

Edenderry Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th December 2024

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Daily Mass at 10.00am
(No 10 am Mass on the day of Funeral with the exception of the First Friday of the Month)
Saturday at 7.00 pm
Sunday at 10.00am
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Monday – Friday 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
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We pray for the following whose Anniversaries occur around this time.



Barney Clarke
Leo Denehan

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day; We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

Masses for the Coming weeks

Saturday 7th December at 7.00 pm: Kevin & Lil Hunston, Christopher Nolan, Joseph McCabe, Mick Mangan, Michael Mangan Junior, Michael & Kathleen Cronly, John Walsh, Patrick, Bridget & Paddy Mangan

Sunday 8th December at 10.00 am: Tommy & Dympna Flynn, Shirley Nolan, Noel, Michael, Stan, John & Madeline Sheill, Declan Prunty, Anne Plunkett, Margaret Mary Rafferty, Margaret & Jack Donoghue, their son Michael, their Grandson David and son-in-law William. Phil, Joe & Martin O'Donoghue, Deceased members of the O'Donoghue & Harte families.

Monday 9th December at 10.00 am: Paddy, Nora & Frank Fenlon,

Tuesday 10th December at 10.00 am:

Wednesday 11th December: at 10.00am:

Thursday 12th December at 10.00 am:

Friday 13th December: Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Saturday 14th 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

Sunday 15th December at 10.00 am: Eamonn Glynn, Sean & Nancy Gowran, Ned & Ann Daly, Mary Judge, Joseph O'Reilly

CHRISTMAS IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday 14th / 15th 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. (Please note change of time from 10.00am to 11.00am)

St. Stephen's Day: Mass at 10.00am

Cake Sale: The Church Flower committee would like to thank most sincerely all who helped to make the Cake Sale a great success. A special thanks to all who baked, sponsored prizes, sold & bought tickets, gave donations and helped out in any way. Your support was greatly appreciated. Amount raised was €1936.00

O Holy Night, FR. LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS (including Perfect Harmony Choir)
(Please note that Parking in the Church grounds will be restricted to the Elderly and infirm)
Please feel free to bring a cushion for comfort.
Tickets on sale the night of the Concert.

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

St Vincent de Paul Edenderry are holding their annual church gate collection this weekend.

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Christmas Bulbs: Sponsor a Bulb for your Deceased Love Ones. For just €10 you can have a bulb lit on the Christmas tree in the Church grounds in memory of your deceased family members or friends. Funds raised will go towards the Parish. The donation can be left along with the name of the deceased into the Parish office. The tree will be lit after the Carol service on Sunday 15th December. Carol Service at 6.00pm

Christmas Anniversary List: 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.

Please note that the St. Pio Rosary for December is changed to the third Sunday 15th Dec at 3.30pm for this month only.

Parish Lotto Draw Results for Wed 4th December
Numbers: 06-19-24-30
No €20,000 Jackpot Winner
1 Local Match 3: Marie Shortt –
Promoter Parish Office receives €50
Next week's Jackpot – €20,000

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.

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.

Eden Chorale are delighted to announce our annual Christmas Concerts. Please join us for an evening of Sounds of the Season with special guest Ben Cully. Friday 13th Dec 7:30pm Edenderry Golf Club & Sat 14th Dec 7:30pm Carbury Church of Ireland. Tickets available from Doreen 087- 2239 170 (Golf Club concert) or Charlie 086-8579 621 (Carbury concert). Golf club concert in aid of Golf for All Initiative & Little Wishes.

Thanks to Offaly County Council and Edenderry Municipal District for their continued support of the arts!

Weekday Mass Reader

Week starting 9th December: Mary O'Meara



Weekend Mass Readers

Saturday 14th December at 7.00pm – Rita Evans & Thomas Hynes

Sunday 15th December at 10.00am – Sean Fitzgerald & Anne Hanley

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 14th December at 7.00pm – Assumpta Tyrrell, Deirdre Byrne, Ewan Halligan, Colette Staunton

Sunday 15th December at 10.00am – Laura Pentony McKeon, Mary Hickey, Maria Egan, Patricia Brady

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