

## Church of the Irish Martyrs

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### MASS TIMES

<b>26th Nov</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	6.30pm	Edward Murray RIP, Angela & Noel McDaid RIP, Katie & Johnny Doherty RIP, John, Delia & Pat Sweeney RIP, Frances King RIP
<b>27th Nov</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Sam, Celine & Mary McCarron RIP Seamus Farren RIP
28th Nov	Monday	9.30am	James & Kathleen Finan RIP
29th Nov	Tuesday	9.30am	Bernie Doherty RIP
30th Nov	Wednesday	9.30am	Brigid Moy RIP
1st Dec	Thursday	9.30am	John, Rose & Daniel Griffin RIP
2nd Dec	Friday	9.30am	John Fox RIP
<b>3rd Dec</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	6.30pm	Eilish Hunter RIP Months Mind Danny Doyle RIP Months Mind Nellie O'Donnell RIP
<b>4th Dec</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am 11.30am	Special Intention Jim Gallinagh RIP 1st Anniversary

**WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the families of Eddie Tinney RIP, Mark Doherty RIP, and Peter Herrity, Kilmacrennan who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES** from the Church can now be viewed on the Church of the Irish Martyrs YouTube channel.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** are ready for collection. We ask those who distributed them last year and are willing to do so again, to collect them at the Parish office. Thank you.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** ~ 6th September 2023 for 7 days with Spiritual Director. Cost €850 per person. **EARLY BOOKING OFFER** €100 off if paid in full in December 2022. Contact Kathleen on 074-9121641 or 086-3721962.

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS** ~ Fr Ciaran and Fr Dominic will visit the sick and housebound of the Parish on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December. If you or anyone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like the priest to call on the First Thursday/Friday of the month, please call the office on 074 9127600.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** A word of thanks to all of you who came to the Parish Pastoral Council meetings held in the Clanree. Also, a word of thanks to those who have expressed interest in taking part in the next stage of the training for a Parish Council. That training begins on Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the Clanree Hotel facilitated by Mr Jim Deeds.

**THE YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT** will take place in Newbridge College, Newbridge from 9th -11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Cost: Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)"

**PREPARE TO RECEIVE CHRIST'S PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS** ~ Evening Retreat, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - 9.30pm. With Christmas just around the corner we get so caught up in the preparations that we often lose sight of what is really important: the mystery of Christ's Incarnation. This evening will give us an opportunity to remind ourselves what Christmas is all about and to prepare our hearts to receive the graces the Child Jesus wants to bring us. It's a real chance to refocus and spend some quiet time with the Lord, in longing and awaiting for His coming. Includes talks, time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cup of tea and some biscuits). Bookings are necessary. Please contact us at 074 916 9934 or [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com).

**KNOCK NIGHT VIGIL** ~ A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park for a Night Vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Wednesday 7th December** at 6.30 pm sharp. Please bring a packed lunch. For bookings, please phone Michael on 087- 2922499.

**A PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL APPROACH** ~ The New Springtime Community invite you to attend an online webinar entitled "Overcoming Anxiety: A Psycho-Spiritual Approach" on Saturday, 3rd December 2022. Ronan Johnson will describe some common roots of unhealthy anxiety. Paul Daly, also a psychotherapist, will look at causes of anxiety/panic attacks and ways of managing and reducing both. Pat Collins CM, a spiritual writer, will indicate how anxiety can be overcome by standing on the inspired and inspiring word of God. Phone: 089 449 0683. Commences 10.30am. Email: [janeforde@gmail.com](mailto:janeforde@gmail.com). See [www.newspringtime.ie](http://www.newspringtime.ie)

**AN ADVENT REFLECTION** in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick) will take place in the Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry from 4pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December until 5pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Cost £120/€145. Telephone: 02830821224 or email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)