

PARISH OF OLDCASTLE / MOYLAGH

2nd Sunday of Advent
10th December 2023

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Please note the new website address!

Mass intentions - Oldcastle

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
Monday	10am	Anna Robinson & decd family
Tuesday	10am	Celebrants Intentions
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Thursday		No Mass
Friday	7pm	1 st Anniv Sheila Keogan Fennor also rem her husband Oliver
Saturday	7pm	Paddy, Nora & Oliver Craughan Mellows Park
Sunday	11.30am	1 st Anniv Madge Purcell also 1 st Anniv Bridgie O'Reilly Tullyegan & decd family

Mass intentions – Moylagh

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
Saturday	5.45pm	Michael & Sheila Scully & family, Cissie & Patsy McGrath, Irene Grall, John Joe & Kitty Scally Milltown & daughter Philomena
Sunday	10am	Michael & Rose Snow, Joe & Eileen O'Connor & decd 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

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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 Moylagh

5.45pm Vigil

Nora McDermott
Cathy Flood

10am

Rosaleen Smith
Marie Jacob

Eucharistic Ministers December 2023 Oldcastle

7pm Vigil

Margaret McQuillan,
Paul Smith, Marian Pakenham

11.30am

Kay Feeney, Brigid McLarney,
Brendan Brady

. **Funerals:** Eulogies, speeches or appreciations etc. in the church building at funerals in the Diocese of Meath are forbidden. The Diocesan Pastoral Assembly has recently reiterated this ban. The traditional and proper place for this to take place is in the cemetery after the prayers have been said.



In the charity of your prayers remember the repose of the soul of **Owen Smith Dublin Bar, John Hanlon Drumbaragh / Dromone, Tony Martin UK (brother of Barbara Mara)** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

December visits to the sick and housebound... Oldcastle on Wednesday 13th 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 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

Advent Wreath Our Church is decorated with the **Advent Wreath**. The Advent Wreath has been used traditionally in Europe since the 16th Century. The **wreath** is the shape of a circle symbolising the never-ending love of God- no beginning and no end. The **evergreens** on the wreath remind us that God is eternal and that we will have eternal life. The wreath contains five candles representing Christ the light of the world. The **three purple candles** represent penance- sorrow for sins. The **red/pink candle** represents joy, and love, and the **white candle** which is lit on Christmas night represents the birth of Christ. A new candle is lit each week as the celebration of the birth of Christ comes closer.

Please support the St Vincent de Paul Church door 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 Church door, 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.

Moylagh Community Centre are holding a social dance on **Sunday 17th December from 4.00 - 7.00pm** with Nigel Livingstone providing the music. Admission €10.00 which includes light refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Art exhibition: "She loves me, she loves me not" by local artist Bríd Fanning can be viewed in the Oldcastle Library during library hours until Thursday Dec 14th. Brid will be in the library this Saturday 9th from 2pm - 5pm with unique gifting ideas for Christmas including her limited editions prints, cushions and lamps. There are also special offers with up to 30% off during the exhibition. All are welcome!

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appears.**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law, in cloud and majesty and awe.**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.