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We take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We welcome home those are coming to Edenderry for Christmas and those who are joining us through Webcam. This has been a difficult year for many. Once again we are facing another Christmas with Covid. We remember all who are, or all who have been affected by this dreadful disease. We also think of Fr. PJ, who was very much involved in the life of this Parish. We wish him well and hope that he knows that we are thinking of him especially at this Christmas time. We are very grateful for your support over the past year. We wish to thank everyone who helped with the work of the Parish: our two Secretaries in the Parish Office, our three Choirs, Organists and Directors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Church Collectors & Counters, Flower Arrangers, Altar-servers, Liturgy group, Sacramental Co-ordinators, Rosary & Adoration Committees, Finance Committee, Sacristan, our two Caretakers, the FAS Team, together with all who help in the upkeep & cleaning of the Church, and our beautiful Church grounds, the Altar cloths & vestments. We thank all who contributed to the Parish funds and to all the priest collections and all who help in any way. Bit by bit we are adapting to changes, as we keep focusing on the Child of Bethlehem and why he came among us. He is the reason for the season and while our town, and our homes, our schools and our Church are festooned with lights we remember why we celebrate at Christmas. If we gaze into the Crib we will see there, a baby lying in a manger of hay...ever so humble and simple. This is what Christmas is all about. God became one of us ~ to accompany us through life, come what may!

May he always dwell in our lives and hearts especially throughout this Christmas and the New Year

Sr. Áine Small Liam F. Lawton, CC Fr. Larry Malone Deacon Paul Wyer

MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

READERS

10am. Mon 27th Dec — Mary Foley

EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

READERS

7pm. Sat 1st Jan - Lynn Johns

10am: Sun - 2nd Jan - Sheila Cleary

11:30am. Sun 2nd Jan - Cyril O' Neill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 1st Jan — Frances Judge, Caroline Murphy, Deirdre Byrne, Bernie Flynn

10am. Sun 2nd Jan — Mary Finnegan, Ger Kearney, Bernie Nutterfield, Laura Pentony McKeon

11:30am. Sun 2nd Jan — Rose Waters, Marie Egan, Rita Guing, Elyse Halligan

Community Notices

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LOTTO ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 22nd December final draw of 2021
First draw of 2022 will take place on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Getting Citizens Online. Free Beginners Computer Classes. Would you like to learn how to use your computer/laptop. Covering topics on: how to use your computer/ laptop, Microsoft Word, Internet Safety & Security, Email, online shopping, Video, TV & Radio, online government services & much more. The course is delivered online over 5 sessions, 2 hours in duration and delivered in the evening to suit trainees. Contact Karen on 087 9840177.

The weekly collection envelopes for 2022 are available in the Church porches and the Parish Centre. Also the PPS Charity donation boxes are available in the Parish Centre. Please take one.....Thank you



The first and most important step towards success is the feeling that we can succeed



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

Rosanna Brid Hickey

Donnie Joe O' Connor



PARISH LOTTO DRAW

RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

NUMBERS DRAWN

08

09

13

23

No Jackpot Winner

23 Matched 3's won €44 each

1 local Winner

The McDonald Children C/O Majellas

Next Week's Jackpot €15,000

Parish Office will close on Thursday 23rd December @ 12 noon, Re-opening on Tuesday 4th January 2022 @ 9:30am

Edenderry AC are hosting Annual Goal Mile

on St Stephens Day at Derryrovers Track

Come along walk, jog run a mile anytime from 11am to 1pm. Donations on the day



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

*Mary Crowe,
Monasteroris, Edenderry*

William (Willie) Gormley, Sycamores, Edenderry

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

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Christmas Eve Friday: Children's Mass @ 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: @ 8pm

Christmas Day 10am: & 11:30am

St Stephens Day Sunday 10am: Ellen O' Shaughnessy; **1st Anniversary;** Patrick Carthy, Enda O' Brien; Noel Maher;

St Stephen Day Sunday 11:30am; Ger Loughlin; **Months mind Mass;**

Monday 10am: John & Rose Scully & deceased family members; Marcella Burke & deceased family member; Peg & Michael Holt & deceased family members; Deceased members of the McGlynn family

Tuesday 10am: Breda Lund, **1st Anniversary;** Ena, Gary, Bridie Fitzgerald;

Wednesday 10am:

Thursday 10am: Margaret Mangan; Nan O' Donoghue

Friday 10am: Celovas Tedminas, **1st Anniversary;** Mass card

Intentions; Patrick & Margaret Rafferty; Catherine Connell; Deirdre & Paul Hoey; Michael, Violet & June O' Sullivan

Saturday 7pm: Anna Byrne; John & Catherine Grattan & deceased family members; Jim O' Grady; Tom O' Connell

Sunday 10am: Peter Hurst

Sunday 11:30am: Mary Fanning; **Months mind Mass;** Michael Seery; Mary Seery; Billy Norman;



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

*Edward & Brigid Ennis
Michael & Bridget Maher
Mary & Martin Forde
Matthew Rogers*



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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ALL IN 2022**



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Bag of Kindle €3

Briquettes:

BNM Briquettes €6.30 each or 10 for €60

Hardwood Briquettes €5.50 each

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15kg wood pellets €6 each or 10 for €55

Coal:

20kg House Coal €12 - 40kg House Coal €23

40kg Economy €22.50 - 40kg Polish Coal €25

40kg Doubles €22.50 - 40kg Lignite Nuggets €22.50

40kg Superburn €24.50

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Christmas
& Peaceful New
Year**



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Prayer Corner



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

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.

Gloria.....

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, its 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

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other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said: "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

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.

A Meal Prayer for Christmas

Loving God on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy.

Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our Christmas meal. Bless the food we share, and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, all who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. Amen



Christmas Day Mass (8pm Vigil - 10am & 11:30am)

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FIRST READING (52:7-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, "your God is king" listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. Sing a new song to the lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **Response.**
2. The lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **Response.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **Response.**

SECOND READING (1:1-6)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestor through his son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine majesty. So he is now as far above the angels. God has never said to any angel; you are my son, today I have become your father; Again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says: let all the angels of God worship him.

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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.

St Stephen's Day

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Gloria.....

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray; (for peace in our families)
Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord. Response

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **Response:**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **Response:**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob, Turn your eyes, O God our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

Response:

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you, 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart, And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, accept this sacrifice and through the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, and of her husband, Joseph, unite our families in peace and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Father, we want to live as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in peace with you and one another. May this communion strengthen us to face the troubles of life. Grant this through Christ the Lord.

Divine Mercy Prayers takes place in St Mary's Church,

Edenderry next Sunday 9th Jan @ 2:45pm

All welcome

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 (Saturday)

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

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.