

WEEKEND MASSES

St Mary's: 6:00pm Saturday Vigil
8:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm Sunday
St Oliver's: 7:00pm Saturday Vigil
10:00am, 12:00 Sunday
OUR LADY'S HOSPITAL: 9:00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

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 12:00noon - 1:00pm
ST OLIVER'S after 7:00pm Vigil Mass



ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: 11am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm

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PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr Robert McCabe
FUNERAL DUTY: Fr Declan Hurley

The rose coloured candle which is lit on this Third Sunday of Advent reminds us of the approaching joy of Christ's birth.
We hope that the following ceremonies will help parishioners with your preparations this Advent.

- **Morning Prayer of the Church** - 10 min before all 9:15am & 10:00am weekday/Saturday Masses.
- **Sunday Evening Prayer & Benediction** - at 6:00pm in St Anne's Chapel
- **Evening Mass on Tuesday of Advent** exploring the theme "**Our God visits us like the dawn from on high**" On Tuesday 17 December at 8:00pm Mass, **Fr Robert** will explore the theme of "Living with Bereavement."
- **Bambinelli Sunday** - we welcome all families who pray a blessing from heaven on all who gather around the the baby Jesus from their family crib at our Masses this weekend.
- **Day of pre-Christmas Confession** in St Mary's Church **Saturday 21 December 8:00am - 8:00pm.** Priests from around the Boyne Valley will be available for Confessions through the day.
- **Parish Carol Service** led by Bishop Deenihan in St Mary's on **Sunday 22 December 4:00pm - 5:10pm.**



St Mary's is welcoming passers-by for a 5-10 minutes visit this Saturday 14 December. **Nightfever** in cities around the world has drawn families, teenagers and young adults from many backgrounds and levels of faith to a reflective time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

If your journey through this Advent Season has been busy, noisy or rushed, please accept this invitation to step into the Lord's presence with others who are seeking the face of God revealed in the Holy Eucharist.

Confessions for Christmas - *better early than never!* Our pagan ancestors gathered at Newgrange awaiting the appearance of their Sun God every year during what we now call the Winter Solstice. This Advent we have been exploring the text "*Our God visits us like the dawn from on high.*" We are now inviting parishioners to gather next Saturday to celebrate the love and peace of our God whom Patrick revealed at Slane as the fruitful relationship of the Holy Trinity.

Priests from around the Boyne-Blackwater Valley will assist with **Confession on Sat 21 Dec in St Mary's Church from 8am - 8pm.** Three priests will also be available next Saturday in **St Oliver's after the 7pm Mass.**

SUPPORTING MEALS-ON-WHEELS

The Annual Meals-on-Wheels Churchgate Collection takes place this 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

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Kai Matthew Nelson; Aoife Annette Shankey

HYMN FOR TODAY

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appears:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Day-spring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

We thank Aidan Jordan for his gift of the Christmas tree in St Mary's once again this year. The tree will be decorated in the coming days with the names of children who are preparing for the Sacraments in 2020. Aidan is a teacher in St Patrick's Classical School

and is associated with a charity called **Wells of Life**. Last Easter, he travelled to Uganda with twelve students from the school to visit a small rural community that now has access to clear water thanks to funds raised in the school. If you would like to show your appreciation to Aidan for his generosity in providing a tree every year, you could support this charity by donating via www.wellsoflife.org or by leaving your donation in a sealed envelope marked "Wells of Life" at the Parish Office.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Sally Dunphy, Woodlands
Christina Plunkett, Clusker Park
Thomas Doyle, Bridge Street
Lena Joyce, St. Columban's Crescent
Patrick Gavin, Aberdeen

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT WEEK 2019



Saturday: **St. Mary's 6:00pm** **Betty Flanagan**, Russell Court (First Anniversary)
Sunday: **St. Oliver's 10:00am** **Terence McCaul**, Dunmoe (Month's Mind)
St. Mary's 11:00am **Jenny McGurl**, Beechmount Avenue (First Anniversary)
St. Oliver's 12:00 noon **Kitty Murtagh**, Proudstown (Month's Mind)
St. Mary's 1:00pm **Maura McLarney**, Athlumney (Month's Mind)
St. Anne's 2:00pm **African Catholics' Community Mass**

Saturday: **St. Mary's 10:00am** **Anniversaries occurring** Rita McKiernan – Margaret Connolly – Joe Bennett – Johnny Heary – Sean Carpenter – Garry Leonard – Paddy Meehan – Rita & Martin Fennessy – Nancy Moyles – Carmel Daly née Doyle – Doyle fam – Bertie & Brigid Carroll – Nell Jones – Jack & Eithna Foran – Joe Clerkin – Doris Horgan née Clusker – Mary Callaghan née Beggy – Betty Rowe née Beggy – Paddy Smith – Mary McDonnell – Finbar O'Brien – Nancy Smith – Annie Hegarty & dec mem Hegarty fam – James McGeough – Mary Inns & fam – Charles & Margaret Gallagher – Kevin Honan – Teresa Gaffney – Christopher Kiernan – Mary Kiernan – Charles Kiernan – Gertrude Kiernan – Tom Wimsey – Andrew & Ellen Finnerty – May O'Brien – Donna Spillane – Patricia Smyth – Catherine Doolan & Josie Kerrigan – Joseph Smith – Michael Boland – Mary Leddy – Laura O'Brien née Plunkett

Saturday: **St. Mary's 6:00pm** **Mary (Babs) Keegan**, Ardsallagh (Month's Mind)
St. Oliver's 7:00pm **John Markey**, Cortown & late of Woodlands (Month's Mind)
Sunday: **St. Mary's 11:00am** **Catherine Murray**, Gainstown (First Anniversary)
St. Mary's 1:00pm **Frances Smyth**, St. Finian's Terrace (Month's Mind)
St. Mary's 4:00pm **2019 Parish Carol Service**

Masses requested: Colm Walsh -Annie, Pat, Aidan, Gerard Smith & Patricia Thornton – dec mem Fennessy fam & Edward Knox – Jimmy, Teresa, Patrick & Anne Ratty – Paul Quin – Maura & Paddy Twomey – Gus Callaghan – Gerald Beggy – Rita Beggy – Seamus Smyth – Paul Maguire – Frances Noone – Larry & Maureen Malone – Nancy & Frank Smith – P.J. Masterson, req of Navan Active Retirement(5) – Thomas Gaffney – Helen Weldon – Sean Coffey – Leo Slattery – Hughie & Eugene Craughan – Thomas, Rita & Lal McKenna – Tony, Mary, John Boland & Teresa Powderly née Boland – Bridget & Patrick Reilly – Bridget & Patrick Sullivan – Michael Reilly & Ita Duffy – Reilly & Sullivan Fam – James, Annie, Felix, Mary Anne, Jem, Tom, Rita Smyth & Smyth & Newton fam – William & Marian Byrne – Clint Meighan – James & Bridget Sharkey – Conrad Sharkey – Michael & Teresa Boland née Sharkey – Bridget Duignan – dec mem Farrelly fam – Paddy & Michael Leddy – Thomas & Rose Duffy – Pa & Ann Brennan

MANY THANKS TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory (plate collection): €4,993 Development Fund: €2,565

Please support the sponsor of this week's *Sunday Message*

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COMMUNITY & LOCAL AREA NOTICES

St Mary's Parish Bingo takes place every Monday in the Community Centre at **8:45pm**. Panel **€150**. Jackpot Sheet **€150** per line and **€1,000** per panel.

O'Mahony's Bingo: Tues 8:45pm

Simonstown Bingo: Thurs 8:45pm

Navan Male Voice Choir Carol Service on Christmas Day in St. Oliver's Church beginning at 11:30am. We are recruiting new singers. Experience not required. Practice every Tues evening. Tel 087-2590571.

Meals-on-Wheels: Thanks to **Knights of St. Columbanus** - €5000; **Navan Flower Club** - €700; Family of late **Joe Bartley** - €550; **Unite the Union** - €500; **Wesco** - €500; **Anonymous** €500; €150; €100; €50 **Sincere thanks!**

The **Irish Cancer Society** is seeking volunteers to drive patients to and from treatment. Tel 01 231 0594 or email transport@irishcancer.ie. More info: www.cancer.ie.

Meath Befriending Service aims to reduce loneliness and isolation through a weekly visit from a trained befriending volunteer. Tel 928 0790.

Dowdstown Counselling Services offer individual support. Appointments via 903 1196. www.dowdstowncounsellingservices.com

Christmas Charity Social Dance for SVDP in Diocesan Hall Trim this Sun 15 Dec 6:00pm-9:00pm. Dancing to Noel Briody. Raffle & Christmas refreshments.

Ruth & Philip say a sincere thank you to all who so generously supported their bake sale last Sunday. Funds raised will support their project in Kenya in 2020."

Navan Road Club thank all who took part and supported the 24 Hour Roller Cycle event in aid of the ARC Cancer Support Centre last weekend

Bective/Cannistown Social Group has adjourned for Christmas and will resume on Wed 15 Jan at 2:00pm. New members welcome

Bective GFC Bingo will take place Sun 29 Dec at the earlier time of **2:00pm**. Please support

Meath Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land 13-22 October 2020 led by Bishop Deenihan. Contact Niamh at GTI-MAP Travel 01 808 5201

Fr. Mark English will lead a **Pilgrimage to Holy Land** from 1 June 2020 for 8 nights Book with Navan Travel 046-906 8600 or info@travalue.ie

Advent Vespers (Gregorian Chant) & **Benediction** at 5:00pm this Sunday with the Monks at **Silverstream Priory, Stamullen**. www.cenacleosb.org/visit

#ShopLocal - **Fr Ray Kelly** will be signing copies of his book in the Parish Shop this Sunday 15 Dec from 1:45pm. Our parish shop stocks a wide range of Cribbs. Parish Christmas Cards & Mass Cards are now available also. Tel **046-9027518** Ext **127**