

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Midleton

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*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the following souls whose anniversaries occur:
Ellen Walsh (nee Nell Heaphy), Mary Curran, Pat O'Connell, Tom & Mary Conroy,*

May They Rest in Peace

We welcome the new member of our Parish Community:

Fiadha Rose Stack.

Who was recently Baptised.

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A WORD OF THANKS

As we begin this New Year and decade we extend a word of sincere gratitude to all who contribute so much to our parish and our worship in very many ways. We thank the various sacristans in our three churches, the readers and ministers of the Eucharist, our choirs, organists and choir directors, and our altar servers. A special thanks to all who keep our churches so clean and in such good condition, as well as our altar groups, flower arrangers and leaders of our children's liturgy. Thanks to our caretakers and their assistants, and to those members of community employment schemes assigned to the parish. We thank our collectors at all the Masses as well as those on the *counter's* rota, our accounts officer and the members of the parish finance committee. A special word of thanks to our parish secretary as well all our volunteer catechists in the parish, plus the members of our baptism team. May God bless you all and grant you a happy and peaceful 2020.

Tomorrow Monday, January 6th The Feast of The Epiphany a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses for the Holy Day of Epiphany:

8.00am Holy Rosary

10.30am Holy Rosary

12.00 noon Holy Rosary.

7.30pm Holy Rosary.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Chapel : 9.00am

Bible Group recommences on Tuesday morning, 7th January, at 10.30am in The Parish Office. All welcome.

Catechism Study Group continues on Thursday evenings from this Thursday, January 9th beginning at 7.30pm in The Parish Office. It will be finishing Part One on that evening and starting Part Two, the section on The Sacraments. If you would like to join in at that point feel free to come to the session on Thursday. Everybody is very welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

A meeting of Co-Ordinators on Monday 13th January, at 7.30pm in The Parish Office.

I said to the Man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!' So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

The Epiphany

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of The World. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men(magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and The Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the news of salvation through the Incarnation.

Evening Prayer of the Epiphany.

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:

Today the star led the Magi to the manger;

Today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;

**Today Christ desired to be Baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation,
alleluia.**