

4th December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Edenderry

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10am

**Saturday**  
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### Change of Heart

We embark on a diet and the days of lettuce and low calorie drinks loom gloomily. We embark on a fitness regime and our subconscious whispers, "Fifteen more minutes under a warm duvet versus a jog round a freezing park. I know what I'd choose!" In today's gospel, John the Baptist preaches "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." The idea of 'repentance' fills us with about as much excitement as a cold shower on a winter's morning, but it doesn't have to be like that. Diets, fitness regimes and repentance all have one thing in common, we emerge as new people at the end. Repentance doesn't mean throwing ourselves round in fits of Catholic guilt, it simply means having a change of heart, and becoming new and better individuals as a result. There are areas in all our lives that can be improved or turned around. The idea of repentance is actually quite exciting. John's Advent call for a change of heart is for each and every one of us. We might think we are good enough as we are, but that's probably how the Pharisees and Sadducees in today's reading also felt. True enough they turned up for John's baptism, but had they really turned up in a spirit of repentance? John is clearly suspicious of their motivation, and challenges them to prove their commitment. Declaring our intention to change is all well and good, but our commitment must also 'bear fruit' ... show results. At this time of year, every year, we are asked to change our lives. For the less optimistic amongst us, the idea reminds us of new year resolutions; easily made, easily broken and all a little bit pointless. John's message is a tough one. Changing our lives is far from easy. One of the problems of course is that when we try to change we usually rely solely on our own will power, which is notorious for letting us down. John the Baptist reminds us that when we are baptised in the name of Jesus we will receive the Holy Spirit, a divine power that will help us towards God when our willpower fails. All we have to do is ask and keep on asking. Change is not beyond any of us. John might have given the Pharisees and Sadducees a hard time but in truth the message is clear. "There is none so lost, they cannot be found, none so helpless that their life cannot be changed."



### Christmas Penitential Service

Edenderry: Tuesday 6th December @ 7:30pm



### MASS ROTAS

#### EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

##### READERS

10am. 5th Dec — Mary Foley

#### EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

##### READERS

7pm. Sat 10th Dec — Carol Flynn

10am. Sun 11th Dec — Eddie Kelliher

11:30am. Sun 11th Dec - Cyril O'Neill

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 10th Dec — Tina Norman, Frances Judge, Amanda Carter, Caroline Murphy

10am. Sun 11th Dec — Laura Pentony McKeon, Patricia Brady, Colette Staunton Anne Gunning

11:30am. Sun 11th Dec - Colette Burke, Assumpta Tyrrell, Christy Pentony, Elaine Farrell

#### OFALIA HOUSE

Anne Gunning

## Community Notices

### **Edenderry Golf Club: Progressive 25**

Fri 9th December @ 8.30pm. All welcome, bring a friend  
Refreshments served afterwards. This is our last cards before Christmas as Eden Chorale are singing in golf Club on Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Note:** *As we are now at the end of November, you can collect your loved ones photo, which will be left on the Altar rails in the Church, and we ask God to be with you all at this 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. Liam will have a blessing of the tree on Sat 10th December after 7pm Mass. Funds raised will go towards the Parish. The donation can be left along with the name of the deceased into the Parish Centre.



### **Carol Service**

**Parish Carol Service  
Sunday 18th Dec @ 7pm**

**Vincent de Paul Annual Church gate collection will be held at all Masses next weekend 10/11th 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:**

*Bonnie Alex Tyrrell*

*Millie Norman*

*Blake John Maloney Cummins*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

**RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON  
Wednesday 30th November 2022  
NUMBERS DRAWN**

20

22

27

31

**No Jackpot Winner**

**6 Matched 3's won €167 each**

**1 local Winner**

**Eillen Mooney C/O Parish Office**

**Next Week's Jackpot €13,000**

**Divine Mercy Prayer:** will take place this Sunday 4th Dec at 2:45pm. All welcome

Intention for December: For a spiritually fruitful experience of Advent and Christmas for us and our families, as well as for the grace of conversion and confession. For those who have not used this sacrament for a long time, that Christmas may also take place in their hearts.



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Kitty Quinlan nee Moore  
Gilroy Ave, Edenderry*

*Karl Marsden  
Boyne Meadows, Edenderry*

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

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Mary Fanning, **1st Anniversary**; Maura Kelliher, **1st Anniversary**; Michael Redmond Snr; Tommy & Mary Wall

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

**Sunday 11:30am:** Patsy Bryan; Ken Farrell; Fiona Farrell; Moira & Jimmy Farrell; Billy Buggle

**Monday 10am: Mass Card Intentions;** Michael Mangan;

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday 10am:** Willie O'Donoghue; Frank, Kathleen, David & Frankie Byrne; Deceased members of the Byrne family;

**Thursday 10am :**

**Thursday 7pm:**

**Friday 10am:**

**Saturday 7pm:** Mary Crowe, **1st Anniversary**; Anne Shanley; Kevin & Lil Hunston

**Sunday 10am:** Tony Smyth, **Months mind Mass**;

**Sunday 11:30am:** Tommy & Dympna Flynn; John, Madeline, Noel & Michael Sheil; Shirley Nolan; Margaret & Jack Donoghue, son, Michael Donoghue, grandson David Pinkney; son-in-law Michael Pinkney; Joseph O'Reilly; Declan Prunty



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

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*Joseph Kelly*

*Brian & Nuala Ennis*

*Nancy Whelan*

*Thomas, Maureen & Michael Christle*

*Patrick, Bridget & Paddy Mangan*

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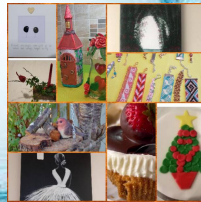
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**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*  
**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**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.

**FIRST READING (11:1-10)**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, On him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked, integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, The panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. Into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do not hurt, no harm, on all my Holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations And its home will be glorious.

**The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

In his days justice shall flourish. Response

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
To a king's son your justice,  
That he may judge your people in justice  
And your poor in right judgement. **R**
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
And peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
From the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry,  
And the needy who are helpless. He will have  
pity on the weak, and save the lives of the poor.  
**R**

**SECOND READING (15:4-9)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up, were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
Make his paths straight,  
And all shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL (3:1-12)**

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

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

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

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said. A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our Father," because I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

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

**Advent reflection** ~ Monday 5th Dec in the Church @ 7pm. All are welcome, please pass this message on to anyone who may be interested.

**Monthly St Pio Rosary:** will be recited **next Sunday 11th Dec @ 3:30pm.** St Pio's Glove will be available after the Rosary for those who wished to be blessed. All welcome. If you are unable to attend, the Rosary can be viewed via Webcam. [edenderryparish.ie](http://edenderryparish.ie)

**Coffee Morning:** Our coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 6th Dec after 10am Mass**

**Reminder Annual Parish Cake Sale:** will take place this weekend in the Parish Centre, after each of the 3 Masses. Proceeds will go towards the Floral decorations at Christmas and throughout the year. The Christmas raffle will take place after 11:30am Mass. (Raffle tickets available in the Parish Centre)!!!! Your support would be very much appreciated

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 8th Dec Mass @ 10am & 7pm**

**Readers** 10am: Mary Foley ~ 7pm: Philip Brady  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 10am:** Patricia Brady, Rose Waters  
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**7pm:** Laura Pentony McKeon, Caroline Murphy, Colette Burke, Martin Tyrrell