



Bring your baby Jesus to Mass next Sunday to be blessed

Confessions are available after ALL Masses



#### ADVENT WEEK 4

As this final Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of **LOVE**.

Theme: **"Love Draws Near"**

We stand with Mary and Joseph, waiting for Christ to be born among us. God's love draws close to our parish, our homes, and our hearts.

**Feel free to try a few of these over the coming week...**

In these last days before Christmas, I invite you to draw close to the Holy Family in your own home. This could be:

**Prayer at the Crib or Image:**

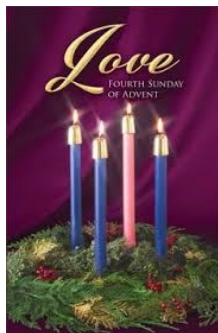
If there's a crib, gather there; if not, use a cross, candle, or holy picture. Say: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless our home. Stay with us and help us to love one another."

**Name and Pray for Loved Ones:**

Write a short list of people you want to place near the crib this Christmas (family, friends, someone away from home, someone struggling) and pray one Our Father for them.

**One Concrete Act of Love:**

Each person chooses one deliberate act of love this week: visiting or phoning someone lonely, helping a neighbour or making peace in the family.



In both the First Reading and the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus called "Emmanuel" - a name that means "God-is-with-us!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day Emmanuels - the loving, healing, forgiving, and merciful presence of God in the Church and in the world.

#### Christmas Eve Masses

5pm - Sts Brigid & Oliver's, Oldcastle

6pm - St Mary's, Moylagh

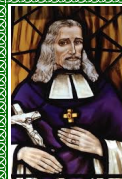
8pm - Sts Brigid & Oliver's, Oldcastle

**The 8pm Mass will be preceded by a service of Carols from 7.30pm**

#### Christmas Day Masses

10am - St Mary's, Moylagh

11.30am - Sts Brigid & Oliver's, Oldcastle



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#### Mass intentions for the week ahead...

Sat 5.45pm Peter & Mary Gilsean & decd fam. Chrissie, Bobby & Sharon Segarty. Eugene & Olive, O'Growney their children Olivia & Caitríona, Rory & grandson Mark.

Sat 7.00pm Christmas Novena Mass

Sun 10.00am Christmas Novena Mass

Sun 11.30am **Brendan Maguire (MM) Ollie Clinton (MM) Peter Hennessey (Jnr)**  
Annie & Michael Boyle, Mgt & Pat Connell. Therese, Nancy, Finbar McGowan

Mon 10.00am Mass card Intention

Tues 10.00am Christmas Novena Mass

Wed 10.00am Celebrant's Intentions - **with Confessions after Mass until 12 noon**

**Christmas Eve**  
**5pm Mass in Oldcastle**  
**6pm Mass in Moylagh**  
**8pm Mass in Oldcastle**

**Christmas Day**  
**10am in Moylagh**  
**11.30am in Oldcastle**

St Stephen's Day 11am in Oldcastle

Sat 5.45pm Michael, Mary Ellen Bernard, Michael Joe Briody. Peggy Dolan

Sat 7.00pm Eugene Cadden. Liam Lynch. John & Bridget Alwell.

Sun 10.00am Johnjoe O'Reilly. Kit, Moira & Christy Shaw.

Sun 11.30am **Mona O'Reilly (MM)** Nancy Halpin & brother Joe Brady.  
John, Margaret & Seán Garrigan & decd fam.



**Christmas Novena Cards**  
**available from the parish office and**  
**sacristies (8 Cards for €10)**

**Pray for the happy repose of the souls of**  
**Michael Lee**, funeral was on Thursday  
**Teresa Evans**, sister of Jim Hughes  
Millbrook



#### Sts Brigid & Oliver's Church Ministers of God's Word

Sat 20th: Imelda

Sun 21st: Michaela

**Wed 24th 5pm: Josephine & Imelda**

**Wed 24th 8pm: Peter & Mary**

**Thurs 25th: Michaela & Peter**

Sat 27th: Mary

Sun 28th: Gretta

#### Special Ministers of Holy Communion for DEC

Vigil: Sinead B, Elizabeth, Carmel

11.30am: Mairin, Bridget, Caroline

#### St Mary's Church Ministers of God's Word

Sat 20th: Lisa

Sun 21st: Siobhan

**Wed 24th 6pm: Lisa & Gerry**

**Thurs 25th: Siobhan & Brendan**

Sat 27th: Cathy

Sun 28th: Mairead & Laura

#### Special Ministers of Holy Communion for DEC

Vigil: Eilish & Mary

10am: Elaine & Theresa