

PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620118
MASSES FOR SATURDAY 18th & SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:

9 am: Susan & Bill Faughnan (Anniv)

10.30am: Cecil Harmon (Anniv)

12 noon: Matthew Armstrong, his grandparents Tony & Teresa &
his aunts Ann & Aileen

MASSES FROM MONDAY 20th to THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER

ST.MARY'S: Monday 8pm: Sean Cassidy (1st Anniv)

Tuesday 10am: Private Intention

Wednesday 10am: Bernie Joe Healy (Anniv)

Thursday 10am:

LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm: John & Elizabeth Early & their
daughter Maureen Jenner (Anniv)

GOWEL Friday: There will be **no mass in Gowel** this evening

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 24th & CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Eve 8pm

10pm:

Christmas Day St.Mary's

9am: Mary Josephine & Danny Lannon (Anniv)

10.30am:

12 noon: Margaret Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly & McNulty
families

MASS FOR SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

9am:

10.30am:

12Noon: John & Mary Ellen Gilbane & their son Sean (Anniv) Mealwood

PARISH NOTICES

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the community Moya Gallagher & Miles
Glancy, who were baptised last weekend.

DEATHS: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Hughes
(Shannon Lodge) whose funeral mass took place last Wednesday. May he rest in
the peace of Christ.

KILTOGHERT ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY: sadly will not take place
again this year due to Covid. Happy Christmas to all from the committee.

Masses for Christmas in St. Mary's Church.

Christmas Eve: 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day: 9am; 10.30am; 12 noon.

You may wish to attend a particular mass of your choice- no booking is required. We ask you please to attend **only one** of the 5 masses, with due consideration for other people who may wish to attend this Christmas. We encourage families with younger children to attend the Christmas Eve mass at 8pm if at all possible.

Masses on Sunday 26th December are at the usual times and all other masses over the Christmas season will be outlined in detail in our Christmas Newsletter and posted in our 4 churches.

We, the 3 priests of the parish, are also looking after the parishes of Annaduff and Bornacoola and have been doing so for a considerable period of time. As a matter of interest, we will be celebrating 15 masses from Friday, Christmas Eve, to Sunday 26th. As a result we regret that we are unable to provide Christmas masses in our 3 churches of Gowel, Jamestown and Leitrim. A further consideration is that due to ongoing Covid concerns we would only be able to accomodate about 110 people in total in these 3 churches whereas we can have 150 or more people at one mass here in St. Mary's. We continue to ask for your understanding and patience until such time as the Covid situation in our country changes dramatically.

We also take this opportunity to pay a special tribute and say a heart-felt '**Thank You**', to all our stewards who have done such wonderful work in guiding and helping our parishioners over the past 22 months.

Mask-Wearing:

We are deeply grateful that the majority of those attending our churches continue to follow the HSE guidelines which highlight the importance of wearing a mask. This not only serves to protect oneself but is also a very important mark of concern and respect for others. It has come to our attention recently that a small number of people are no longer wearing a mask here in church. We respectfully request that they please do so in order to protect the health and well-being of others.