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**Mass Times**  
**Edenderry**

**Daily Mass**  
10am

(No 10am Mass on day of funeral)

**Saturday**  
**7p.m.**

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

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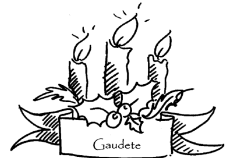
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### Recognising Jesus In Our Lives

If we were still using the Latin Mass, one of the first words we would have heard this Sunday would have been 'Gaudete' meaning 'rejoice'. The third Sunday of Advent, otherwise known as 'Gaudete Sunday' is a day upon which we are invited to rejoice. But what if we don't feel as though there is much to rejoice about? Should we pretend? Should we put on a smile and thank God for our blessings with a joy that we don't honestly feel in our hearts? There's a well known saying that goes "Every cloud has a silver lining." The old adage is telling us to look for good in every circumstance, but in truth it's not always easy to believe in silver linings or know how to find them. Our lives can sometimes feel like a pointless spiral of problems, and finding joy can be elusive. In the days of John the Baptist, the Jewish people had been praying for a messiah who would come in great power like a regal warrior to restore Israel. They were unable to recognise Jesus as the answer to their problems, because he was just the humble son of a poor carpenter. They didn't recognise him because he wasn't what they were expecting. They were unable to embrace their 'silver lining'. Today it is easy to recognise Jesus in our lives when things are going well, but in our suffering Jesus' presence can be harder to recognise. God's agenda is hardly ever our own agenda. The solutions we yearn for and pray for are probably not God's solutions. Today's challenge is to rejoice in God's presence in all of life's circumstances both good and bad. We need to recognise God when he comes to us in ways we do not expect.



### Edenderry Parish prepares for Christmas Ceremonies

As we plan for Christmas, we are happy to announce that we hope to be able to celebrate Christmas as normal as possible. Extra Masses will be scheduled for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and possibly on St. Stephen's Day. All Masses will be streamed on the Parish website but even with extra Masses, there will be less capacity than other years due to strict Covid guidelines for the safety of all attending our Christmas Masses and to comply with government & diocesan regulations, it will be necessary to manage and control the expected numbers in the Church. Following advice from Bishop Nulty, it will be necessary to distribute tickets for the Masses over the Christmas period. Regrettably, there will be no Children's Masses scheduled this year. However all Children will have a special Christmas Mass streamed into their classroom in all four National Schools in the Parish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**TICKETS for Christmas Masses:** Tickets will be freely available for Collection (1) In the Church after all Masses on the 2 weekends before Christmas, i.e. 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> December. Also on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> in the Church from 2-3pm. (2) In the Parish Centre on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec from 11am-12 Noon.

Tickets must be collected in person. Telephone orders for tickets is not an option. Tickets will be limited to **ONE** ticket per collection.

The following tickets are available:

1 person/single ticket, or 1 couple ticket, or 1 Family ticket, allowing 3 or more in a seat. Tickets will be numbered and seats will be allocated when ticket is collected. Aisles and seats will be labelled and ushers will be present to direct you. Contact tracing must be provided when collecting ticket (name & telephone number) Your ticket will guarantee you a seat and you will be informed exactly where your seat is in the Church.

Tickets are available for the following Masses:

**Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm—Christmas Day: 10.30am, 12 Noon.**

This schedule leaves room for an extra Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day if the demand for tickets warrants it.

## Community Notices

### Baptisms...

Bookings for baptisms can be arranged through the Parish Office @ 046 9733311. Only immediate family members who need to be present at the ceremonies (to an absolute maximum of ten).

**The monthly St Pio Rosary:** will be recited on Monday evening the 14th of December at 7.30. All are welcome if you are unable to attend you can join us on edenderryparish webcam. St Pio calendars will be available on the night.

**The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat online:** will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**New Readers Rota:** can be picked up in the Parish Centre or the Church porch.

### ENVELOPES FOR COLLECTIONS IN 2021

Envelopes for collections throughout 2021 are now available in the Church or in the Parish Office. For those who are contributing to the Tax Rebate Scheme their envelopes are available in the Parish Office ONLY. Many thanks for your continued contributions to Church Funds in these difficult times.



### *Faite*

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

*Juliana Grace Costello*

*Hazel Anna Hague*

*Tess Louise O'Hara*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

### RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

**Wednesday 9th December 2020**

### NUMBERS DRAWN

09

15

20

22

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begins with a single step*

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Joseph O'Reilly; Marie Mangan; Tom & Maggie Halpin; Deceased members of the Montgomery & Delaney families

**Sunday 10am:** Liam Farrell; Margaret Conlon

**Sunday 11:30am:** Eamon Glynn, **1st Anniversary;** Angela Dunne Glynn; Tommy & Dymphna Flynn; Shirley Nolan; Noel & Michael Sheill; Frank Burke

**Monday 10am:** Willie O'Donoghue; Special Intention

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am:**

**Friday 9am: Mass Card Intentions**

**Saturday 7pm:** Sean Davy; **Months mind Mass;** Baby Bobby Kerrigan; **10th Anniversary;** Nancy Gowran, **1st Anniversary;** Sean Gowran; Mary Delaney, **1st Anniversary;** John & Johnny Delaney; Edward & Ann Daly; Deceased members of the Daly family; Mary Judge' Deceased members of the Grattan family; Deceased members of the Smyth family; Baby Tommy Hickey; Baby Billy Murphy;

**Sunday 10am:** Mary-Ellen Kavanagh

**Sunday 11:30am:** Patrick (Paddy) Murray Drumcooley, **1st Anniversary;** Pat, Maureen, Olive & Brona McGrath; Gertie & Jim Kearney; Des Usher



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

*Michael, Maureen & Thomas*

*Christle*

*James Doyle*

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### STAFFORDS SMOKELESS COAL

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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**

Let us pray, (that God will fill us with joy at the coming of the Christ). Lord God, may we, your people who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**FIRST READING (61:1-2.10-11)**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in his nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **Response.**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **Response.**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **Response.**

**SECOND READING (5:16-24)**

**A reading from the second letter of St Peter.**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything—hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**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 (1:6-8.19-28)**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And with your Spirit

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

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He

came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ'. "Well then", they asked "are you Elijah?" 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you?' We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?" So John said, "I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord." Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?" John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you—unknown to you—the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened as Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**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.

**READERS**

**10am.** Mon 14th Dec – Dave Mulligan

**EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS**

**READERS**

**7pm.** Sat 19th Dec - Cyril O' Neill & Eddie Lynch

**10am.** Sun 20th Dec - Eddie Kelliher & Sheila Cleary

**11:30am.** Sun 20th Dec - Deirdre Kelly & Liz Rickard



**Carol Service**

**Parish Carol Service  
Wednesday 16th Dec**

**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. McEvoy will have a blessing of the tree on Wednesday 16th December. Funds raised will go towards the Parish. The donation can be left along with the name of the deceased into the Parish Centre.