

Christmas Day 25th Dec

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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2020 !!!

Where to begin with 2020! Countries locked down, economies jolted to a halt, deserted offices, schools closed, travel restricted, empty roads, people confined to their homes, the Church closed, Weddings, Confirmation and 1st Communions postponed or cancelled and difficult and different arrangements for funerals. We're living in a strange new World. I'm not sure which is better – to be locked down or locked up!

It has been an extremely hard time to suffer a loss, and we offer our sincere condolences to all the families, friends and communities that have been through this in recent months.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We are very grateful for the support over this difficult past year. We wish to thank everyone that helped with the work of the Parish; Choirs, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Collectors & Counters, Flower arrangers, Altar servers, Liturgy group, Sacramental Co-ordinators, Rosary & Adoration committees, Finance committee, the Parish Office, Sacristan, our 2 Care-takers, together with all who help in the upkeep of the Church, the Altar cloths & vestments and the Church cleaners. We thank all who contributed to the Parish funds and to all the priest collections, for your generosity and loyalty throughout the year. It's hugely appreciated.

ONE new group has helped us greatly in the past few months – the Ushers who help at our week-end Masses to show people to their seats and to keep their safety as a top priority in these uncertain times.

We pray that 2021 will bring us a New Year of Hope and Happiness and good health to all. We take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

Sr. Áine Small

P. J. McEvoy

Fr. Larry Malone

Deacon Paul Wyer

The staff at the Parish Centre & the Link Up Office wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas.

Community Notices

Please Note: The weekly collection envelopes for 2021 are available in the Church porches and the Parish Centre. Please take one.....Thank you

Christmas Remembrance List: Names will be remembered at all Masses during the Christmas season, and Names will be placed before the Altar.

Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve Mass @ 5pm & 7pm & 9pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec: 10:30am & 12 noon
St Stephens Day (Saturday):
Sunday 27th Mass @ 10am & 11:30am
Mon to Thurs Mass @ 10am
New Years Day (Friday) Mass @

Christmas Collection

The Christmas Collection for the Priest of the parish will be held at all Masses on Christmas Day. For those who don't have boxes, there are envelopes available in the Church porches.

A sincere thank you for your continued support.

Please note: The Parish Office & Link Up Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December @ 1pm.
Re-opening Monday 4th January 2021 @ 9:30am.

Parish Lotto Draw: Draw will re-commence on the Wednesday 6th Jan 2021.

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May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your Blessing all year through



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We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Peggi Mary Connolly Nugent

Paddy Forde

Dáire Smullen

Jackson James O' Halloran



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

*Joseph (Joe) Enright
Fr. Paul Murphy Street, Edenderry*

*May he Rest in Peace.
Our Sympathy to his family*

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thursday—Christmas Eve 5pm, 7pm & 9am For the people of the Parish

Friday-Christmas Day 10:30am: For the people of the Parish

Friday-Christmas Day 12 noon: For the people of the Parish

St Stephen's Day Saturday 11am: Patrick & Ellen Carthy; Enda O'Brien; Noel Maher

St Stephen's Day Saturday 7pm: Sean (Jake) Loughlin, **1st Anniversary**; Christopher Nolan

Sunday 10am:

Sunday 11:30am: Dolores McCarthy; **Months mind Mass**; June Fox, **1st Anniversary**; Deirdre & Paul Hoey; Michael & Mary O' Sullivan; Margaret & Michael Mangan; Michael & Mary Seery; Billy Seery; Billy Norman; Marcella Burke & deceased family members; John & Rosie Scully & deceased family members

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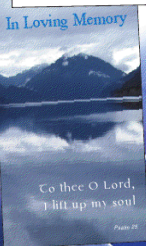
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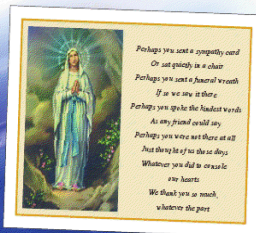
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Christmas Mass

(The Bishop advised us to shorten Masses for Christmas for many reasons)

Priest: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And with your Spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, you are the source of all life, and have created every man and woman, in your image and in your love. Help us to see in the person of everyone we meet the image of your beauty, love, goodness, and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FIRST READING (62:1-5)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Those who walked in the dark have seen a great light. And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of the darkest shadows. Oh Lord, you have made your nation stronger. Because of you, it's people are glad and celebrate like workers at harvest time. For us a child has been born. A son has been given to us, and he will be a ruler. His name will be a wonderful adviser and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Sung.....

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Priest: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us

go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us. 'So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

God, our Father, we bring you bread and wine. We ask you now to become more and more the centre of our lives, so that everything we do reflects the presence of Christ within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, Lord God, that each person here may have a happy Christmas, and bring that happiness to family, friends, and all we meet. May the message of Christmas be a sign in our land and in our world, of justice, joy, and love, of the friendship of God among his people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, All is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God loves pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus Lord at thy birth,
Jesus Lord at thy birth.