

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 11th December, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm
Monday ~ Friday 8:00am and 10:00am; Saturday 10:00am
Holydays 8:00am, 10:00am & 7:00pm



We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months.

Michel de Verteuil

Christmas Confessions

Sunday 18th December Confession after 7:00pm Mass

Visiting Priests Attending.

Thursday 22nd December Polish Confessions 8:00pm

Saturday 24th December Confessions 10:30am - 11:00am & 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Drogheda Floral Art Group invite you to a Christmas Flower Demonstration by our own members on **Tues. 13th Dec. at 8pm** in the Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda. Hot drinks & mince pies included.

Advent Holy Hour Saturday 17th December, 2022 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in St. Mary's Church, the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will lead an Advent Holy Hour, followed by a cup of tea in St. Mary's

For many years the church was cleaned by a very active **Altar Society**. Due to Covid, the Altar Society has not been active for a period of time. It is our hope to form a new Altar Society to help with the cleaning of the church. This would involve a commitment of one hour every week. If you are interested please leave your name and telephone number in the Parish Office and a rota can be put in place.

Christmas Cards are available for collecting in the **Parish Office** for those who have very kindly agreed to help distribute them in the various areas throughout the parish. We would like to start delivering them early next week so we would appreciate if you could collect them from **Monday**.

Many thanks to everyone who helps the parish in so many ways.

As we approach the Christmas period there will be an increased need for **Ministers at all Masses**. If you would like to help with stewarding/collecting perhaps you could leave your name and telephone number in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 11th December, 2022

Sunday 11th Dec.	9:00am	James Caffrey; Noel Floody; Peter Darcy
	10:30am	Brendan Tiernan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Daragh Hanley <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Agatha Monks <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John Cooney; Noel Kierans; Patrick Mc Donnell; Christy, Kathleen, Thomas & Michael Carroll; Karen O'Brien, Ollie & Maureen Rice, Michael Byrne, Alan O'Brien; Sheila Fay & the Wade family
	12 noon	Jacinta Thornton <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Con Duffy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Paddy Thornton <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Frances Mc Neill & family, Peter Browne; Dermot & deceased members of the Berrill family; Anne & Tom O' Gorman, Hugh & Billy O' Gorman; Peggy Thornton Special Intention; Eta & George Robinson
Monday	7:00pm	
	8:00am	
	10:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	
	10:00am	Margaret Crinion; Paddy & Anna Mc Govern, Peter & Imelda McCarthy, Rosaleen Balfe, Willie Mc Carthy, Paddy & May Mc Keown Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:00am	
	10:00am	Pat & Olive Curran, Sheila & Kit Hughes; Martin Klempar
Thursday	8:00am	
	10:00am	Jim & Peggy Heeney, Brendan Coyle & deceased members of the Heeney & Keegan families
	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	Thanksgiving
	10:00am	James Joseph Allen
Saturday	10:00am	Christy & Delia Dyas; Robert Tiernan; Eamonn Rice, Ann Tiernan; John Branigan, Eta & George Robinson; Campbell & Gorman Families; John, Sheila & Oliver Black & deceased family members
		Advent Holy Hour
Sunday 18th Dec.	7:00pm	
	9:00am	
	10:30am	Raymond Cooney; James, Christina & Joan Mohan, Christopher & Bridget Hughes; George Durnin; Tommy Cunningham, Holohan & Shannon families; Fr. Chris O'Brien & Fr. Jim Dunleavy; Catherine Reynolds, Special Intention; Kathleen Mc Quillan, deceased members of the Mc Quillan families;
	12 noon	Christopher Carroll <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Angela & Christy Weldon; Bernadette, John & Hannah, Peter & Cait, Mikey & Paddy Gregory, Thomas & Jane Lynch, William O' Connor, James & Bridget O' Brien, Peggy Maguire, Joe Mc Nally & Johnny Mc Ardle; Mary, Bridget & James Mullen & Stephen Mc Kenna; Alex & Eileen Moore; Benny & Kathleen Bowden; Gerry Murtagh Senior & Gerry Murtagh Junior
	7:00pm	

A prayer for those who died...



William (Billy) Finnegan, Ballsgrove, & formerly of Windmill Road
Helena Wilhelm Kelly (née Hill), St Finians Park & formerly Pearse Park

May they rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish: Sunday 4th December, 2022.

Offertory: €1,155. Parish Dev Fund: €1,240.

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can use the donate button facility on our website.

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.