

**PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. SEAMUS O'ROURKE C.C. 071-9620118**  
**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 27th & SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER**

**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm:** Pat & Bridget Butler (Anniv)

**9 am:** Don & Detta Maye & deceased members of the Maye & Murray families

**10.30am:** James & Elizabeth Guckian & their daughters Lily, Kathy & Frances & their son James

**12 noon:** Shane Mathews & his Dad Sean (Anniv)

**MASSES FROM MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER to SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER**

**ST.MARY'S: Monday 8pm:** Padre Pio

**Tuesday 10am:** Moyna McGreevy (20th Anniv)

**Wednesday 10am:** John, Mary, Pat & John Stokes, Granddaughter Ann Marie & deceased members of the Stokes family

**Thursday 10am:**

**Friday 8pm:**

**Saturday 10am:** John McGarty (Months Mind)

**LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm:** Jim Gray & deceased members of the Gray family

**GOWEL Friday 7pm:** Laurence & Una Guckian & their son Tom (Anniv)

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 4th & SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**Sat Vigil 8pm:** Brendan McLoughlin (Anniv)

**9am:** Seamus Farrell (Anniv)

**10.30am:** P.J. Stanford (Anniv)

**12 noon:** Maria Talbot (20th Anniv)

**PARISH NOTICES**

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Christian Community Alanah & Cillian Caslin and Madison McLoughlin who were baptised last weekend.

**NORTH WEST HOSPICE:** Sponsor a light on the North West Hospice Memorial Tree in memory of your loved one this Christmas for just €5. Record a tribute to them in the online Book of Treasured  
Visit [northwesthospice.ie](http://northwesthospice.ie) or call (071) 9170523 for more details. All funds raised go directly towards funding Palliative care services."

**ADORATION:** There will be a short period of Adoration each Saturday during the Advent Season, immediately after the 10am mass.

**ST.MARY'S CONFERENCE OF VINCENT de PAUL:** Carrick on Shannon appreciate your patience and generosity in the present health crisis. Our shop which was a major source of income is closed. Our next big income from the Church gate collections is no longer available. Despite all this we continue to help people in need with whatever funds we had and with the help of generous contributions from our benefactors. We still hold meetings and assist people in need. If you would like to speak with us ring 087 4660965 - leave your name and one of the members will get back to you.

**1st Sunday of Advent, year C.**

The word 'Advent' means 'coming', 'arriving'. During the Advent season, we tend to focus on Jesus' first coming, at his birth in the land of Israel some two thousand years ago. However, the readings for this Sunday also point us toward Jesus' Second Coming and the fullness of God's kingdom that this will herald. These readings prompt us to reflect on what is the goal of Christian hope: eternal life with God through Jesus Christ.

Between the two comings of Jesus, St Paul calls on us to try to increase our love and holiness, so that we 'may be blameless in the sight of God when Jesus comes with all his saints'.

With the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Church Year, Year C, the year of Luke's Gospel. The Advent wreath is present in the Sanctuary of our churches. Formed in a circle, an ancient symbol of God who has neither beginning nor end, the wreath proclaims life in the midst of the seeming death of winter. Its candles proclaim that Christ, whose Second Coming we Christians await with hope, is the light that no darkness can overcome. With each week of Advent we light one more candle and the darkness retreats a bit further.

This is to help the Church recall just what and who it is for which we wait during this season of Advent: the kingdom of God in its fullness and the coming of the One who will banish all darkness for ever.

'May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in hope, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace, Jesus, the Light of the World.' (*Book of Blessing Prayers*).

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Wed & Fri: 10.30am-5pm

Closed Sat, Sun, & Bank Holidays