

# Edenderry Link Up



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**Daily Mass**  
10am

(No 10am Mass on day of funeral)

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

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

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## Finding 'You' Time

How prepared are you? Have you ordered all the presents and put up the tree? Preparation is one of the most important parts of Christmas, but Advent was never supposed to be about fixing the fairy lights. Advent is about spiritual preparation. In all the whirlwind preparations for the Christmas celebrations, we need to prepare a way for the Lord, and this preparation begins with a call from an eccentric man living alone in the desert over two thousand years ago John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Today we might easily dismiss the rantings of a strange man who dressed in camel hair and fed on locusts, but interestingly, people travelled miles into the desert to be baptised by him, so charismatic a man was he, and so important his message. Two thousand years later, his message is just as relevant to those of us who want greater meaning in our lives. The repentance that John teaches means so much more than being sorry for our sins. Repentance means changing the direction of our lives away from poor and ungodly choices. Was the direction of our life decided by what exams we did or didn't pass at the age of seventeen? Has the direction of our life been determined by arbitrary decisions and random circumstances? Advent is a time to decide what sort of a person we would really like to be, and in what direction we would really like to be heading. "Prepare the way of the Lord," John tells us, "make straight his paths." To allow God into our lives, we are asked to remove any obstacles in God's path. How can we open our minds to God's will if our time is consumed in filling the freezer and making Christmas puddings? Advent is an opportunity for us to make some quiet time to contemplate and prioritise. What is it exactly that is preventing God's work in our lives? "One mightier than I is coming after me," John tells us, "I have baptised you with water, he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." In the desert of commercialism, we are reminded that the reason for the season is not turkeys and baubles. Preparation is a time of reflection; a little 'You' time.



## MASS ROTAS

### **EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS**

#### READERS

10am. Mon 7th Dec – Mary Foley

### **EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS**

#### READERS

7pm. Sat 12th Dec - Lynn Johns

10am. Sun 13th Dec - Michael Daly

11:30am: Sun 13th Dec - Caroline McNamee

**Eucharistic Ministers:** For the moment we are not doing up a Eucharistic ministers rota. If you are at Mass and you feel you would like to distribute Communion, please feel free to come up. Please note you must wear a face mask.

## 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).

**Parish Office Opening Times:** Mon - Fri 9:30am to 1pm  
**Monthly St Pio Rosary:** will be recited on Monday 14th Dec @ 7:30pm.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

### **Polish Mass**

Friday 11th December @ 7pm

Confessions @ 6pm

Blessing of people with the St. Faustian relic after Mass.

2m social distancing guidelines adhered to

Face masks must be wore at all times in the Church



*Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way. Stay away from what might have been and look at what can be.*



### **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Dolores McCarthy nee Raleigh  
Colonel Perry St, Edenderry*

*Mary Farrell nee Usher  
Rathgreedan, Edenderry*

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



### **PARISH LOTTO DRAW**

#### **RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON**

**Wednesday 2nd December 2020**

#### **NUMBERS DRAWN**

01

12

22

28

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### **Mass Times**

**Monday - Friday @ 10am**

**Saturday 7pm**

**Sunday @ 10am & 11:30am**

*Face mask's must be wore at all times when entering the Church*

### **MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Saturday 7pm:** Lil Hunston, **1st Anniversary;** Joe & Alice Byrne

**Sunday 10am:**

**Sunday 11:30am:** Patsy Bryan; Michael Mangan; Phil, Joseph & Martin O' Donoghue

**Monday 10am:**

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am:**

**Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions**

**Saturday 7pm:** Joseph O' Reilly; Marie Mangan

**Sunday 10am:**

**Sunday 11:30am:** Eamon Glynn, **1st Anniversary;** Angela Dunne;

Tommy & Dympna Flynn; Shirley Nolan; Noel & Michael Sheill



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

*Frank & Declan Lynch*

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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; God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING (40:1-5.9-11)**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading them to their rest the mother ewes.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell on our land. **Response.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **Response.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **Response.**

**SECOND READING (3:8-14)**

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

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames

and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL (1:1-8)**

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

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

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

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

**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**

Lord, may this eucharist increase within us the healing power of your love, May it guide and direct our efforts to please you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Divine Mercy Prayers:** Sunday 6th December @ 2:45pm... ***We will have a special prayer for Peace in the World and for all suffering people in this difficult time.***

**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.*