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# NEWSLETTER

## PARISH OF MAYNOOTH

### WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER

### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

*Dear Friends,*

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday. We rejoice because the Day of Salvation is near. Many thanks to all who helped prepare the Way of the Lord by supporting the annual St Vincent de Paul collection. And thanks too for coming to our prayer services, concerts and Carol Service. We give God thanks for all the causes of joy he gives us.

God bless.  
*Fr Tom*

## MASS TIMES

### SUNDAYS

**St Mary's:**

Family Mass: Sat 5.30 pm

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Sunday: 8.45 am, 11.30 am, & 1.00 pm

**Ladychapel:**

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

### CONFESSION

**St Mary's**

Saturdays after the 10.00 a.m. Mass

### DAILY MASSES

**St Mary's**

Mon. – Sat. – 10.00 a.m.

First Friday – 10.00 a.m.

### WORKING HOLY DAYS

**St Mary's**

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Morning Mass: 10.00 am

**Ladychapel:**

Vigil Mass: 8.00 pm

## NOTICES

### SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

- The ProLife Campaign will hold its Annual Church-Gate Collection **this weekend**.

### LET US KEEP JESUS COMPANY

- A Triduum will take place **16<sup>th</sup> December** in St Mary's Church from **7.00 – 7.45 pm** with prayer, music and quiet prayer.

### MAYNOOTH PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUP - SCRIPTURE IN ADVENT

- If you would like to take some quiet time to enrich your prayer life through Scripture this Advent, why not join us on Friday mornings? Our Bible Study group 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. ***The final Friday will be 19<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Pastoral Centre from 11.00 am- 12.15pm (tea/coffee from 10.30am)***

### CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

- As the cost of living continues to rise, more families than ever are turning to Crosscare for help. This year, almost 3,000 people – including 1,200 children – sought basic food support, while nearly 12,000 affordable meals were served in the Portland Row Community Café. More than 10% of people in Ireland are now at risk of food poverty, and emergency parcels alone can't address the growing pressures families face. Crosscare's Food and Support model combines choice-based food access, low-cost meals, one-to-one casework, and wraparound supports such as welfare advice, budgeting help, and improved access to healthcare, education, and employment. We believe in giving people a hand up, not a handout. Every donation helps someone stabilise their life and move toward independence. Please support our 2025 Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. Your donation – big or small – will help provide food, stability, and a pathway towards independence for those who need it most. Donate at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) or call 01 8360011.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2026

- The Parish is planning a Pilgrimage to Rome on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2026 for four nights. Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Dalzell. Please see poster in Porches together with the Itinerary or contact Martina in the Parish Office for further details.

**Parish Calendar & Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available in the porches. Please take one on your way out. You can return the dues at the weekend Masses or drop them into the Parish Office or the Sacristy. **If you are paying the Christmas Dues by cheque – please make it payable to Maynooth Parish** as the bank will not accept otherwise.

**Parish Christmas Cards** are on sale in the Parish Office during the week @ 5 for €10.

### PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 6<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

- First Collection:** € 1,148 (support of Diocesan Priests)
- St. Vincent de Paul:** Amount will be available later
- Family Envelope & Standing Orders:** € 2,224

***\*Notices for inclusion in the Sunday Missalette must be sent to the Parish Office no later than 12.00 on Wednesdays\****