November 22, 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

CHRIST THE KING

Dear Friends,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.* The feast of *Christ the King*, the shepherd king, the Son of Man who gives up his life as a ransom for many, marks the end of the Church year. Next weekend will see the beginning of the wonderful Season of Advent when we prepare to receive the *Servant King* when he comes to us as a baby in the crib. It's a time of waiting and getting ready. I don't know if you got a chance to follow any of Pope Leo's pastoral visit to Latin America. So many thousands were waiting for the arrival of one who comes in the name of the Lord. I was very struck by all the messages from the airport control towers welcoming him and his message of peace and the centrality of human dignity. Like Leo, each one of us has been sent in the name of the Lord. Baptism makes us prophets, priest and kings – we're to be shepherds and servants to each other, each in our own way, bringing people the Good News of God's love, working for peace and promoting human dignity.

God bless.
Fr Tom

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 14TH / 15TH NOVEMBER, 2026
First Collection: € 1,400 (support of Diocesan Priests)
SHARE: € 988
Family Envelope & Standing Orders: € 2,191

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NOTICES

FR PAUL KELLY

Please continue to pray for Fr Paul Kelly. Fr Paul has been unwell for a while and he had abdominal surgery last week in Connolly hospital. He is in good form, but he will need to convalesce for some time. Until he returns to work, the Parish Pastoral Council has recommended Services of the Word with Holy Communion on Mondays and Saturdays. Funeral Masses will take precedence over weekday Masses. Confessions will be available after the 7pm Mass on Saturdays, and we hope to offer the full schedule of Christmas Masses.Weekday Masses are also available in St Catherines (mornings & evenings), St Paul's & the College.

Fr Paul's family are most grateful for your prayers and good wishes but have asked if visiting could be restricted to family only for the moment. Thank you for your understanding which he greatly appreciates.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

The priest (main celebrant) at every Mass in St Mary's now has a clip-on ciborium with Gluten-free hosts. Please approach him and take a host from the ciborium.

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 3 - 24th November: "Public Transport in Co. Kildare with a focus on Maynooth and North Kildare" by Liam Kenny.
– These are free events.

TIDY TOWNS

A huge thank you to the Tidy Towns for doing such a good job on tidying up the grotto area. And thanks to Eileen Darcy for organising it. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

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 **Monday 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 & Anne Walshe.