

PARISH OF OLDCASTLE / MOYLAGH

3rd Sunday of Advent
17th December 2023

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Mass intentions – Oldcastle Confession available after Mass

Saturday	7pm	Paddy, Nora & Oliver Craughan Mellows Park
Sunday	11.30am	M/M Mae Hetheron, 1 st Anniv Madge Purcell also 1 st Anniv Bridgie O'Reilly Tullyegan & decd family
Monday	10am	Celebrants Intentions
Tuesday	10am	Celebrants Intentions
Wednesday	10am	
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	7pm	Mary & Tom Brady
Saturday	7pm	Kevin & Cissy Halpin, Patrick Joseph, Barry Phillips & decd family, John & Rose Mara
Sunday Christmas Eve	11.30am 5pm 9pm	Therese, Nancy & Finbarr McGowan, Garda Seán Rawle, parents & decd family The Nativity of the Lord

Mass intentions – Movlach – Confession available after Mass

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, Michael Donoghue, John & Mary Reilly & son Danny
Saturday	5.45pm	Peter & Mary Gilsean Gortloney & decd family
Sunday Christmas Eve	10am 7pm	Eugene & Olive O'Growney, daughters Catherina & Olivia, son Rory & son-in-law Gerry Mahon The Nativity of the Lord

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.
There must be at least two people in
attendance all the time. Going
forward these hours will be reviewed
especially during dark winter
evenings.
Please turn off the heating when not
in use.**

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

Readers December 2023 Oldcastle 7pm Vigil

Christopher McQuillan
2nd, 16th & 30th

Sarah McQuillan
9th & 23rd

11.30am
Donna Cahill
3rd, 17th & 31st Dec

Pauline Hetheron
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.

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*



In the charity of your prayers remember the repose of the soul of **Liam Lynch RIP. His funeral took place this week.**

*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.*

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.

Christmas Ceremonies Arrangements

Christmas is unusual this year... Christmas Eve the 24th of December falls on a Sunday. The two normal Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual they are for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

**Mass for Christmas Eve will be celebrated
at 5pm in Oldcastle, 7pm in Moylagh and 9pm in Oldcastle**

Mass on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 10am in Moylagh and 11.30am in Oldcastle

**Confessions are available after all Masses for the next week including Sundays
and on Saturday 23rd from 11 – 12 in 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.

Committee members required for Oldcastle CE Scheme

Oldcastle Community Employment scheme has been in operation for 30 years in Oldcastle, Moylagh, Dromone, Mounnugent, and Kilskyre providing assistance with the upkeep of grounds to local Community groups, clubs, churches and cemeteries. Presently the scheme employs 14 participants and 1 supervisor. However, the scheme has only survived due to the dedication and commitment of the past and current committee **VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CAN SPARE A LITTLE TIME WE NEED NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE.** If you would like more information please contact Niall Caffrey, Paddy Rennick or any other members.

A prayer for Priests:

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve May see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen