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Sunday 11TH December 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHURCH NOTICES FROM Monday 12TH December – Sunday 18TH December

KEADY:

Monday: Novena Mass 7pm.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: Mass at 10am

Thursday No Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
Sunday Mass at 11.30 am

Confessions: Monday after Mass, Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration on Monday and Friday afternoons from 3-6pm will take place in the Upper Room above the sacristy. This arrangement will last for the duration of the winter as the Upper Room is warmer and more comfortable for prolonged periods of prayer than the main church. Please enter via the sacristy door at the back of the church.

Sick & Housebound: Will be visited during the month of December.

DERRYNOOSE

Thursday 15th December No Mass
Sunday 18th December No Mass

Sick & Housebound: Canon will visit during Month of December

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration will be held only when Thursday Mass follows (which is every 2 weeks)

MADDEN

Thursday 15th December Mass at 7pm
Confessions after Thursday Mass
Sunday 18th December Mass at 10am

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration will be held only when Thursday Mass follows (which is every 2 weeks).

First Friday sick calls will be done over coming fortnight.

LATELY DECEASED

Paddy Woods, Patrick McKenna, Michael Burke, Camelia McDonagh, Kevin Gray, Seamus McCool, Gary Grimley, Anne Crawley, Marie Mallon

MONTHS MEMORY

Gary Grimley – Thursday 15th December 7pm in Madden
Kevin Gray – Sunday 18th December 10am in Madden
Patrick McKenna – Friday 30th December 10am in Keady

CLEA P.S.

Carol Service in St. Patrick's Chapel Keady, Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

ST. PATRICK'S HALL KEADY- The parish is now able to offer refreshments after a funeral in Keady. Please contact Nuala in parish office for details

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR & SANTA SUNDAY

Today Sunday 11th December

St. Patrick's Hall Keady from 2- 6pm.

Lots of stalls with great ideas for Christmas pressies at affordable prices.

Santa will be on stage!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Keady

Christmas Eve Sat 24th Dec Mass at 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)
Christmas Day Sun 25th Dec Mass at 11.30am

Derrynoose

Christmas Eve Sat 24th Mass at 9pm (Midnight Mass)

Madden

Christmas Day Sun 25th Dec Mass at 10am

NEW YEAR MASSES

Keady

Saturday 31st Dec Mass at 6.30pm (vigil)
Sunday 1st January Mass at 11.30am
No Mass on 2nd, 3rd & 4th January

Derrynoose

Sunday 1st January No Mass
Thursday 5th January Mass at 7pm (Vigil Mass for Epiphany)

Madden

Sunday 1st January Mass at 10am

*****WE CARE HAMPERS***** – The Parish Office is delighted to be working in conjunction with pupils from St. Patrick's High School. Pupils are donating items for Christmas Hampers (We Care Hamper) which will then be distributed via The Parish office. If you would like to participate there will be a trolley in the local supermarkets to facilitate this worthy cause. Individuals/families can be nominated confidentially by either dropping an envelope for the attention of Nuala to the Parish Office or a telephone call to the office 02837531242. We would require name and address for the delivery. Possible Nominees may be: a person/family who maybe are recently bereaved, have suffered sickness, loss of income, or those who are unwell in either body or mind. No explanation will be needed. We feel that this is a wonderful example of the youth in our parish reaching out to everyone within our community.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Keady £1496.63, Madden £517.17, Standing Orders £122
To Office: £70 Total £2205.80. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

St Mochua's Derrynoose: Saturday 21st January at 3pm.

St Joseph's Madden: Saturday 17th December at 3pm

St Patrick's Keady: every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm. (December Baptisms in Keady will be 11th & 18th December due to Christmas)

BAPTISM COURSE.—Our Baptism team have resumed the baptismal course. The course will now be held in **The Upper Room above the sacristy at St. Patrick's Church Keady. The next course is on Wed 4th January 2023 at 7.30pm.** Parents of children who are due to be baptised are asked to attend. Contact Parish Office for further details.

ST PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL KEADY PRESENTS SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL

(Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st December)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/475171409477>

KEADY MENS SHED - Shop Opening - Every Friday 10am - 4pm - St. Patrick's Hall Keady- Furniture, Benches, Bird Feeders, Nest Boxes, Window Boxes, Flower Stands, Dog Kennels, Cat Houses, Garden Barrows, Houses, Christmas Trees, Reindeers, Outdoor Trees & Many other Christmas stock. **Contact 07849489334**

2023 PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Wednesday 23rd August ex Belfast international to Mostar (Croatia airlines), 7 nights (home via split). Led by Fr John McKeever. £665 half board or £625 with early booking (£40 discount) if booked before the end of January 2023. £80 deposit secures seat. Christmas vouchers available. Contact Martin on 07889186915 or Lucia 07926132847 for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE FROM 14TH-21ST JUNE 2023. Spiritual director Fr Sean McCartan. Flying from Dublin to Split. Price is £595 if deposit of £100 is paid before 31st Jan 2023, after that it is £635. For further details contact Anne Geddis on 07543989362 or 02837539994

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL—Our annual appeal will take place as a second collection after Holy Communion at all Masses this weekend.

PARISH APPRECIATION EVENT: ALL WELCOME—St. Patrick's Hall Keady Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm. We invite all volunteers from Derrynoose, Madden, Keady parish areas who help in any way in the life of our parish to join us for some Christmas refreshments and music. The Parish December draw will also take place 1st Prize £1,000, 2nd Prize £500, 3rd Prize £300 4th Prize £150 plus Sellers Prizes of £50, £25, £25 and ten Christmas Hampers to be won if you are in the draw. **FREE ADMISSION – FREE ADDITIONAL RAFFLE FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE** For A CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES AND VOUCHERS

PIONEER COUNCIL—Meeting on Monday 12th Dec at 5.30pm in Vincent's Main Street, Keady.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST SOCIETY

We ask members to make contact the parish office please.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Stand

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

PENITENTIAL ACT (3)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: *Lord, have mercy.*

People: Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the waste land rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
"Courage! Do not be afraid.

"Look your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145

[R] Come, Lord, and save us.

[1] It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **[R]**

[2] It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **[R]**

[3] It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James:

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the
precious fruit of the ground until it has had the
autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to
be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's
coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against
one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be
seen waiting at the gates. For your example,
brothers, in submitting with patience, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was
doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you
the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for
someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell
John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf
hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good
News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the
man who does not lose faith in me."

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to
talk to the people about John: "What did you go out
into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the
breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man
wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine
clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you
go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and
much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom
scripture says: Look, I am going to send my
messenger before you; he will prepare your way
before you.

I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of
women, a greater than John the Baptist has never
been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he is."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE CREED

(Stand)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS



PREFACE DIALOGUE

Stand

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (3)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...
People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



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Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, Psalm 145, James 5:7-10, Matthew
11:2-11; Next Week: St Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer.
Sat 10 Dec Weekday : Sun 11 Dec Advent 3 : Mon 12 Dec Jane
Frances; Our Lady of Guadalupe; St Finnian : Tue 13 Dec St
Lucy : Wed 14 Dec John of the Cross : Thu 15 Dec Weekday :
Fri 16 Dec Weekday : Sat 17 Dec Weekday : Sun 18 Dec
Advent 4.

SUNDAY
LETTER

Series: Spirituality; Third Sunday of Advent, Year A; 11 Dec 2022



*Modern-day waste removal uses
'skips'. They have been around for
decades. I can still recall a priest in
the late 1960s commenting that
skips symbolised a
throw-away society.*

*He went on to explain that we had
lost the sense of repairing things –
whatever we needed, we had to
have it instantly, and instantly
get rid of the old.*

*I have to admit that whenever I see
a skip I think of him. Indeed, on the
two occasions I have used a skip
myself, I have felt guilty for
dumping material that could
perhaps have been repaired
and used again.*

The readings in this Sunday's liturgy
remind us of the importance of patience,
of not demanding answers in the
immediate, here-and-now. But the
readings go a step further; they suggest
that while we may not see the reality of
God right in front of our eyes, this does
not mean that God does not exist, or

that we don't believe in him. Of course,
it's easy, in the midst of the bluster of
the world, to forget about God, to lose
our sense of the presence of God within
ourselves and in the world about us.

What Are You Looking For?

When Jesus first mentioned John the
Baptist he asked his listeners the
rhetorical question: "Who were they
looking for, whom did they expect to
see?" He assured them that they would
not find a man in fine clothes. Indeed,
Jesus went on to tell them that John
(Jesus' messenger) was 'much more
than a prophet'. And in the reading
from St James we too are advised to be
patient in our search ... in our search
for the Lord.

One Concrete Example

Just before last summer's Leaving
Certificate, I was talking to a young
man preparing to sit the exam. He had
no sense of the reality of God. He
expected cut-and-dried answers to
questions, instantly. Whenever there
was a mystery, or the possibility of no
concrete figure in front of him, he
became confused. As a result, he was
inclined to dismiss the existence of God.

Question

*In what way are we taken up by
the mystery of God?*

Prayer

*Lord, help me to see your
presence in the good deeds I see
people do.*

In many ways, this young man is a
paradigm for the times we live in. God
is not a commodity, therefore God does
not exist. God may as well be in a skip.
It's worth noting that this young man
had spent his entire education in
Catholic schools. However, on the other
hand, I am often impressed by the
kindness and goodness I see in young
people. Their generosity puts me to
shame. Is that not God the creator
working in their lives?

We Seek Him Here ...

It is a challenging task to put flesh and
bones on God – close to impossible, and
yet not impossible. Virtues such as
kindness and goodness, genuine acts of
love, indeed everything that is good, in
some way or other points to God.

The disciples of Jesus were in daily
close contact with him, yet even they
had difficulty knowing exactly who
Jesus was. Surely, then, we should not
be too disconsolate when we hear
people say they have little
understanding, or indeed, faith, in God.

God is Closer than the Door

God is a 'mystery', and in some
extraordinary way we ourselves are
taken up by that mystery. We might
indeed be closer to the reality of God
than we can ever imagine. ■

