

Parish of St. Mary's

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The Baptism of the Lord - 11th Jan 2026

This Weekend	January 10th / January 11th
7.00 p.m.	Ala Visockiene - recently deceased in Lithuania.
11.00 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 (1st Anniv.).
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 14th Jan	People of the Parish.
Next Weekend: January 17th / January 18th	
7.00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Peter, Margaret, Patrick & Tommy Gallagher.2. Eamon Maguire, Tom Nugent and deceased members of the Maguire and Nugent families.
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.

Offertory Collections: Sat 3rd January / Sun 4th January - €1,120

- sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Rose Coyle, Cranley, who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



Sunday Scriptures - First Reading

Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. He is gentle and humble of heart, and totally dedicated to his mission, which is to bring about true justice.

Second Reading - Here we have a description of how the early Christians saw Baptism. The baptized person was said to have been 'anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.'

Gospel - This tells of the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by his cousin John, how his true identity was revealed, and how he was given power for the mission he was about to begin.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Begin by recalling some special moments between yourself and our parents. Did you ever hear from them the equivalent of "This is my son, my daughter, the beloved: my favour rests on you"? In Jesus' ministry, on several occasions, he felt such a word from his Abba, his Father. His baptism by John was one such moment, as was the Transfiguration later on. Such deep love and affirmation grounded him as a human being and as God's prophet to the people of Israel. Our sense of calling grows out of our relationship with the Father, whose beloved we are, whose favour we enjoy.

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

*** Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel ***

- Jesus, the sinless Son of God, embraces humility and insists on being baptised to 'fulfill all righteousness.' He joins Himself with humanity's need for repentance. Am I too willing to embrace humility. Am I prone to avoiding situations that I think beneath me, or like Christ, am I willing to enter into the struggles of others to serve and fulfill God's purpose?
- Jesus' baptism wasn't about confessing personal sin but about obediently inaugurating His mission. His submission to the Father's plan is the model for our own discipleship. There is a difference between just following rituals and inner obedience to God. Is my faith expressed through active steps of obedience to God's will, even when I don't fully understand it?
- Before Jesus performed any miracles or preached any sermons, the Father affirmed His identity: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.' Our worth as a human being is not rooted in our productivity or success but in being God's beloved child through Christ. Am I living and striving for a love and approval that I already possess by God's grace?
- At Jesus' baptism the Trinity is uniquely revealed, the Son in the water, the Spirit descending, the Father speaking. This illustrated the communal nature of God. My faith invites me into this divine relationship. As I reflect on the quality of my connection with God, I ask myself is it a distant transaction, or an intimate, relational communion with the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit?

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New Year Resolutions Suggestions for Christians

Start your day with a prayer.

Be more generous with your smiles. They look good on you! Commit to making every social media comment positive this year.

Reduce your weekly average screen time by five minutes each week.

Whisper to your kids when you feel like yelling at them.

SVP Mostrim - would like to thank all those who gave to the SVP appeal 2025. Our phone no. 087-6788544.

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.

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

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

Scoil Bhríde Glen Annual Admission Notice

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2026/2027 is available on request as follows: - Tel: 043 6671778. Email: glenschoollongford@gmail.com or by writing to: Scoil Bhríde, Glen, Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford.

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.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -