November 15, 2026

NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY'S PARISH, MAYNOOTH & LADYCHAPEL

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS
St Mary's:
Family Mass: Sat 5.00 pm
Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm
Sunday: 8.45 am, 11.30 am, & 1.00 pm
Ladychapel:
Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES
St Mary's
Mon – Sat – 10.00 am
First Friday – 10.00 am

WORKING HOLY DAYS
St Mary's
Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm
Morning Mass: 10.00 am
Ladychapel:
Vigil Mass: 8.00 pm

CONFESSION
St Mary's
Saturdays after the 10.00 am Mass

Dear Friends,

Our Readings this weekend are getting us ready for the return of the Son of Man, the Judge of the judges, the Servant who, out of love for us, gives up his life as a ransom for many. Next weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King which marks the end of the Church's year. And the following weekend will see the start of Advent, the season of hope. Our Gospel today calls us to make an effort, to use our talents, to use them to build up our faith community. The End of God's plan is about unity, all things being united in Christ. That's what we're waiting for. One of the early Church Fathers, Origen, held that Christ is waiting for us to follow his example – we are the ones delaying things. But we know from experience that we need him to come and save us. And so St Paul encourages us today not to go on sleeping, but to stay awake. He comes to us every day, but he'll come in a special way at Christmas and when the times have run their course. But, like last weekend, we're to get ourselves ready; we're to be wise and keep our lamps lit. Otherwise we'll miss him when he comes again. The shops have been ready since before Halloween. What about us?

God bless.
Fr Tom

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 7TH / 8TH NOVEMBER, 2026
First Collection: € 1,392 (support of Diocesan Priests)
SHARE: € 1,257
Family Envelope & Standing Orders: € 2,403

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NOTICES

ICA HALL – TEDDY BEAR REPAIR

Teddy Bear Repair and Christmas Decoration Making will take place in the ICA Hall on **Sunday 15th November from 2.00 – 5.00 pm.** All Welcome.

AMORIS BOOK CLUB

Amoris Book Club warmly invites you to join our little community of readers and friends. We gather on **Wednesdays at 4 pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre, where we share conversation, reflection, and plenty of laughter. There's always tea, coffee, biscuits, and a relaxed space to chat about life, faith, and the books that inspire us. We are currently reading **"Our Splendid Eucharist: Reflections on Mass and Sacrament" by Raymond Moloney SJ**, a beautiful exploration of the mystery at the heart of our faith. If you're looking for a gentle mid-week pause, friendly faces, and meaningful conversation, we would be delighted to welcome you.

MAYNOOTH 850 AUTUMN LECTURES SERIES

As part of the Maynooth 850 celebrations this year, Maynooth Local History Group is holding a series of lectures on Tuesday nights on different aspects of the Town's history. The Lectures will be held in **St Mary's Church of Ireland, Parson Street.**
Doors open at 7.15 pm.
Lectures start at 7.30 pm.
Lecture 2 - 17th November: "Growing up in Maynooth in a time of change - 1960s & 1970s" by Tom Nelson

– These are free events.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners and those who were buried from our Church from the 1st November, 2025 will take place on **Tuesday 17th November** in St Mary's Church at **8.00 pm.** All welcome.

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST JOSEPH

The Vocations Society of St Joseph (formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society) will meet in the Parish Pastoral Centre on **Thursday 19th November** after the **10.00 am** Mass.

SONGS OF A NEW BEGINNING – TALKS WITH DR JESSIE ROGERS

The first of four talks will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday 25th November @ 7.30 pm.** The story of the coming of the Christ child in Luke's Gospel is filled with song. Mary sings of a world being turned upside down, Zechariah celebrates the dawning of salvation, the angels announce peace on earth, and Simeon recognises the light of God's salvation in a tiny child. Over four evenings, we will listen to these ancient songs, explore the hopes and promises they express, and reflect on what they have to say to us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. All Welcome

BIBLE STUDY IN ADVENT

Our Parish Bible Study group will meet over four Friday mornings of Advent.We will focus on advent themes in the beautiful Mass readings for the four Sundays of Advent and explore how they might speak to our own lives today.
If you would like to take some quiet time to enrich your prayer and faith life through Scripture this Advent, why not join us on Friday mornings?All are welcome.
Dates: (Friday) 27 Nov, 4, 11, 18 Dec.
Time: 11.00 - 12.15 (tea/coffee from 10.30am)
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED GAA MEMBERS

On **Saturday 28th November** the Annual Mass for Deceased GAA Members will take place in the Clubhouse at **8.00 pm.**

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you suffered a loss? We would like to invite you to our Bethany Group Support Meeting. The next meeting will take place on the **30th November** in the Parish Pastoral Centre at **7.30 pm.** For more information, please contact 086 2700740.
Bethany Team: Jean Kennedy, Anne Gallagher & Antoinette O'Brien