can help us make those very difficulties a source of deeper understanding and love.

The Way is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: theway.ie.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with Soloist Maria Matthews and The Arioso String Quartet in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 21st December 2025 at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 each available from Presbytery/Denniston's/Farrell & Coy Stationery/Any Choir Members.

ALONE - the organisation that enables older people to age well at home, is urgently seeking volunteers for their Support and Befriending services in Longford, particularly in the areas of Aughnaccliffe, Drumlish and Moyne.. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please visit www.alone.ie/volunteer or call 0818 222 024. Together, we can ensure no older person feels alone this winter.

Longford Meals on Wheels wish to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €206.77

2026 OFFERTORY AND PRIESTS DUES ENVELOPES: Boxes of Envelopes for 2026 are currently being prepared. If you are not already receiving a Box of Envelopes and would like to be included please contact us at: edgeworthstownparish@gmail.com or 043 66 71046. It is very beneficial if parishioners use the boxes of envelopes as this enables the parish to use the Tax Relief Scheme which brings in a significant sum each year. 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.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate Crossan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

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

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

December 20th / December 21st

1. Deceased members of the Hussey family.
2. Maureen Donegan (4th Anniv.) and deceased members of the O'Toole and Kelly Families.

11.00 a.m.

1. Pat and Kathleen McLoughlin, Cranleymore, their grandson Oliver Casey and deceased members of the McLoughlin Family.
2. Deceased members of the Dolan family, Shantum.

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

Wed 24th Dec People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: December 27th / December 28th

7.00 p.m. Eliyamma Scaria (11th Anniv.).

11.00 a.m. Mary Rooney.

Offertory Collection: Dec 7th/ 8th and Sat 13th / Sun 14th December - €1,820 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Anne Gormley (née Tierney), Devine Crescent, who died recently.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescet in pace.



Christmas Masses

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

Christmas Day - 11.00 a.m.

Confessions - Mon Dec 22nd @ 7.00 p.m.

St Mel's Cathedral - Christmas Eve - 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Sunday Scriptures - 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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Joseph does not figure prominently in the scriptures or in the liturgy. Yet popular devotion has appreciated his role in the events surrounding the birth of the child, the son of Mary. He is asked to recognize the child as his own and so guarantee its legal status. His acceptance of his role and Mary's similar acceptance of hers is a model of Christian discipleship.

Parish Social: Edgeworthstown Pastoral Council would like to acknowledge the volunteerism of all who undertake various roles in our parish. We invite all parish volunteers to the Vigil Mass on Sat Jan 2nd @ 7.00 a.m. A social will be held afterwards at the