



The relics of St. Thérèse & her parents St. Louis and St. Zélie Martin will be welcomed to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Drimnagh, this Saturday, Sunday & Monday. This will be a time of blessing for our parish during Advent with talks and an exhibition of the life of St. Thérèse & the Martin family. Please take a copy of the schedule with all the details from the back of the church.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 8th December
Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass at 10.00am.



Poinsettia Sunday This Sunday

We invite you to bring a Poinsettia to the Church in memory of a loved one living or deceased. In this way we hope to fill the church with the festive colour of Christmas and at the same time remember in Christmas prayer all those we love.

The Annual Diocesan Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

will take place at all Masses **next weekend 13th & 14th December**, and will replace the Share collection. SVP donation envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church, we ask you to kindly return the envelopes to the Parish Office. Your support to help adults & children who are struggling this Christmas is very much appreciated. *Please give as generously as you can.*

OLM Secondary School Parents' Council are organising a bingo night on Thursday 11th December at 7pm in Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Rd

to raise funds for the school. Doors open from 6pm. Game starts at 7pm. Books €10, Jackpot €2. Books can be bought from the OLM school office or on the night. Spot prizes and cash jackpot. Tuck shop available on the night. For enquiries, contact Claire, Home School teacher on 086 1423368. We look forward to seeing you on the night!



We remember
Ronald (Ronnie) Smyth
who died recently
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

WHAT'S ON

Monday 8th December

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mass at 10.00am

Choir practise

at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery

Tuesday 9th December

Sacramental Team meeting at 1.00pm in the Meeting room for the 2nd First Holy Communion & Confirmation Preparation Mass next Saturday at 6.30pm.

Thursday 11th December

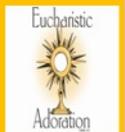
After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

Friday 12th December

Eucharistic Prayer Group meets in the Oratory from 2.30-3.30pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.



Church Collections

w/e 29th/30th November 2025

1st Priests: €598

2nd Collection: €451

Envelopes: €577

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 1, 3, 4, 8

Jackpot €1,900

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the

10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

Thought Bring good in any situation.. Sometimes we can't solve the problems, we can only add goodness. St Joseph thought putting pregnant Mary away quietly was the good he could offer. Then God stepped in and brought him on a journey, all the way to Bethlehem. What good can you bring to your various situations? When you do, step back and watch God return goodness in your life.

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.