

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the humble carpenter, Joseph, is given to us as an example. Joseph could not have imagined how he would one day fit into God's eternal plan of salvation, but he was ready to respond when called by the Lord. We may also often wonder how the Lord is working through each and every one of us in order to fulfil His Will. Like Joseph, we too are asked to be open to the Lord's will and ready to respond in faith and with generosity when the Lord calls us into His service.

As the angels communicated God's message, "do not be afraid", both to Mary and Joseph, that same message is communicated to us today. Do not be afraid to do the will of God and to welcome the Lord Jesus into your heart and home. In these days before Christmas, take the opportunity to consider how your heart still needs to be prepared for the Lord's coming. Maybe there is sin weighing on your heart and a good confession would bring about much needed healing and the opportunity to receive the Eucharist this Christmas in a state of grace. Maybe you have been holding a grudge against someone and letting go would bring about long-sought peace and tranquillity. Maybe the Lord has been knocking at the door of your heart asking you to draw closer to Him in prayer, but you have been hesitant about responding to Him out of fear. "Do not be afraid", "let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory" (Ps 24).

Loving God, like Joseph, we too are often afraid to take Jesus into our hearts lest he ask too much of us. Help us to be like Mary, open and obedient, generous and hospitable. Mary knew how difficult life could be. Through her intercession may we have no fear in saying yes to what you ask of us.

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# Kiltoghert Parish

**SATURDAY 21st + SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**“ They will call him  
Emmanuel”**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. FRANK GARVEY P.P. 071-9620118**  
**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S: Friday 8pm:**Charlie (3rd) & Aidan McNabola(12th) Anniv

**Sat 12noon:** Funeral Mass Margaret Moolick

**Saturday Vigil 8pm:** Douglas Boyd (Anniv)

**Sun 9am:** Sarah Feely & deceased members of the Feely family

**12noon:** Matthew Armstrong (Anniv)

**LEITRIM 10.15am:**

**GOWEL 10.15am:** Lizzie Jane McNulty (1st Anniv)

**JAMESTOWN 7pm:** Pakie & Babby Lavin (Anniv)

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 23rd -TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER**

**Monday 8pm:** Charlie Phelan & John McDonagh (Anniv)

**Christmas Eve Tuesday 10am:**

**Christmas Eve Vigil 10pm:**

**Christmas Day 9am:** Mary Josephine & Danny Lannon (Anniv)

**Christmas Day 12noon:** Special Intention

**Thursday 26th 10am:**Henry & Elizabeth Daly (Anniv)

**Friday 27th 8pm:** Howard & Mary McGillvery (Anniv)

**Saturday 28th 10am:** Jack Casey his wife Patsy & Delia Simons (Anniv)

**Saturday Vigil 8pm:** Andrew Dolan (Anniv)

**GOWEL Christmas Eve 10pm:** Deceased members of the Earley family

**Christmas Day 10.15:** Margaret Kelly (4th Anniv) & deceased members of the Kelly & McNulty family

**JAMESTOWN Christmas Eve 9pm:** Fr.Joe & Kathleen O'Dowd & deceased members of the O'Dowd and McSharry families.

**LEITRIM 10.15am: Christmas Day:** Deceased members of Evers and McCormack families

**ST.PATRICK'S HOSPITAL:** There will be **no morning Mass tomorrow Monday 23rd**, Mass of Anointing at 2pm. All welcome. Please take note there will be **no daily Masses** in St.Patrick's Hospital from **Monday 23rd**

**December**, Mass will resume on **Tuesday 8th January 2020**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your contributions last weekend.

Offertory € 3010

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** will break for Christmas and will resume on Tuesday 14th in Leitrim Gaels Community Centre.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Christian Community Quinn Mackenzie Garvey, who was baptised in Jamestown.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**ADORATION COMMITTEE AGM:** 22 Oct 2019, the following were elected: Chairperson Judy Ceannt, Vice Chair Bernee Murray, Treasurer Concepta Quinn, Secretary Mary Cummins. Thank you all for a very good attendance, and new members most welcome.

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC:** Last Friday Traditional Music, Song and Dance session in St Joseph's Resource centre, Leitrim village on Friday 27th December 2019 at 7pm to 9pm. Thanks to all who came for our night in November, we had a most enjoyable night. Aiden and Orla Beirne will again host the session. Musicians, singers, dancers all welcome, young people and adults, learners of traditional music at all levels.

**MINDFUL GARDEN FOR CHILDREN:** aged 6 - 12 years commencing at Breffni Family Resource Centre on Saturday January 11th, there will be 2 workshops first workshop from 10am - 11.30am and the second workshop from 12pm - 1.30pm. This workshop runs for 4 weeks. Please call 071 9622566 for more information.

**GARDENING DESIGN:** & Growing Vegetables QQI Level 3 commencing at Breffni Family Resource Centre on Monday 6th January. Please call 071 9622566 for more information or to register. This course is completely FREE.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

**KILTOGHERT ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Just a reminder to all who received invitations to the Kiltoghert Adult Christmas Party to reply to same as early as possible but not later than Friday the 3rd of January 2020. In case anybody has been inadvertently overlooked, or if you are a newcomer to the parish and would like to attend, then please contact Seán Murray (Mobile No.0861266738) Financial assistance to help offset some of the huge burden involved in the party can be given to any of the parish clergy, committee members

**CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM:** The annual Christmas Day swim takes place as usual at the four poles adjacent to the Emerald Star Line Slipway at 1.30pm. We appeal for swimmers and supporters to come along to what is now a long standing event.