

Our Parish Newsletter

19 December - 4th Sunday in Advent

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Mass Times

St. Joseph's: Wednesday - 10 am **Christmas masses**—see table

St. Mary's: Mon, Tues - 10 am; Thurs 7.30pm; **Christmas masses** - see table

St. Patrick's: **Christmas masses** - see table

Christmas Masses

Church	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	St. Stephen's Day	
St. Patrick's	7.00 pm	11.15 am	11.15 am	
St. Mary's	8.00 pm	10.00 am	10.00 am	
St. Joseph's	8.00 pm	10.00 am	10.00 am	

Mass Times from Monday 27th December

St. Mary's - Mon, Tues - 10 am; Thurs & Fri- 7.30 pm; Sunday 2nd - 10 am

St. Joseph's - Wednesday 10 am; Saturday 1st - 7.30 pm

St. Patrick's - Sunday 2nd - 11.15 am.

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 18th 7.30 pm Seamus Harten, Crenew - 1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday 1st 7.30 pm Pat and Bernard Smith, Aughaconey

St. Mary's:

Sunday 19th 10.00 am Tom & David Connolly, Kilnacrott

Thursday 23rd 7.30 pm Joe & Bridget McCormack & Decd McCormack & McBreen families Killatogher

Monday 27th 10.00 am James McDonald, Derrylea

Tuesday 28th 10.00 am Kieran Walsh, Finaway

Thursday 30th 7.30 pm Bridgie & Charlie Galligan & Decd. Druminiscin

Friday 31st 7.30 pm Kathleen McLarney, Months Memory Mass

Sunday 2nd 10.00 am Michael Sorohan, Months Memory Mass

Visitation of the sick and homebound: Thursday 23rd December

The Romans: The Romans worshipped the sun for obvious reasons as their good climate guaranteed good quality food. In 274 A.D. the Emperor Aurelian instituted the cult of SOLINVICTUS. The unconquered sun. He did this to try to stop the expansion of the new religion., Christianity. For generations the Romans were aware of the annual shortening of the days from mid September until 21st of December, when each day afterwards there was a slight increase in day light. By December 25th there was an obvious increase in day light and so they observed a feast day on December 25th. The Catholic Church used this celebration to honour the birth of Christ and proclaimed December 25th as the birthday of Jesus in the year 336 A. D. and so Jesus becomes the light of the world (John Ch1:5)

The 'Ten Commandments' For Drivers

1. You shall not kill
2. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm
3. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events
4. Be charitable and help your neighbour in need, especially victims of accidents
5. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin
6. Charitably convince the young and not so young to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so
7. Support the families of accident victims.
8. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
9. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
10. Behave responsible towards others.

Guide to the Road for Catholics,

Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelling People.

- ♦ **Thanks to all the CE workers for all the work they do around the 3 churches during the year.**

Angels we have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their joyous strains

2. Angels we have heard on high
 Sweetly, sweetly through the night
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their brief delight

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
 It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining
 Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
 For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
 O hear the angel voices
 O night divine,
 O night when Christ was born
 O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Happy Christmas to all our parishioners.
Every Blessing in 2022