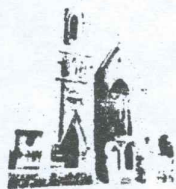


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Second Sunday of Advent - 7th December 2025

This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

December 6th / December 7th

1. John Rawle (30th Anniv.).

2. Michael & Mary Eivers, Bracklin.

11.00 a.m.

1. Brendan O'Byrne (5th Anniv.).

2. Patrick and Doreen McNamee.

3. Elizabeth O' Neill (nee Harper) and deceased members of the Harper family, Ringowney.

4. Jim and Molly, TJ and Freda Doyle.

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

Mon 8th Dec Jane and Daniel Duffy, Rhenney.

Wed 10th Dec People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: December 13th / December 14th

7.00 p.m.

1. Owen Gilchrist, Cullyvore and deceased members of the Gilchrist family.

2. John Joe, Mary & Pauline Flood (4th Anniv.).

11.00 a.m.

John and Ann Nolan, Lacken and deceased members of the Nolan family.

Offertory Collection: Sat 29th / Sun 30th November - €1,190 - sincere thanks.

Dec 8th - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Masses on Mon Dec 8th @ 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor and Mon Dec 8th @ 7.00 p.m. in Parish Church.

St Paul's Sunday Missals - 2026 Missals are available in the bookstand at the rear of the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your copy.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This reading talks about the coming of the Messiah, and the two great gifts he would bring, two gifts the world desperately needs, namely, justice and peace.

Second Reading - This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ has treated us.

Gospel - We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE - will be available in the Parish Church on Dec 13th / 14th. When you buy a Trócaire Gift of Change this Christmas, you are not just giving, you're helping communities in some of the world's poorest places to work their own way out of poverty. There are 23 gifts to choose from starting at €5 for a Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the Gifts are real and make a huge difference to the women, men and children who receive them. And as they are all sourced in-country they also help local businesses too. These are Christmas gifts with a difference, they are gifts which change lives! Gifts can also be bought through the Trócaire website or by phone or post and delivered to your door in time for Christmas. Electronic cards are also available meaning they can be emailed immediately to friends and family, near and far.

Survey re: Patronage of Primary Schools

The Department of Education and Youth has launched an important survey, inviting parents, guardians, staff, and board members to express their views on the future of our primary schools.

I urge all parents, principals, staff, and board members to take a few moments to complete the "Have Your Say" survey before the closing date of 16 December 2025. If you do not vote you are giving others the right to decide the future of your school. The survey is accessed at <http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey>.

Please be aware that this is not a general survey. It is school specific. You fill it in by giving your eircode. The eircode is used to identify your local school. When you fill in the survey either as a parent using an eircode, or as a member of staff or member of the BOM using a school pin number, the results will determine the future of your school. - Bishop Paul Connell.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The season of Advent falls into two parts.

The first which continues to December 16, evokes the themes and persons of the Hebrew Scriptures who prepared the people of Israel for the coming of the Messiah. The second part, which is from December 17 to December 24, is characterized by a mood of anticipation for the birth of the Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

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

The Pope's Monthly Intention:

December - Let us pray that Christians living in areas of conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Words of Wisdom:

"The smile that you send out returns to you" - Indian Wisdom.

"Nothing appeases an enraged elephant so much as the sight of a little lamb" - St Francis de Sales

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength" - St Francis de Sales.

Children's Letters to God -

Dear God: Thanks for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy. - Joyce

Dear God: Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? - Norma

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

LONGFORD MEALS ON WHEELS - Annual Church Gate Collection Sat 13th / Sun 14th Dec. Your support is appreciated.

SVP Annual Appeal - our annual SVP appeal will take place on 13th and 14th Dec. Envelopes will be placed in the Church. Your support is very much appreciated.

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.: Kathleen Dowler, Mathew Family.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -