

# PARISH OF OLDCASTLE / MOYLAGH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## Mass intentions – Oldcastle Confession available after Mass

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Kevin & Cissy Halpin, Patrick Joseph, Barry Phillips & decd family, John & Rose Mara
<b>Sunday Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Therese, Nancy & Finbarr McGowan, Garda Seán Rawle, parents & decd family
	<b>5pm</b>	For the Celebrants intentions
	<b>9pm</b>	For the Celebrants intentions
<b>Monday Christmas Day</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	For the Celebrants intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11am</b>	St Stephens Day      Mary Chapman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11am</b>	St John Evangelist      Anne Tugwell(4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11am</b>	The Holy Innocence      For the pro-life movement
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Tom Tunney
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	M/M Elsie Brady (late Fennor), Anniv Bill & Josephine Markland, Aidan & Mary Cadden Millbrook Rd, Eugene Cadden
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Oliver Purcell Knockbrack (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv), Bridget Coyle (70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)

## Mass intentions – Moylagh – Confession available after Mass

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.45pm</b>	Peter & Mary Gilsenan Gortloney & family, Michael & Bridget Gilligan Loughbawn
<b>Sunday Christmas Eve</b>	<b>10am</b>	Eugene & Olive O'Growney, daughters Catherina & Olivia, son Rory & son-in-law Gerry Mahon, George Hughes & Kathleen Kavanagh
	<b>7pm</b>	For the Celebrants intentions
<b>Monday Christmas Day</b>	<b>10am</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.45pm</b>	Michael, Mary Ellen, Bernard & Michael Joe Briody Moylagh
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10am</b>	Bridget & James Kennedy, daughter Marie & son Tommy

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December

Helen Grall  
9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December

#### 10am

Fiona Flynn  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Siobhan Kearney  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Readers December 2023 Oldcastle

#### 7pm Vigil

Christopher McQuillan  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Sarah McQuillan  
9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### 11.30am

Donna Cahill  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec  
Pauline Hetheron  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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



We welcome into the Church **Leony McGrath Alves Peixoto, Gortloney** who was baptised recently.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> of December falls on a Sunday. The two normal Sunday Masses will be celebrated as usual they are for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 – 12 in Oldcastle**

The annual walk for **St Vincent De Paul** will take place in **Mullaghmeen on St Stephen's Day at 11 am**, please support this worthy cause

Best wishes to our local postman **Cyril Pakenham who is retiring on 29<sup>th</sup> December after 43 years loyal service to the communities of Oldcastle, Moylagh and Ballinacree**. We would like to wish him health and happiness on his retirement.

**Committee members required for Oldcastle CE Scheme**

Oldcastle Community Employment scheme has been in operation for 30 years in Oldcastle, Moylagh, Dromone, Mountnugent, 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