

11th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Edenderry

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**Daily Mass**  
10am

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

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

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## Great Expectations

John the Baptist had been praying for a Messiah, but Jesus wasn't what he had expected. Perhaps he had been expecting a fire-and-brimstone leader who would arrive in the manner of a king or a warrior with all the power and status to conquer the oppressor. Instead, the Messiah turned out to be a man from humble origins whose mission was simply to heal and teach God's love. In today's gospel we see an imprisoned John send a message to Jesus. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Ever the psychologist Jesus sends a 'work it out yourself' kind of answer. Jesus asks John to look at the evidence. "...The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed." That even John had a moment of doubt in Jesus is very comforting for the rest of us. The message seems to be that it's okay to have doubt, what's important is how we respond to that doubt. A good starting point is to examine how our doubts have arisen in the first place. John's doubts spring from his expectations. Based on his belief that Rome was the enemy, perhaps John thought that the Messiah would come and 'sort the Romans out'. Of course 'sorting the Romans out' wasn't what Jesus was about at all, this would have been an extremely myopic mission for the Son of God. So what do we think God is about? Are we guilty of myopic expectation? Do we have lapses in faith when we pray hard, only to be disappointed when God fails to cure an ailing grandparent; fails to get us our dream job; fails to make the partner of our dreams appear on the doorstep? Or do we have greater expectations? Do we believe that God is there to change us; guide us through our daily choices; prepare us for his Kingdom. As John was invited, so too are we, to look at the evidence and work it out for ourselves.



## Carol Service

Parish Carol Service  
Sunday 18th Dec @ 7pm

## MASS ROTAS

### EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

#### READERS

10am. 12th Dec — Dave Mulligan

### EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

#### READERS

7pm. Sat 17th Dec – Kathleen Kelliher

10am. Sun 18th Dec – Deirdre Kelly

11:30am. Sun 18th Dec - Doreen Pickering

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 17th Dec – Deirdre Byrne, Bernice Flynn, Kathleen Hanlon, Theresa Naughton

10am. Sun 18th Dec – Mary Hickey, Sean Dillon, Deirdre Maloney, Rose Waters

11:30am. Sun 18th Dec - Colisa Halligan, Colette Burke, Maria Egan, Rita Guing

### OFALIA HOUSE

Rose Waters

## Community Notices

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

*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 €3204.67 this includes the proceeds from the Hamper in Mary & Marie's. Money will be used for Christmas decorations.

**Vincent de Paul Annual Church gate collection will be held at all Masses this weekend 10/11th Dec**  
**Please support this worthy cause.**  
**All donations are spent in the local community.**

**Monthly St Pio Rosary:** will be recited **this 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.

**Polish Mass: Thursday 15th Dec @ 7pm**  
**Confessions @ 6pm**



### *Failte*

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

*Emilian Ravktys*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

**RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON**  
**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

### NUMBERS DRAWN

10

15

23

30

**No Jackpot Winner**

**12 Matched 3's won €84 each**

**No local Winner**

**Next Week's Jackpot €14,000**



*We would like to Congratulate*  
*Sinead Fennessy & Pauric Williams*  
*who have entered the Sacrament of Marriage*  
*recently. May they have a long and happy life*  
*together.*



### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

*Pauline Ruby Butler nee McEntagart*  
*Edenderry, Offaly / Firhouse, Dublin*

*Philomena (Phil) Malone nee Moore*  
*Kilcock, formerly Edenderry*

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

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Mary Crowe, **1st Anniversary**; Anne Shanley; Kevin & Lil Hunston; Noel Ryall; Patrick & Elizabeth Forde; Terry & Anne Pooler; Michael & Kathleen Cronly; Christopher Nolan

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

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

**Monday 10am:** Nora Fenlon, **Months mind Mass**; Patrick Fenlon; Geroge & Mary Kane; **Mass Card**

### Intentions

**Tuesday:** Angela Dempsey

**Wednesday 10am:**

**Thursday 10am :**

**Friday 10am:**

**Saturday 7pm:** Sadie Carroll, **Months mind Mass**; Billy Davy; Catherine & Patrick Davy; Essie Davy; Baby Bobby Kerrigan, his grandad Sean (Mock) Davy; Mary Delaney; Mary-Ellen, Barney & Ned Killally; Bridget & Jack Judge; Catherine Young; Dora Whelan; Mary Lowry; Baby Billy Murphy; Elizabeth (Lilly) Monaghan;

**Sunday 10am:** Bernard Cannon, **Months mind Mass**; Eamonn Glynn; Mary-Ellen Kavanagh;

**Sunday 11:30am:** Sean & Nancy Gowran; Mary Judge; Ned & Ann Daly; Con & Hannah Forde; Joe Enright; Patrick (Paddy) Murray, Drumcooley, & son James Murray; Baby Tommy Hickey; Sean & Imelda O' Meara; Tommy & Nellie Usher & deceased family members; Jim & Gertie Kearney; Pat, Maureen, Olive & Brona McGrath



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*Elizabeth Walsh*  
*James Doyle*

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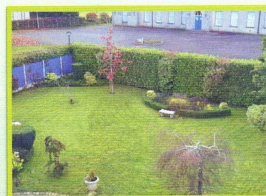
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**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*  
**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**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 (35:1-6)**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Let the wilderness and dry-lands exult, Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, Let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, Let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, The splendour of Carmel and Sharon; They shall see the glory of the Lord, The splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, Steady all trembling knees And say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid'. Look, your God is coming, Vengeance is coming, The retribution of God; He is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, The ears of deaf unsealed, Then the lame shall leap like a deer And the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, For those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, Everlasting joy in their faces; Joy and gladness will go out with them. And sorrow and lament be ended.

**The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Come, Lord and save us. Response**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
Who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
Who raises up those who are bowed down,  
The Lord, who protects the stranger  
And upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
But thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**SECOND READING (5:7-10)**

**A reading from the letter of St James.**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**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 (11:2-11)**

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

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

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

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent the disciples to ask him, 'are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'what did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of woman, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

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



Eden Chorale  
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2022

**Sounds of the Season**

Edenderry Golf Club,  
Friday 16th December at 8pm

Carbury Church of Ireland,  
Saturday 17th December at 7.30pm

Musical Director: Ciara O'Connor Hackett  
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The poster features a festive design with golden musical notes and a Christmas tree on a dark red background.

**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**

**St Stephens Day Mon 26th Dec: 11am**

**Advent reflection** ~ Monday 12th Dec @ 7:30pm. All are welcome,

**Sponsor a Bulb for your Deceased Love Ones**

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