

WEEKEND MASSES

ST. MARY'S: 6:00pm Saturday

8:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm Sunday

ST. OLIVER'S: 7:00pm Saturday

10:00am, 12:00noon Sunday

OUR LADY'S HOSPITAL: 9:00am Sunday

ST. ANNE'S 8:00am Monday - Friday

ST. OLIVER'S: 9:15am Monday - Friday

ST. MARY'S: 10:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

ST. MARY'S from 12:00-1:00pm

ST. OLIVER'S after 7:00pm Vigil Mass



PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Monday: 11am-1pm & 2pm-5pm

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FUNERAL DUTY: Fr Kevin Heery

ADVENT 2018 IN OUR PARISH

Evening Prayer & Benediction -

Sundays at 6:00pm in St Anne's Chapel

Morning Prayer of the Church -

10 min before 9:15 & 10:00 Masses.

Lectio Divina - Fridays of Advent 1:10 - 1:50

in the Parish Room. (Tea & Coffee will be served)

Service of Penance & Reconciliation - Tuesday 18

December in St Mary's Church at 8:00pm.

Statement by the Irish Bishops' Conference

"Every one of us has a right to life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. The direct and intentional taking of human life at any stage is gravely wrong and can never be justified. Women's lives, and the lives of their unborn children, are precious, valued and always deserving of protection. Any law which suggests otherwise would have no moral force. In good conscience it cannot be supported and would have to be resisted. We offer our prayerful solidarity with everyone dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life at all stages. We ask everyone of goodwill - whether at home, in parish, in school or at work - to continue to choose and to celebrate the preciousness of life."

Where Old meets New

This Sunday marks the return of St John the Baptist as a key figure during Advent. He echoes the words of Isaiah in preparing the way of the Lord. He is the "hinge prophet" between the Old Testament and the New Testament. His are the words used at Mass before Holy Communion as we approach the Lamb of God who takes away our sins.

First Confession celebration

We thank God today for the blessings of mercy and forgiveness which were poured into the young hearts of the Parish Catechetical participants last Tuesday. We pray a blessing from heaven on all who continue to lead them towards the Lamb of God in our parish and in their homes.

A tweet from Pope Francis

This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace. (5 December 2018)

Parish Carol Service

Parishioners are invited to keep Sunday afternoon 23 free for the annual Service of Carols. Local choirs and musicians who wish to participate are invited to contact the parish office on 9027518 not later than 12 December.

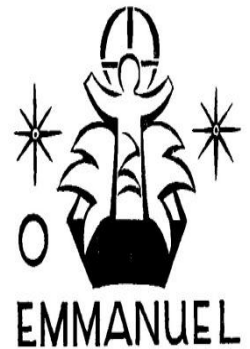
HYMN FOR TODAY

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!**

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!**



BAPTISED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Ava Mai & Amelia Jai Farrell

Isabella Sophie Gilsean

Caolinn Dani Keane

Lily Cecylia Tomica

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS & THE COMFORTING OF THE FAMILIES OF

Ann McCullagh née Finnegan, Troytown Heights

Kay Dunphy Woodlands

Kazimiera Pawlicka, Poland

Stephanie Martin, Athboy

Pioneer Parish Centenary 2019

The Pioneers in our parish will mark their centenary in May 2019. Last Wednesday night during a meeting of East Meath Pioneers, details were announced of a Mass on 28 December in Gardiner Street, Dublin to mark the 120th anniversary of the National PTAA. Details next week.

The **Annual Meals-on-Wheels Churchgate Collection** takes place next weekend to support a very important service in our parish. 90 meals are provided to people in our community on six days every week - including Christmas Day. Sincere thanks to all our supporters.

Feastdays during the coming week:

Wednesday: **St Finian** - Patron of our diocese

Thursday: **St Lucy** - Virgin & Martyr

Friday: **St John of the Cross** - Priest & Doctor

Bambinelli Sunday - blessing of Bambino or crib figures will be offered to families next **Sunday 16 December**.

Fr Robert welcomes expressions of interest for this year's Carols at the Crib during the Octave of Christmas.

Parish Calendars for 2019 will be distributed at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses this year.

Family Adoration in St. Oliver's Church this Sunday at 4:00pm. Children of all ages welcome

The **Baptism Preparation Course** will conclude for the Christmas period on Wednesday next, 12 December. It will resume on **Wednesday 2 January**. Pre-registration is essential via office@navanparish.ie or 9027518.

Catholic Grandparents' Association Monthly Meeting in St. Anne's Resource Centre Tuesday next at 10:30am.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection to serve local needs takes place this weekend 8 & 9 Dec. Your generosity will be much appreciated. St. Vincent de Paul Freephone no is 1800-677-777

Supporting Meals-on-Wheels: Sincere thanks to **Anonymous** €2,000; **Meath County Council** €750; **Anonymous** €50

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT 2018

Saturday:	St. Mary's 6:00pm	Michael Seery , Boyne Road, (Month's Mind)
	St. Oliver's 7:00pm	Sean McGuirk , Moatville, (Month's Mind)
Sunday:	St. Mary's 11:00am	Colette McLoughlin , Abbeygrove (First Anniversary)
	St. Oliver's 12:00noon	Colm McFadden , Proudstown Road (Month's Mind)
	St. Mary's 1:00pm	Patrick Matthews , late of Rathaldron & Canada (Month's Mind)
Saturday:	St. Mary's 10:00am	Anniversaries occurring Kathleen Harford - Con Murnane - Paul McGuirk - Alison McCormack - Joe Bennett - Johanna Moyles - Tom Farrell - Carmel Daly née Doyle - Ellen Dunphy - Harry Ratty - Carmel Murphy - Francis, Nancy & Tony Mullen - Joseph Finnegan Jnr - Bridget Fitzsimons - Richard Barnwell - Caroline Harten née Fitzsimons - Joe Reilly - Mary Callaghan - Vincent Bradley - Joe Smith - Joe Clerkin - Patricia Smyth - Mary Leddy - Finbar O'Brien - Sr. Philomena Sheridan - Mary & Tony Faulkner - Elizabeth Wallace - Mary Inns - John & Ellen Malone - Harry & Nell Jones - Andrew & Ellen Finnerty - Laurence McKenna - James McGeough - Siobhán Fitzsimons
Saturday:	St. Mary's 6:00pm	Alanna Russell , McDermott Villas (First Anniversary)
	St. Oliver's 7:00pm	Sean Foran , Sligo & Manchester (First Anniversary)
Sunday:	St. Mary's 11:00am	Vincent Blake , Academy Street (First Anniversary)
	St. Oliver's 12:00noon	Manus O'Donnell , Beechmount Lawn (Month's Mind)
	St. Mary's 1:00pm	Pat Daly , Moatville (Month's Mind)

Masses requested: Stewart "Dewi" Rennicks (2) - Dec mem of Our Lady of the Visitation Praesidium - Nell & Harry Jones - Kevin Toner - Charles Fitzsimons - Joe Reilly & dec mem Reilly fam - Mary, Ernie & Barry Woolhouse - Mary, Patrick McNally & McNally fam - Rose Ann & Thomas Murtagh & fam - Elizabeth & Thomas Reilly & fam - May & Tom Reidy - Carmel Hosie - Dolores & Seamus Collins - Nan, Tom & Maureen Burke & fam - Hilda Condon & Mai Gleeson, req of Navan Active Retirement (5 each) - Jack Moyles & Brian O'Connor - Vincent Geraghty - Paddy & Michael Leddy - Mick Leddy - Patrick, Jimmy, Teresa & Anne Ratty (2) - James Fox - Jackie Dunphy - Richard O'Byrne - Bridget & Joe Byrne - Elizabeth, Andy & Jeffrey Connolly

Many thanks to our Parishioners who contributed to last Sunday's Collections

Offertory: (plate collection) €3,695 **Development Fund:** (envelopes) €2,465

Family Envelope Boxes are available in the Parish Office.

ST MARY'S PARISH SHOP - KEEPING CHRIST IN YOUR ADVENT PREPARATIONS!

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 5:00pm; Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

www.navanparish.ie/shop

Tel 046-9027518 Ext 127

Hospital Visits Please notify the parish office of any relatives or neighbours in hospital who might appreciate a pastoral visit from one of the parish clergy.

COMMUNITY & LOCAL AREA NOTICES

Our Parish Bingo on Monday in the Community Centre **8:45pm** has launched a new format. **€75** per line. **Panel €150.** **Jackpot Sheet €150** per line and **€1,000** per panel.

Rosary every day in St. Mary's Church at 6:30pm and after the 9:15am weekday Masses in St Oliver's Church.

Christmas Carol Service at St. Columban's, Dalgan Park with St. Mary's Parish Choir on Friday next 14 December at 8:00pm. Tickets available at St. Columban's or tel 086-8297578 or 086-2642796 or 086-8144489

Advent Candles & Parish Christmas Cards are now available. #ShopLocal #PrayLocal

All Masses in St Mary's and in St Oliver's on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are offered for the intentions of recipients.

Join Navan Tidy Towns Committee. Tel 087-0651829 and join the Facebook group.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service in Scoil Noamh Eoin on Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday & Thursday next from 5:00pm - 8:30pm. Please support.



Red Cross Friendship Club are holding Christmas monthly meeting this Sunday in Parish Room 3pm-5pm.

Navan Probus Club is a Club for retired people - meets on first and third Tuesday of every month in Columbanus House, Canon Row. Contact: 086-3241068 for further information.