

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	6 th	10am	Michael John & Molly Brooks Johnny Flynn & his son Michael
		2pm	Marian Devotions
		4pm	Baptism
		7pm	Children's Mass
Sun	7 th	11am	John Joe Kelly & Deceased Members of the O'Shea Family Margaret O'Brien, Mick Grehan Paddy Kelly John Tumulty Paddy & Bessy Fallon
		10am	Mollie Harrington & Michael Brooks
		2pm	Prayers for Peace. Invitations to all Parents & Children to be apart of this.
		7pm	Christmas Carol Service with the Children From Castlesampon N.S.
Tues	9 th	7pm	Mass
		8pm	Pastoral Council Meeting in the Social Centre
Wed	10 th	9am	Mass
Thurs	11 th	7:30pm	Clonmacnoise
		9am	Mass
		9:30am	Christmas Reconciliation Service for both Schools
		11:15am	Sonas Nursing Home
		2pm	St. Brendan's and St. Brigid's
Fri	12 th	3:30pm	St Ronan's NS share Christmas Carols With Residents of St. Brendan's CNU
		9am	Mass
Sat	13 th	7pm	Mass in Kiltomer
		11am	Roisin Costello
Sun	14 th	12:00	Baptism
		11am	Paddy & Francis Curley Aidan & Phyllis Judge Michael Stack, Sean Curley Vincent Costello

Advent Time in Our Parish

Servers: 14th Dec: Joe Moore, Ben Lynch, Conor Egan, Alana Carty and Anna Moore.

Offertory Collection: 16th Nov: €823 23rd Nov €440 and 30th Nov €625.

Senior Citizens: Our Senior Citizens enjoyed an amazing party on Wednesday. Thanks to our committee for your work, dedication and commitment to our Seniors. Thanks to Brendan Shine and his band for his stunning entertainment. Brendan, you are one of the best entertainers ever-thanks again for the generosity of your time and talent over the years. We look forward to your version of Silent Night at our Midnight Mass.

Collection Envelopes: We are waiting for the delivery of our 2026 envelopes and be assured that you will have your envelopes on time. Thanks for your generosity to all of our collections during 2025.

Christmas Cards: I have taken delivery of our Parish Christmas Cards. I will also have a collection point for food and toys. You can begin donating toys as soon as possible. I have many, many families who are in need of our generosity. Do not forget them!!

Choir Members Needed: New members are welcome to join our Choir on Sundays at 11am Mass. Looking forward to seeing you.

Just A Thought

Advent

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas 2025, Trocaire's annual Appeal soberly reminds us that this year more than 473 million children, over one in six children globally, currently live in areas of the world affected by armed conflict. Staggering statistics like that can wash over us which is why aid agencies often focus on individual stories to try and cut through the growing fog of indifference that is afflicting the more prosperous and peaceful parts of the world. Even Pope Leo in his first letter to all Christians on love for the poor Dilexi Te chose a recent tragedy to highlight the current crisis of compassion when he recalled, A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar, unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

The baby Jesus was born in a place of conflict among an occupied people and was soon a target for elimination by a paranoid King Herod, not far from Bethlehem and in Gaza thousands of children have died this year through acts of war or deliberate starvation and withholding of vital medicines. In our own country missing and murdered children have also been in the headlines. The lack of outrage and compassion at what has been happening to children and what continues to happen should shock all of us. As we listen to the Gospel of Matthew through this church year we should bear in mind the words of the same Jesus that in the end times because of the growth of wickedness 'men's hearts will grow cold', The innkeepers had no room for the pregnant Mary in Bethlehem. There should be no room for complacency in the hearts of Christians this Advent or Christmas time when it comes to the plight of children living in conflict. It is a time to help and speak out.