

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 13th December, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent.

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not *the* light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. 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. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

Michel de Verteuil

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 13th December, 2020

Sunday 13th Dec.	9:00am	Helena (Lena) Durney <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; James Caffrey. Frank & Maria Wolfe
	10:30pm	Anne Tiernan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; James, Christina & Joan Mohan, Joe & May Kelly; Noel Kierans; John Cooney; Pety Browne & his parents Joe & Molly ; John, Sheila & Oliver Black & deceased family members
	12noon	Paddy O' Sullivan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Margaret Crinion <i>First Anniversary</i> & Edward Crinion; James & Bridget Mullen & Stephen Mc Kenna ; Mary & Frank Smith, Jane Smith, dec. members of the Smith & Hand family, Annie Costello, & dec. members of the Kirwan & Costello family & Ita O'Brien
	7:00pm	Anne Doyle <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Special Intention; Patrick Morrissey & deceased members of the Morrissey family
Monday	8:00am	Tuesday 8:00am Thomas, Paddy & Patrick Reilly & family
Wednesday	8:00am	The Collins family, Kathleen & Tony Vaughey & the Churchill family; Cepta, Margaret & James Connor
Thursday	8:00am	John Reynolds & family, the Murphy family & the McEnteggart family
	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	Raymond Cooney; the Carolan family & Hutchinson family; Josephine Hanley
Saturday	10:00am	Noel Ryan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bernie Gregory, John McArdle, Joe McNally, Tom & Jane Lynch, William O'Connor, John & Hannah Gregory, John & Mary Gregory, Peter & Cait Gregory, James & Bridget O'Brien; Rose McMahan; Oliver, Maureen, Agnes & Tom Halpin, dec. members of the Leech & Williams family & Anna Carton; John & May Branigan, George & Ita Robinson; Jimmy Naughton & dec. members of the Tunney & Naughton families; Jack & Kathleen O'Neill & dec. family members; dec. members of the Campbell & Gorman family; Ellen Clarkin
Sunday 20th Dec.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Bernard & Kathleen Bowden; Lena & Christy Cummins, Billy Barron, Evelyn & Michael Keogh, Marie & Noel Keane
	10:30pm	Paul McGowan; Karen O'Brien & Denise Byrne; George Durnin; Alex & Eileen Moore; Judge, Black & Neary families; Marie Callaghan, Josie Judge
	12noon	Christy Weldon <i>First Anniversary</i> & his wife Angela Weldon; Paddy Tracey; Bill Connell; Marie Crocock; Kathleen, James & Denis Mc Quillan; Joe & Maureen Byrne & Maurice Winters
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia & dec. members of the Mc Avinia family



Our weekend and daily Masses until Christmas Eve will be our normal schedule and we can accommodate 50 people in each of our pods as we had until the last restrictions were imposed. This year our Christmas schedule of Masses will be different and you will have to have a ticket to be guaranteed a place in our church. The tickets will be colour coded for each Mass with the assigned time of the Mass printed on each ticket. You can sign up for these tickets by contacting our Parish Office 041.9834587 or by signing the sheets at the end of our weekend Masses. We will have extra Masses to accommodate everyone. Our Masses in St Mary's will be streamed live on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning.

Confessions:

Saturday 12th December after 10:00am Mass.

Sunday 13th December after 7:00pm Mass.

Saturday 19th December 10:30am to 1:00pm.

Sunday 20th December 3:00pm to 7:00pm and after Mass.

Thursday 24th December 10:00am to 1:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th December

8:00am

4:00pm

6:00pm

8:00pm

10:00pm (Polish Mass)

12:00 midnight

Christmas Day

Friday 25th December

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00noon

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December

10:00am

Sunday 27th December

9:00am

10:30am

12:00noon

7:00pm

Monday 28th December to Thursday 31st December 10:00am

Friday 1st January 2021

12:00noon

Saturday 2nd January

10:00am

Sunday 3rd January

9:00am

10:30am

12:00noon

7:00pm

Monday 4th January Morning Mass resumes at 8:00am

Wednesday 6th of January – The Epiphany of The Lord

Masses: 8:00am & 7:30pm



A prayer for those who died

Sr. Monica Loughran, Drogheda.
Alisha Murphy-Crosby, Marley's Lane

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button** facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.