

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

06th December 2015

Next weekend's Scripture Pg 116(New Missal) 3rd **Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18 The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Psalms 12:2-6. R. v.6 Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 The Lord is very near.

Luke 3:10-18 What must we do?

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THE WORD

This weekend Pg 106(New Missal)

7.30pm Leoina Tully

11.00am Owen Fox

Next weekend

7.30pm Nuala Yelland

11.00am Ben Devine

HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend

7.30pm Rosemary Russell

11.00am Declan Walsh

Next weekend

7.30pm Aidan Cullen

11.00am Bernadette Black

SERVERS

This week

Kyle Walsh & Abi Lynch-Finnegan

Next week

Emma O'Reilly & Rose Flanagan

Altar Society members for weeks **11th & 18th Dec**

Duangkae Carey, Carol Thornton & Ann Saurin

Psalms Ps125.R.v.3

What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we were glad.

Next '**Confirming our Children**' Mass: **Sat. 5th December**

'Do This In Memory' (Holy Communion Preparation): **Sun 13th December.**

National Day of Prayer for the UN Climate Summit. World leaders will converge on Paris from 30th Nov - 11th Dec with the aim of reaching a sustainable and binding climate agreement. This will be no mean task and they need our prayers and encouragement. *Laudato Si* and the UN Climate Change Conference COP21

Advent continues this weekend. Advent Masses (Mon – Fri) at 7.30pm.
When and how will Jesus be among us again? How is Jesus among us?
When and how was Jesus among us?

Advent booklets available inside Church door; €1.

Advent **Prayer Group** (Parochial House) Mon, 07th Dec at 11.00 am.

www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar/

Recently Deceased: Stephen Byrne, Leo Healy.

Masses & Anniversaries

Saturday	05	7:30pm	Mass
Sunday	06	8:30am	Mass
Sunday	06	11:00am	Margaret Floyd
Monday	07	7:30pm	Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	08	7:30pm	Immaculate Conception
			Mass for Parishioners; Mary & George O'Brien
Wednesday	09	7:30pm	Sean Tierney
Thursday	10	7:30pm	Mass
Friday	11	7:30pm	Tom Bell
Saturday	12	7:30pm	Johnny Dillon & Paschal Monaghan
Sunday	13	8:30am	Mass
Sunday	13	11:00am	Mass

Adoration Friday nights at 7:00pm Church of the Assumption

Last week Collection €495. Many, many thanks to you for sustaining your contributions to the Weekly and Dues collection.

Due to an increase in numbers our Masses may now be shared.

New **Minister of Holy Communion rotas** available in the sacristy.

New **Minister of the Word rotas & new Missals** available in the sacristy.

If in **hospital** and want a visit: contact Fr Caraher 9834293.

An Croí Wisdom Institute: Tullyallen (Old Credit Union). www.ancroi.ie/ ancroi@eircom.net; 041 9805050; 087 6240071. Geraldine Holton & Carmel Byrne.

Rev John Woodside is delighted to invite Mellifont parishioners to join his congregation for the **Advent Carols** (Sunday 6th December 6:30pm).

WoP for Christian Unity Thursday 21 January (here) 7:30 pm.

Christmas Tree blessing & lighting - Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 6.30 pm in the village square. The children of Tullyallen National School and local choir Kerygma will lead a carol service. All are welcome, the young & the not so young!

Parish Bingo on Tuesday Night 8.30p.m. in the Mellifont Parochial Hall, Tullyallen. Good company & good prizes.

If Parishioners would like to promote their 'Permitted' **Church Gate collection**; speak about it in Church (1 minute) the week before?

The Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre 042-9336393 (10am – 2pm)

The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: COPING PROGRAMME for Widowed, Separated & Divorced; 14th, 21st, 28th January & 4th February 2016: 5 Thursday evenings 8pm-10pm. Registration required.

Bereavement Support: One to one Bereavement Support - confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (No cost involved); Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm

Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy



Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,

of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of
Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and
ever. Amen.



Advent Retreat; 11 Dec (6pm Fri - 2.30pm Sun). Residential / (Non) - €165 / €110. Emmaus
Retreat Centre. (01) 870 0050 www.emmauscentre.ie/

Penitential Service in St Peter's Church – Monday 21st December 7:30pm.
Confessions: 7pm Tuesday (before Mass) and again after Mass.

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy 8 December - 20 November. How best can we explore and celebrate Mercy? At work, at home?

Jubilee refers to a special year of remission of sins and pardon. During his presentation of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invited the faithful to realise the mercy of God as central to their lives. Following the example of Pope Francis, bishops will open “Holy Doors” in every diocese. Bishops encourage the faithful to take part in local ceremonies, to undertake pilgrimage, avail of resources on www.catholicbishops.ie, and to pray the Year of Mercy prayer from the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

Holy Door opened in St Peter's Church (St Oliver's Shrine) at 12:15 Mass on Sunday 13th December.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity of love, Guide the plans and actions of Your Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh.

At this time You are calling us to a deeper understanding of our faith;
You are inviting us to worship you in a prayerful Spirit-filled manner;
You commission us to be courageous witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel.
Pour out Your Spirit on us. Rekindle in us the fire of Your love.

Give us courage to reach out in service to others, accompanying them with Your mercy, so that everyone can share the joy of a personal encounter with You.

Saints of Armagh: St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Malachy, St. Oliver Plunkett,
walk with us on our pilgrim way. Naomh Mhuire, Máthair Dé, guí orainn
Amen.