

## Our Lady of the Rosary

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## Parish Newsletter

3/4 January 2026

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

**Athbhliain faoi shéan 'is faoi mhaise  
daoibh**

**Canon Des, Fr. Tom, Margaret  
& the Parish Council**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our heart, inviting us to him, and quietly waits for our response.

This New Year, let us rest at the manger of the Divine Infant. Bring your feelings of weariness and despair to him. Be with the Lord and let him love you only like he can love you. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to his heart. In drawing nearer to him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in his plan.

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**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:** The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January and it is a Holy Day of obligation. The Vigil Mass is **Monday at 6.00 pm** and Masses on **6 January** are at **10.00 am and 11.30 am**.

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh and was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** thank all those who contributed so generously to their Christmas Collection. They hold their monthly collection this weekend on Sat/Sun 3/4 January at all Masses.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have returned their Christmas Offering Envelopes for the Priests and the Sacristan and all who are in the process of doing so. If you are contributing by cheque, please make the cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and in relation to the Sacristan to 'Margaret Clifford'.

**FAMILY MASS:** Our Monthly Family Mass is next Sunday 11 January at 11.30am. All families are invited to attend. **Everyone** is invited to the Parish Centre for tea and a chat afterwards; it is a lovely opportunity to meet up with your fellow parishioners.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13 January at 7.30 pm.

**ENVELOPE BOXES 2026:** Parish Envelopes for 2026 are available in the church. We acknowledge all who give to the Parish in whatever way that suits. We also encourage you, if you can, to consider giving through the Envelope System as the Parish receives tax refunds based on those contributions. Anyone who wishes to join the Envelope System should contact the Sacristy.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	18:00	Marie Heenan (A) Ita Duffy (A)
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	Anne Bowes (A) Hugh & Lily O'Brien (A) Jim Collier (A) Paddy Hartman (A)
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 18:00	<b>Pro Popolo Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> The end of the Jubilee Year
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	Humphrey Murphy (A) James & Patricia Irwin (A)
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	18:00	
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	Michael, Bridget & Willie Ryan (A) Liam O'Shanahan (A)

**REFLECTION:** 'Our task is to seek and find Christ in our world as it is and not as it might be'. **Thomas Merton**