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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 28th Dec 2025



Edgeworthstown Parish wishes a Happy New Year to all our parishioners. We pray God's Blessings on your homes and families for 2026 and hope that the new year will bring peace and contentment to one and all.

• Thought for the Day •

'Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.' - Lisa Wingate

'Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.' - Mother Teresa

'Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.' - George Burns

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

• Joseph's plans were repeatedly interrupted by divine dreams, forcing his family into exile. How do I respond when God's call disrupts my family's security and plans? Can I trust His guidance even when it leads to unexpected, difficult journeys?

• Joseph's primary role was to protect Jesus and Mary from imminent danger. His faithfulness ensured the Messiah's survival. : In my family, how am I called to embody protective love - not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually - creating a safe space for others to grow?

• The family lived as refugees in Egypt which was a period of waiting and uncertainty. God was active in this hidden time. In my family's own seasons of waiting or exile, how can I grow in trust that God is still present and working out His purpose?

• Joseph's faithfulness was shown through practical, immediate obedience, he got up, took the child and his mother, and went. Holiness in family life is often found in these simple acts of service and obedience. Where is God calling me to faithful, practical action for my loved ones today?
 - INTERCOM

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.

Interested in STOPPING smoking - New Year's resolution

A **FREE** We Can Quit (WCQ) Stop Smoking Programme starts Jan 6th in the Temperance Hall, Longford at 6.30pm. Get expert support in a welcoming community setting, led by trained community facilitators. **FREE nicotine replacement products** included to help you quit and improve your health. Contact 087 4304222, or EDI Centre 043 3347515 or healthylife@edilongford.ie

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 - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Edel Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane, Maura Coyle.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Kate O'Donohue.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -

This Weekend	December 27th / December 28th
7.00 p.m.	Eliyamma Scaria (11 th Anniv).
11.00 a.m.	Mary Rooney.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Tue 30th Dec	Anna and Pat Flood and deceased members of the Flood family.
Wed 31st Dec	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend:	January 3rd / January 4th
7.00 p.m.	1. Peter, Ellen and Sean McNally, Aughafin. 2. Patsy Duffy (2 nd Anniv.). 3. Paddy Kelly, Bracklin Road (1 st Anniv.) and deceased members of the Kelly and Murphy families.
11.00 a.m.	1. Robbie Mulleady. 2. Arthur Callan, formerly of Rathowen, who died recently.

Offertory Collection: Sat 20th / Sun 21st December - € - sincere thanks.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Jan 2nd - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This reading could be seen as a brief commentary on the commandment to honour one's parents. This entails not only obeying them when we are young, but looking after them when they are old.

Second Reading - This stresses the atmosphere of love that should reign in a Christian family. It places special emphasis on mutual forgiveness.

Gospel - We see the love of Mary and Joseph for the Child Jesus. They willingly uproot themselves and go into exile in order to protect him from Herod.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Since 1969 the first Sunday after Christmas has been kept as the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a devotion which greatly increased in the popular imagination in the Seventeenth Century. The scriptures and the liturgy give very little emphasis to the private life of Jesus, dominated as they both are with his public ministry. Today's feast is an exception. The details of their family life are lost. The significance is enduring.

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 3rd @ 7.00 p.m. A social will be held afterwards at the Green. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

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.