

# Edenderry Parish Newsletter

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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Sunday at 10.00am  
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We pray for the following whose Anniversaries occur around this time.



St. Pio Rosary for December is this Sunday 15th Dec at 3.30pm.

Carol Service this Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm.  
Turning on of lights and blessing of tree for our deceased loved ones afterwards.

### Masses for the Coming weeks

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm: Gerry Smullen – Months Memory, Eddie Kenny, John & Mary O’Sullivan, Pat & Maureen McGrath, Deceased members of the McGrath Family, Mary, John & Johnny Delaney, Marie Mangan, Noel Ryall, Ita Ryall, Patrick & Elizabeth Forde**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am:** Eamonn Glynn, Sean & Nancy Gowran, Ned & Ann Daly, Mary Judge, Joseph O’Reilly, Angela Dunne Glynn, Lorenza & Tommy Burns, Baby Sam Dunne, Des Usher, Imelda O’Mara, Sean O’Mara

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am:**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am:**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: at 10.00am:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am:**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Service of the Word & Holy Communion**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00 pm: Ger Murray – Months Memory, Liz Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Paddy Warren, Baby Bobby Kerrigan & his Grandad Sean (Mock) Davy, Billy Davy, Essie Doyle, Catherine & Patrick Davy, Joseph Enright, Baby Tommy Hickey, Frank & Anne Shanley, Josie Glynn, Mary Ellen, Barney & Ned Killally, Bridget & Jack Judge, Peter Kane, Dora Whelan, Mary Lowry**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 am:** Pat Cullen – Months Memory, Patrick (Paddy) Murray, Drumcooley, Kilisha (Ciara) Kenny Glennon, Gertie & Jim Kearney, Mary Ellen Kavanagh, Con & Hannah Forde, Mattie Rogers

### CHRISTMAS IN ST. MARY’S CHURCH

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> December: Rorate Caeli Mass

Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm. Turning on of lights and blessing of tree for our deceased loved ones afterwards.

Christmas Eve: Children’s Masses at 4.00pm & 6.00pm,

Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 11.00am.

St. Stephen’s Day Mass at 11.00am

(Please note change of time from 10.00am to 11.00am on Christmas Day & St. Stephen’s Day)

### **Rorate Caeli Mass. 14th & 15th December.**

On Saturday evening Mass we refer back to the Rorate Caeli Mass which is a traditional devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent and is offered normally just before dawn, but can also be offered at dusk. The interplay of light and darkness speaks to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.” “Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.”

The Rorate Mass is lit by many candles, representing the Light of Christ coming into the world. It is a Mass in Mary’s honour. In the dimly lit setting, the priest and people prepare to honour the Light of the world, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was to testify to ‘the true light, which enlightens everyone’. So, we ask for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

**A big “Thank You” to all involved in Sunday night’s Concert.** It was a great success. To all the Guest Artists, the Choir who took part, to all the Lighting and Sound crew ~ the Parish Pastoral Committee who did great work, to the Sacristan and His team, to the JP 11 Students and the Car Park attendants, to the Shops and to the Ticket Sellers ~ to all who gave Donations thank you sincerely. To anyone that are not mentioned, you know who you are. **Thank you all very much.** We will give update on the monies collected next week, as we are waiting for some to come in.

**Fr. Liam**

**Carol Service this Sunday 15th December** at 6.00pm. Turning on of lights and blessing of tree for our deceased loved ones afterwards.

**Christmas Remembrance List & Christmas Bulbs:** If you wish to have your deceased family members remembered at the Christmas Masses, leave their names in the Parish Office. Their names will be printed and placed on the Altar over the Christmas period. They will be remembered at the Christmas Masses. Also, the final date for the Christmas Bulbs and Remembrance List will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Parish Lotto Draw Results for Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Numbers: 01-02-25-28  
No €20,000 Jackpot Winner  
8 Match 3 receive €125.00 each & 1 Local Match 3  
Patricia Brady: Promoter – Parish Office  
**Next week’s Jackpot – €20,000**

**All Photos from the Remembrance Garden can be collected in the Parish Office**

**The Family of the late Gerry (Gerard) Smullen** would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent loss. Those who called to the house & supported them in any way through this difficult time. It would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of gratitude, thanks and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### **Weekday Mass Reader**

Week starting 16<sup>th</sup> December: Eddie Lynch



### **Weekend Mass Readers**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm – Carmel Lynch & Philip Brady

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am – Edel Coyne & Cyril O’Neill

### **Weekend Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm – Caroline Murphy, Ciara Staunton, Nathalie Leeper Murphy, Frances Judge

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am – Sean Dillon, Bernadette McKeon, Mary Finnegan, Sheila Cleary

Ofalia House: Sean Dillon

**Stay strong in God,  
for after winter – summer comes,  
after night – the day returns:  
and after a storm – calm is restored.**

### **Edenderry Library:**

**Wednesday 18th Dec**

**6pm – Board Games Evening**

**6.30pm – Storytime with Santa Claus – The big man himself is taking time out to visit Edenderry Library for a Storytime – Suitable for under 7s. Booking required.**

Thursday 19th Dec: Sensory Room Bookings available

Friday 20th Dec

10.30 – Baby & Toddler Session

3.30pm – Kids Craft – Make your own Christmas Character (for over 6s) – Booking Required

Saturday 21st Dec

10-12:00 – Seasonal Saturday incl. Storytime @10.30,

Christmas Movie @11am & Christmas Craft Table & Activities 10am-1pm