

PARISH OF OLDCASTLE / MOYLAGH

1st Sunday of Advent
3rd December 2023

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Please note the new website address!

Mass intentions - Oldcastle

Saturday	7pm	M/M Tony Reilly, 2 nd Anniv Tom Hughes Summerbank, Michael & Celia Foley & decd family
Sunday	11.30am	M/M Jim Markland (formerly Oldcastle) Anniv Jim McLaverty, Tom Carroll Liss, Peter Hennessey (Jnr) Summerbank
Monday	10am	Celebrants Intentions
Tuesday	10am	Niall Fitzsimons and his parents
Wednesday	7pm	Celebrants Intentions
Thursday		
Friday	10am 7pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Ann Tuite Stoney Rd, Bill Tuite Newcastle, Minnie McInerney & decd family, McDonnell family Fairymount, Reilly family Derrylahan
Saturday	7pm	M/M Kay Smith Millbrook, Anniv Dot Power, Margaret (Peg) Fitzsimons-Snow, husband John, son Michael & family, Frank & Eileen O'Reilly Millbrook Rd
Sunday	11.30am	Ita Coyle Loughcrew Hills, Pat Sheridan Summerbank

Mass intentions – Moylagh

Saturday	5.45pm	Paddy Briody Bellaney (2 nd Anniv) Barney & Christine Grall & decd family
Sunday	10am	Michael & Margaret Martin, sons James, Joe & Kit, daughter Brigid, Rose & family
Thursday	5.45	Vigil for Feast of Immaculate Conception
Saturday	5.45pm	
Sunday	10am	1 st Anniv Kieran Garry Ballyfore, John Flood, Bernadette Donohue Tubride, her brother Brendan Carroll, Peggy & Jack Hand & decd Hand family

Signed Mass Cards...

Are available in the Sacristy
after all Masses and in the
parochial house Monday and
Thursday 10am - 3pm.

These Masses are offered by
Fr Mark and Religious /
Retired Priests

Adoration of the Most Blessed
Sacrament takes place in the small
Chapel at the back of the church
every Mon & Thurs 9.20am – 9pm.
And in Moylagh
on Tuesdays 1pm – 2pm.
There must be at least two people in
attendance all the time. Going
forward these hours will be reviewed
especially during dark winter
evenings. A meeting will take place in
December with the parish adorers.
Please give some thought to this.
Thank you.

Readers December 2023 Moylagh 5.45pm Vigil

Dawn Fitzsimons
2nd, 16th & 30th December
Helen Grall
9th & 23rd December
10am
Fiona Flynn
3rd, 17th & 31st December
Siobhan Kearney
10th & 24th Dec

Eucharistic Ministers December 2023 Moylagh

5.45pm Vigil
Nora McDermott
Cathy Flood
10am
Rosaleen Smith
Marie Jacob

Readers December 2023 Oldcastle 7pm Vigil

Christopher McQuillan
2nd, 16th & 30th
Sarah McQuillan
9th & 23rd
11.30am
Donna Cahill
3rd, 17th & 31st Dec
Pauline Hetherton
10th & 24th Dec

Eucharistic Ministers December 2023 Oldcastle

7pm Vigil
Margaret McQuillan,
Paul Smith, Marian Pakenham
11.30am
Kay Feeney, Brigid McLarney,
Brendan Brady

Santa will be arriving to the Square Oldcastle on Saturday the 9th of December at 5pm to turn on the Christmas lights. Sweets, music and mulled wine. Please come along.

December visits to the sick and housebound...

Oldcastle on Thursday
14th Dec – Moylagh on
Friday 15th Dec

Please have an Altar ready with Holy water, a candle, cross and small cloth.

If you will not be there let Fr Mark know by
Wednesday – Thank you.

Please support the St Vincent de Paul Churchgate Collection on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 2023. St Oliver Plunkett St Vincent de Paul Conference in Oldcastle will be conducting their annual **Churchgate collection on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December.** Each week our Conference visits families and people in need in this community. Unfortunately, the increased costs of living, rising energy and food bills are putting a lot of pressure on the people that we help. As members of the Society, we believe that every adult and child in our community should have basics such as food, heat and electricity all year round. You can donate directly at the Churchgate, or by giving a donation to one of the Conference members or on www.svp.ie/stoliverplunkettoldcastle. The money that we raise will be spent 100% in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of the Moylagh and Oldcastle parish. Thank you in advance for your continued support. St Oliver Plunkett SVP Conference, Oldcastle.

Please note change of Weekday Mass times with effect from 4th December

WEEKDAY Mass Times only – *The Four Sunday Masses remain the same*

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am and Friday at 7pm

There will be No Public Mass on Thursdays

A sincere thank you to all who attended and contributed to the Forty Hours Adoration in the Cathedral for the Feast of Christ the King. Particular thanks to the Organising Committee, the Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate, the Knights of Columbanus, the priests who travelled to hear Confessions and the Cathedral clergy. The work of those who stewarded, provided refreshments and the Diocesan and Cathedral Choir were also very much appreciated. Let us pray that the weekend will be a source of prayer and blessings in the Diocese.

Fr Tony Gonoude, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Meath, will celebrate two Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood this coming week.

- **Wednesday 6th December at 10 am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kingscourt, Co Cavan** where he will reflect on the example of St Nicholas who is his vocation, became a living imitation of Christ. **Friday 8th December at 8pm in the Church of Ss Peter & Paul, Dunboyne, Co Meath** where he will reflect on Mary, the Immaculate vocation who inspires us to follow her Son.

Live from Facebook page: [DioceseOfMeathVocations](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfMeathVocations)

The Kasikeu programme in Kenya continues to run. Started in 2006 under the kind patronage of the late Fr. Conlon, it has supported hundreds of children (currently 80) through each level of education. Thirteen have even made it through university, with four of them already graduated with honours degrees. This has been made possible largely through the generosity of the people of Oldcastle and Moylagh. **There will be a fundraising stall to aid the education of young girls at the Christmas fair in Castlepollard this weekend. Your support, as always, is welcome and appreciated.**

Christmas Bake Sale by Anita Dec 3rd @ 10.30am in Teddy's Moylagh, all proceeds to the Moylagh JFK Car Fund. Moylagh JFK Committee are looking for more **drivers, to drive Cancer patients for appointments**, anyone interested can contact Mary Guirke (087) 234 6867 Thank you

Last week, priests from the 69 parishes of our Diocese assembled in Cavan to begin a process of reflection on the future of priestly ministry and pastoral life in parishes in the Diocese of Meath. During this assembly, new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes, the provision of sacraments, personnel and resources, faith formation and the welfare of priests were considered in the context of the mission of the Church and the desire to sustain vibrant faith communities.

The establishment and supporting of Parish Pastoral Assemblies (PPA) was deemed a necessary structure in every parish. It was also agreed that there would have to be consultation and engagement with local Pastoral Assemblies before any developments occur.

While there are no simple solutions to these issues, parishes are encouraged to commend this work to their prayers as the Diocese, the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly and the various Parish Pastoral Assemblies consider the next steps in the process.

Here in our Parish of Oldcastle and Moylagh we have begun the process to assemble people who will make up a PPA in the next few weeks. About 12 People will be important.