

First Friday calls will resume in February. If you want a name added to the list, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone for generous contribution to the second collection at the Christmas Masses. This collection goes towards the priests income for the year.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to St Vincent de Paul over the Christmas period. We are so grateful to everyone. All money collected will remain in the area.

If you are planning to baptise your baby in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office. Both parents are required to attend a baptism preparation evening.

Next Sunday, 11th January, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is our first family Mass of the new year. There is a special invitation to all parents of babies baptised during 2025. There will be refreshments after Mass in the Clubrooms and everyone is invited.

Senior citizen lunches resume again this coming Tuesday 6th January. If you are unable to attend, please contact Michelle. New members always welcome.

Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany 6th January

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion.

(b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings.

(c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience.

(d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God.

It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! (Vatican News)

**Week beginning
4th January 2026
Second Sunday after Christmas**



Thought for the week

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our hearts, inviting us to Him, and quietly waits for our response. This New Year's, 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. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to His heart. In the drawing nearer to Him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in His plan. (Intercom Dec 2026)

**INTENTIONS FOR THIS
WEEKEND**

St Mary's Sunday 4th January

2026 @ 11.30am - Intentions: (1)

**Jack Dowling, Strand Road
First Anniversary (2) John O' Mahony, Farrantane, First Anniversary (3) Brendan Moynihan, Limerick and Camp First Anniversary (4) Mary Nolan, Lyreacrompane (5) Sr Ann McManamon, Ohio & Mayo (6) Maureen & Tom Griffin & their son, Frank, Fahamore & New York.**

St Brendan's Vigil Mass 3rd

January @ 6.15pm - Intentions:

**(1) Eamonn Murphy, Cloghane (First Anniversary)
(2) Paddy Moriarty, Cloghane who died recently (3) Aoife Sheehan 20th Anniversary, her father Brendan 16th Anniversary & grandfather, Patrick Fayne who died recently.**

We Pray For

Maura & Frank Fitzgerald, Cappagh

Patrick Griffin, Strand Street

ST. MARY'S

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 5th January - No Mass in St. Mary's - See St. Brendan's schedule.

Tuesday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany. Holy Day of obligation @ 11.30am – No Intention.

Wednesday 7th January – No Parish Mass

Thursday 8th January @ 10.00am – Private Intentions

Friday 9th January @ 7.00pm – Intention: Patrick Griffin, Strand Street

Sunday 11th January @ 11.30: Intention – Paddy Horgan & deceased family members.

It is also our family Mass & a celebration for all babies baptized in the parish in 2025.

St. Brendan's

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 5th January Vigil Mass for Feast of the Epiphany @ 6.15pm. Intention: Maura & Frank Fitzgerald, Cappagh

No Mass Tuesday 6th in St. Brendan's

No Vigil Mass on Saturday 10th January. Mass in Camp church @ 6.15pm

Priest on deanery duty this Sunday 4th January is Fr. Michael Moynihan. In the event of an emergency please call 066 9151208.

The Planned Giving boxes are available for collection at the Masses. Please take your box. Anyone who is not receiving a box and would like to contribute to the envelope system, please contact the parish office

Wishing everyone a Happy New year, good health and happiness to all. Thank you for your support during the year!

New Year Prayer

**Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the
blessings of the year now
passed and place ourselves
entirely in Your providential
care. Pour out Your abundant
blessings upon our families
and friends. May our homes
be sanctuaries of Your peace,
where love grows deeper and
wounds are healed through
the grace of forgiveness.
As we step forward into the
unknown days before us, be
our constant guide – and may
this be a year in which we
grow ever closer to You and
to one another.**

**We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**