

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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*Third Sunday of Advent - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

<b>This Weekend</b>	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup> / December 14<sup>th</sup></b>
7.00 p.m.	1. Owen Gilchrist, Cullyvore and deceased members of the Gilchrist family. 2. John Joe, Mary and Pauline Flood (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
11.00 a.m.	1. John and Ann Nolan, Lacken and deceased members of the Nolan family. 2. Patricia (Pat) Johannessen (Month's Mind).
<b>Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor</b>	
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	People of the Parish.
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup> / December 21<sup>st</sup></b>
7.00 p.m.	1. Deceased members of the Hussey family. 2. Maureen Donegan (4 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> / Sun 7<sup>th</sup> December - €1,285 - sincere thanks.

### Christmas Masses

**Mass of Christmas Night - Wed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day - 11.00 a.m.**

**Confessions** - Mon Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7.00 p.m.

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

**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 contains a thrilling message of hope for all those who may be feeling down. Isaiah says: 'Cheer up! Do not be afraid. God himself is coming to save you.'

**Second Reading** - St James stresses something that we all find hard, namely, patience. He urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

**Gospel** - Jesus has tremendous words of praise for his cousin John, who is languishing in Herod's dungeon. The Gospel also shows us Jesus at work.

**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](mailto: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.

**TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE** - are available in the Parish Church this weekend, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - The first word of today's liturgy calls on us to rejoice at the imminent birth of the Messiah. That his name is Emmanuel serves to underline the cause of our joy, God's presence with his people for ever. Matthew's gospel begins and closes with this consoling truth.

**The Way** is a new digital multimedia platform recently set up by the Irish Bishops. Take a look at: [theway.ie](http://theway.ie).

**EUCHARISTIC 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 13<sup>th</sup> / Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Your support is appreciated.

**SVP Annual Appeal** - our annual SVP appeal takes place this weekend, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Envelopes will be placed in the Church. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert** with Soloist Maria Matthews and The Arioso String Quartet in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Aughnacliffe, Drumlish and Moyne areas. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please visit [www.alone.ie/volunteer](http://www.alone.ie/volunteer) or call 0818 222 024. Together, we can ensure no older person feels alone this winter.

### ABBEYSRULE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Family-friendly annual Christmas fair on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12-6pm at The Rustic Inn N39 F6A2. Lots of original, locally-made art, craft and food items. Santa 2-5pm (€8), face painting, raffle in aid of Longford Autism Club, good food all day. Spectacular Christmas Lights Tractor Run in the village at 5pm. Everyone welcome.

**EDGEWORTHSTOWN ACTIVE AGE GROUP** - will close on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and resume on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Wishing everyone a restful Christmas period and a healthy happy and safe 2026.

**New Defibrillator - Mostrim Men's Shed** is proud to announce the installation of a new Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) in the heart of Edgeworthstown. The life-saving device is now operational and available for community use at Charlotte's Row, Church Street. In a cardiac emergency, every second counts. The strategic placement of this defibrillator on a main thoroughfare ensures that residents, visitors, and local businesses have immediate access to this critical piece of medical equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The device is housed in a clearly marked, accessible cabinet.

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

### 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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- Fr Tom Healy -