

First Sunday of Advent.

Advent means ‘coming’, and this season of Advent is all about the coming of the Lord. But that coming is understood on several levels. We prepare ourselves to commemorate Christ’s coming in the flesh, his appearance in human history, born of Mary in Bethlehem. At the same time, we prepare ourselves for his Second Coming at the end of time. And then there is yet another coming, one that happens not in the past, nor in the future, but in the here and now, as Christ comes to us in grace, especially in the sacraments.

We start Advent with a jolt – ‘Stay awake! Stand ready!’ Lord Jesus, you call us to be vigilant, watchful people. During this season of Advent, help us to be attentive to your voice, responsive to your love. Like Isaiah may we walk in the light of your love; like St Paul, may we put on the armour of light and faith. Send your Spirit into our hearts that we may be transformed; send your Spirit into our broken world that it may know your peace and justice.

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Kiltoghert Parish

**SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER + SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



“Stay Awake”

PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. FRANK GARVEY, P.P. 071-9620118

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER

ST.MARY'S: Saturday Vigil 8pm: Anthony O'Hara (Months Mind)

Sunday 9am: John & Mary Stokes & their son John & deceased members of the Stokes family

12noon: Elizabeth O'Halloran (Months Mind)

We also pray for Tom Lynch (Lisnagot) whose anniversary occurs at this time.

LEITRIM 10.15am: James McDonagh (Months Mind)

GOWEL 10.15am: Jim Beirne (Months Mind)

JAMESTOWN 7pm: Jim Clyne (Anniv)

MASSES FROM MONDAY 2nd – SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

ST.MARY'S: Monday 8pm: John & Declan McWeeney (Anniv)

Tuesday 10am: Bill & Susan Faughnan (Anniv)

Wednesday 10am: P.J.Stanford (Breffni Heights. Anniv)

Thursday 10am:

Friday 8pm: Brendan & Kathleen Lowe (Bridge St. Anniv)

Saturday 10am: Bernard Moran (Anniv)

LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm:

LEITRIM FIRST FRIDAY 10am: Jim Gray (Anniv)

GOWEL: Friday 7pm: Paddy Mollohan and deceased members of the Mollohan family

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7th & SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

ST. MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm: Elizabeth McWeeney (1st Anniv)

Sunday 9am: Mary Ann & Patrick Gunning, and their sons Sean, Paddy, Ted & Jimmy

Sunday 12: Shane P. Flynn (Anniv)

JAMESTOWN Sat Vigil 7pm: Eamon & Bridie Taylor (Anniv)

LEITRIM 10.15am: Margaret Gill (Anniv)

GOWEL 10.15am: Lawrence & Una Guckian, and their son Tom (Anniv)

PARISH NOTICES

CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your contributions last weekend **Offertory €3320**

MEDITATION GROUP: continues every Wednesday in Breffni Family Centre at 7.30.

New Members welcome. For info see wccm.org or phone Anne 0863537758

DEATHS: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John D Flood (Clonskeagh & formerly Ck on Shannon, who died recently. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

ANNUAL SPINATHON: in aid of Brother Kevin's Homeless Appeal will be held from 8am until 8pm on Saturday 7th December 2019 in the carpark Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim. Please come along on the day to support the cyclists. There will be lots of entertainment and The Leitrim Guardian Person of the year, Noel McPartland will announce the winner of the draw. All support appreciated for this worthy cause.

PUT CHRIST AT THE START OF CHRISTMAS: there will be 20 minutes of adoration following 10am Mass in St.Mary's Church, Carrick on Shannon, each Saturday of Advent as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas.

MARIST LAITY: Will hold a meeting in St.Patrick's Hospital on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm.

BISHOP FRANCIS: ADVENT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE 2019:

Arising from the preparations for our Diocesan Assembly 2020 it is very clear that 'family' is a central concern for people. Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the beginnings of a special family, 'the Holy Family' of Mary and Joseph and Jesus. Special, as it is the place where the Son of God came among us. Special also, because it is like any other family with its mixtures of joys and sorrows, happiness and burdens. As a local Church we work towards having safe environments for children in our activities. Places where parents can be reassured their children will be safe, treated with respect and valued. Many are involved at parish and diocesan level to maintain these standards. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to making our Church as safe as possible for children.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-7057516).

COLLECTORS - ST. MARY'S - DECEMBER: Sat Vigil 8pm: Sean Murray, Donal Scully, Ronan McElgunn & Michael O'Rourke. **Sunday 9am:** Sean Duignan, Seamus Martin, Leo Duignan & Tom Crowe. **Sunday 12:** John Murphy, George Armstrong & Mai Walshe

SCRIPTURE SERIES 2019: Everybody welcome to the fifth night of our Scripture Series on Wed 4th Dec, 8:30-9:50pm in the Bush Hotel, showing Episode 9 of The Bible 2013 Mini-Series : "Passion". No charge, tea/coffee provided.

KILTOGHERT CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATIONS: If you are free for an hour or so and would like to help out in writing and preparing the invitations for the Kiltoghert Adult Christmas Party then please come along to Saint Patrick's Hospital on **Monday night next the 2nd of December** at 8.00 pm. The more volunteers the speedier the exercise.

PARTY APPEAL: The Organising Committee are appealing for financial sponsorship to help offset some of the enormous burden involved in this undertaking. Financial assistance can be given to any of the Parish Clergy or committee members in Jamestown, Leitrim, Kilnagross, Gowel or Carrick. **PIONEERS:** Private Members' Draw Winner (Local): Congratulations to Séamus Regan, Leitrim Village who won 3rd Prize of €200 in the first of six draws in the Pioneer Private Members' Draw (2019/2020)

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL: - Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2019 -Leitrim County Council invites Applications for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2019. This Scheme aims to encourage Landowners and Local Communities/Residents to cut roadside hedges/trees along public roads. The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedges cut back. The Minimum length of roadside hedges to be cut is 2km per application. Application Forms and are available from the Leitrim County Council Website www.leitrimcoco.ie and also from the Rds., Department –Telephone No. 071 9620005 Ext. No. 604 /606. **Closing Date Dec., 2nd**

NORTH WEST HOSPICE: You are invited to join North West Hospice at the Market Yard, Carrick-on-Shannon on Saturday 7th December to celebrate the memory of your loved ones as they light the North West Hospice Memorial Tree. To sponsor a light please visit <https://northwesthospice.ie/memorialtree/> or ring our office at 071 9170523 for further information.

CAVAN RUGBY MALE CHOIR: will perform a Christmas Concert in St. Joseph's Church, Leitrim Village on Saturday 14th of December @ 8.30pm. Tickets €10. Refreshments will be served at the break and spot prizes to be won.