

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 20th December, 2020 Fourth 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.



The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'.



It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times. On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again? *Edward Hays*

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 20th December, 2020

Sunday 20th Dec.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Bernard & Kathleen Bowden; Lena & Christy Cummins, Billy Barron, Evelyn & Michael Keogh, Marie & Noel Keane Martina Fitzpatrick
	10:30am	John O'Brien <i>Month's Memory</i> ; 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; Michael Heeney, deceased members of the Heeney & Marley families & Johnny Callaghan
	7:00pm	Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia & dec. members of the Mc Avinia family
Monday	8:00am	Frances Mc Neill & Pete Browne; William & Anna Lyons
Tuesday	8:00am	Laura Bathe <i>First Anniversary</i> & Michael Bathe Junior; Tommy Cunningham & family, Holohan family
Wednesday	8:00am	Mary Ann Prendergast; Mrs. Kitty Duff; Rose & James Teelan, deceased members of the Donegan family and Mary Daly
Thursday	8:00am	See List at back of Church; 4pm/6pm/8pm/10pm (Polish) & 12midnight
Friday 25th Dec.	7:30am	9:00am Christmas Day LM/FM; 10.30am & 12noon
Saturday	10:00am	Matthew Burke <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Margaret Morgan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Mary Mc Dermott & dec. members of the McDermott family; Margaret Smith Christopher, Bridget, Sheila & Kit Hughes; Christmas Intentions & Donor; Hugh Byrne & Jim Byrne; Larry McEntee & Carmel Mc Entee, Cathal & Betty Carson, Mick & Maisie Owens; Joan Cassidy; Anne & Tom O'Gorman; John, Jack & Elsie Owens, Patrick & Jane McDonald, Patrick & Elizabeth Kelledy
Sunday 27th Dec.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Catherine Reynolds; Michael Everitt; Noel Mac Quillan
	12noon	Lily Taaffe, Frank Taaffe & Frank Taaffe Junior; Chris Keown
	7:00pm	Richard & Margaret Churchill, Michael & Sadie Churchill, Patrick & Maureen Mc Donnell

Christmas Mass Tickets

If anyone who has booked ticket/s and are unable to attend any of the Christmas Masses we would appreciate if you could return the ticket/s to the parish office as we have a waiting list for all our Masses. Please adhere to the instructions of our stewards as you enter the church on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. The centre aisle with the longer seats will be used for family groups. Individuals or couples will be facilitated in the side aisles. Please remain in your seats after Mass until you are instructed to leave. Thank You.



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:

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

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

Christmas Masses

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



Seamus Murphy, Balbriggan
Tony (Anthony) Brady, Highfield & Collon
Kathleen Mc Quillan (née Connor), Ballsgrove

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.