

## What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

## The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit's work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit's inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now.

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**SATURDAY 23rd SUNDAY 24th JANUARY**  
**3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9650881**

**ST.MARY'S Sunday 10am:** Sean Cassidy (Months Mind)

Thomas Christopher Reilly (1st Anniv)

Margaret McCorry (1st Anniv) & her husband Hugh

Michael & Margaret Goldrick & deceased members of the Goldrick family

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 25th – SATURDAY 30th JANUARY**

**Monday 8pm:** Elizabeth & Christopher Kelleher (Anniv)

**Tuesday 10am:** Private Intention

**Wednesday 10am:** Anne Gilbride (Anniv)

**Thursday 10am:** Fr.Finton Crotty (R.I.P) & Private Intention

**Friday 8pm:** John James Glancy & his parents Tommy & Nora

**Sat 10am:** Tom Maher & deceased members of the Maher family

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 30th & SUNDAY 31st JANUARY**

**Sun 10am:** John Fallon (1st Anniv)

Tom Guckian (2nd Anniv)

Sean & Claire O'Loughlin & deceased members of the O'Loughlin & Condon families

Des Flynn (Anniv) Breffni Crescent

**DEATHS:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of John Tom Butler (Kilnagross), Kathleen Rooney (Aughnasheelin, mother of Mary Summerhill), Veronica McDermott (Castle knock, sister of Brian McDermott, Summerhill) and Kathleen Mattimoe (Corrigeenroe, Boyle. Sister in-law of Terri Burbidge, St.Mary's Close) who died recently. Fr.Joseph Flynn (St.Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan & formerly of Drumkeeran, brother of the late Sr.Amadeus (Marist Sister) Ck on Shannon. May they rest in peace of Christ.

**THE NORTH WEST SIMON COMMUNITY:** wish to sincerely thank Maureen & Denis O'Brien of Drumkeelan, Drumshanbo for the huge effort they put into lighting up their garden for the charity this Christmas, €3,193.44 was donated to the box at O'Brien's garden and a further €935 donated online, bringing the total to a fantastic €4,128.44. Mary Mc Keon, Development Officer with the homeless charity wishes to thank everyone who donated so generously to the cause. In the first eleven months of 2020, North West Simon Community staff provided early intervention and preventative support to 174 households made up of 243 Adults and 250 Children at risk or experiencing homelessness in Leitrim, Sligo, and Donegal. The work of the local Simon Community is mainly prevention. North West Simon Community also provide long term social housing to a further 33 households in Leitrim and Donegal