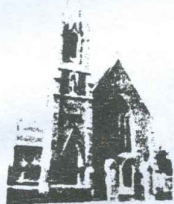


# Parish of St. Mary's

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*Second Sunday after Christmas- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026*

### This Weekend

7.00 p.m.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> / January 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Peter, Ellen and Sean McNally, Aughafin.
2. Patsy Duffy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.).
3. Paddy Kelly, Bracklin Road (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**

People of the Parish.

**Next Weekend: January 10<sup>th</sup> / January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00 a.m.

1. Sean and Peggy Kearney, and deceased family members.
2. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin, and deceased family members.
3. Seamus Smith and deceased family members.
4. Connie O'Ferrall (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.).

### Offertory Collections:

- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> / Sun 21<sup>st</sup> December - €1,705.
- Christmas Day - €2,385
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> / Sun 28<sup>th</sup> December - €1,080 - sincere thanks.

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** - Masses on Mon Jan 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. in Parish Church and Tues Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. in Our Lady's Manor.

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

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

**Gospel** - This is the beginning of John's Gospel. Christ, the Son of God, came and dwelt among us sinners. By accepting him we too become children of the Father, and are filled with grace and truth.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - Who has Jesus been for me along the way? Who is Jesus to me now? If I were challenged to put words on my faith in Jesus, what would I say? Take one of these phrases from today's Gospel and spend time in prayer: (a) In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (b) The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. (c) No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

### Happy New Year

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.



### New Year's Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you begin this new year.

May God's light guide your steps,

God's peace fill your heart,

and God's love be present in your home.

May this year bring you closer to all that is good,

strength in times of challenge,

and gratitude for each new day.

And may Almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### • Thought for the Day •

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our heart, inviting us to him, and quietly waits for our response.

This New Year's let us rest at the manger of the Divine Infant. Bring your feelings of weariness and despair to him. Be with the Lord and let him love you only like he can love you. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to his heart.

In drawing nearer to him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in his plan.

**Pope Leo's Monthly Intention:** *January:* Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope for your communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### Interested in STOPPING smoking - New Year's resolution

A **FREE** We Can Quit (WCQ) Stop Smoking Programme starts Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:healthylife@edilongford.ie)

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

**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.

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### 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 -