

12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Edenderry

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**Daily Mass**  
10am

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

**Sunday**  
10a.m. & 11:30am

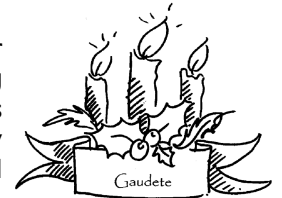
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## What Must We Do

How many times are we shamed into saying, "I'll never grumble again!" We watch children who have life threatening illnesses finding something to smile about. We see families living in poverty, seemingly happy when they have every excuse to be deeply unhappy. We read about the men and women, who despite disability or overwhelming odds, adopt a positive attitude and achieve great things. These people are living proof that happiness doesn't come from everything being right in our lives. The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete meaning to rejoice. Rejoicing, exulting, being happy and singing for joy are the themes in today's liturgy. But how are we to feel happy in a world where there isn't much to feel happy about...what must we do? John the Baptist gives us the answer. "If anyone has two tunics," he says, 'he must share with the man who has none.'" We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift...the inner glow that comes with knowing we have bought someone exactly what they always wanted. We experience this same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing. To the tax collector and the soldier John says, "Exact no more than your rate. Be content with your pay." What joy is there in gain if it's at someone else's expense? Do we really get any satisfaction at saving a couple of pence at the supermarket knowing it is at the expense of a third world farmer working for virtually nothing at all. At this season in particular we remember not to exploit those who work hard for little profit. We remember whilst doing our Christmas shopping to look for the 'Fair Trade' labels. If we are employers we remember not to make unreasonable demands in order to line our own pockets. Most importantly this Christmas, we remember that happiness comes from being content with what we have.



*Please Note Advent reflection will be held next week on Tuesday 14th Dec @ 7:30pm. All are welcome.*

## MASS ROTAS

### EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

#### READERS

10am. Mon 13th Dec — Pauline Grennan

### EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

#### READERS

7pm. Sat 18th Dec – Dave Mulligan

10am: Sun 19th Dec - Eddie Lynch

11:30am. Sun 19th Dec - Thomas Hynes

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 18th Dec – Amanda Carter, Caroline Murphy, Deirdre Byrne, Bernice Flynn

10am. Sun 19th Dec – Deirdre Maloney, Martin Tyrrell, Bernadette McKeon, Sheila Cleary

11:30am. Sun 19th Dec – Summie Tyrrell Christy Pentony, Elaine Farrell, Colissa Halligan

## Community Notices

### CHARITY FUN RUN/WALK ~ SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

5/10k along the canal.

Starting at Town Hall 10am

Donations on day, and all proceeds go to LittleWishes

**St Pio Rosary:** Monday 13th December in St Mary's Church, Edenderry @ 7:30pm. All welcome

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LOTTO ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December final draw of 2021

First draw of 2022 will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*The Church Flower Committee: would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped to make the Cake Sale a great success. A special thanks to all those who baked, sponsored prizes, sold tickets, gave donations and helped out in any way. Your support was greatly appreciated. The total raised was €3000 this includes the proceeds from the Hamper in Mary & Marie's*

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Church gate collection will be held at all Masses this weekend 11th/12th Dec**  
**Please support this worthy cause.**  
**All donations are spent in the local community.**



### Failte

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

*Chloe Marie Coffey*

*Esmé Sarah Byrne*

*Beauden William Brereton*

*Ivie Tarleigh Quirké*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

### RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

Wednesday 8th December 2021

### NUMBERS DRAWN

09

13

15

24

**No Jackpot Winner**

**23 Matched 3's won €44 each**

**1 local Winner**

**Winner: Eugene Mangan Promoter: Parish Centre**

**Next Week's Jackpot €13,000**

### Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve (Children's Mass) @ 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 8pm

Christmas Day 25th Dec: 10am: and 11:30am Masses

No Vigil Mass on Christmas Day

St Stephens Day Sun 26th Dec: 10am & 11:30am



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Maura Kelliher nee Delaney, Rahtmore*

*Mary Fanning, nee Mangan, Assumption Rd*

*May they Rest in Peace.  
Our Sympathy to their families*

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Eliza & Willie Brereton; Tommy & Nellie Dempsey; Deceased members of the Brereton, Dempsey & Grehan families; Tom & Margaret Halpin & deceased members of the Halpin, Delaney & Montgomery families; Marie Mangan; Noel Ryall; Patrick & Elizabeth Forde; Michael & Kathleen Cronly; Christy Nolan

**Sunday 10am:** Declan Prunty, **1st Anniversary**; Eamonn Glynn; Angela Dunne Glynn; Margaret & Jack Donoghue, Son Michael, Grandson David, Son-in-law William Pinkney;

**Sunday 11:30am:** Tommy & Dympna Flynn; Shirley Nolan; Noel & Michael Sheill; Joseph O' Reilly; Phil O' Donoghue; Joe O' Donghue; Martin O'Donoghue & deceased family members.

**Monday 10am:**

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am:**

**Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions**

**Saturday 7pm:** May Rennicks, **Months mind Mass**; William (Billy) Davy, **1st Anniversary**; Elizabeth Monahan, **1st Anniversary**; Jenny O' Connor; Tony O' Connor; Patrick & Catherine Davy; Baby Bobby Kerrigan, & grand-father Sean (Mock) Davy; Michael Mitchell; Baby Billy Murphy; Mary, John & Johnny Delaney;

**Sunday 10am:** Mary - Ellen Kavanagh; Con & Hannah Ford; Liam Farrell; Margaret Conlan

**Sunday 11:30am:** Joseph Enright; **1st Anniversary**; Baby Tommy Hickey; Paddy Murray, Drumcooley; Jim & Gertie Kearney; Sean & Nancy Gowran, Pat, Maureen, Olive & Brona McGrath;



*We Pray for the following  
whose Anniversary occurs  
around this time.*

*Jim Doyle  
Elizabeth Walsh  
Oliver Slevin*

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**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**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad, rejoicing. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING (3:14-18)**

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has replaced your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Give thanks to the Lord, Give praise to his name.

Response:

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **Response**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **Response:**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **Response:**

**SECOND READING (4:4-7)**

**A reading from St Paul to the Philippians.**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry: but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

**The word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL (3:10-18)**

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*

**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.**

When all the people asked John, What must we do? he answered, If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same. There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, Master, what must we do? He said to them, Exact no more than your rate. Some soldiers asked him in their turn, What must we do? He said to them, No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay! A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Lord, may these gifts which we now offer to show our belief and our love be pleasing to you. May they become for us the eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son who is Lord for ever and ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of mercy, may this eucharist bring us your divine help, free us from our sins, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**Christmas Collection**

*The Christmas Collection for the Priest of the parish will be held at all Masses on Christmas Day. (Yellow envelope in the box), for those who don't have boxes, there are envelopes available in the Church porches. **A sincere thank you for your continued support.***



**Carol Service**

**Parish Carol Service  
12th Dec @6pm**

**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. Fr. Liam will have a blessing of the tree on December after the Carol Service. (Carol Service 12th Dec @ 6pm). Funds raised will go towards the Parish. The donation can be left along with the name of the deceased into the Parish Centre.*