

# Killinarden Parish Sacred Heart Church



Missionaries  
*of the*  
**Sacred Heart**  
MSC MISSIONS

5th January 2025

**Second Sunday Of Christmas**

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## *Journey of the Magi (T.S. Eliot)*

'A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.

## **The Work of Christmas (Howard Thurman)**

**When the song of the angels  
is stilled, When the star in  
the sky is gone, When the  
kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are  
back with their flock, The  
work of Christmas begins: To  
find the lost, To heal the  
broken, To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner, To  
rebuild the nations, To bring  
peace among others, To  
make music in the heart.**

**If anyone would like a holy water font for  
their house please see Fr. Fintan.**

***Today—read a sound book, think a  
good thought, live a blessed life.***

***Children's ears may be closed to  
advice, but their eyes are open to  
examples. (Amish proverbs)***

**PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE**

# Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Mass Intentions
Saturday 4th January	6.30pm	Christmas Masses Stephen Wickham RIP Birthday Remembrance Also Mother Lisa and nephew Darren
Sunday 5th January Second Sunday Of Christmas	11.00am	Christmas Masses Patsy Connolly thanksgiving for speedy recovery
Monday 6th January The Epiphany Of The Lord	7.30pm	Christmas Masses
Tuesday 7th January	9.15am	Mary Callaghan Get Well Bannon Family Special Intentions
Wednesday 8th January	9.15am	Pat and Carmel Kilmartin Intentions Mairín Mackey Christmas Bouquet
Thursday 9th January	9.15am	Christmas Masses
Friday 10th January	9.15am	Christmas Masses
Saturday 11th January	6.30pm	Christmas Masses
Sunday 12th January The Baptism Of The Lord	11.00am	Mary Mc Keon RIP

<p><b>Confessions: On request</b></p> <p>Diocesan safeguarding procedures are on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.</p> <p><u>Next Adoration January 15th 2025</u></p>	<p><b>Parish Team</b></p> <p>Fr. Fintan O’Driscoll MSC, P.P. Fr. Con O’Connell MSC Parish Secretary 01 - 452 2251</p> <p><b>Parish Office Hours:</b></p> <p>Monday -Thursday: 9am to 1pm Friday: 9am to 12.30pm RCN 20016166</p> <p>Killinarden Family 01 - 452 7143</p>	 <p><i>Let us welcome the new year-full of things that never were.</i></p> <p><i>-R.M.Rilke</i></p>
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**PARISH LOTTO**

The Parish lotto begins again this Wednesday 8th and the jackpot is €2,400

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**RAINBOWS**

Rainbows Bereavement Program Level 2 aged 9 –10 years starting Tuesday 28th January 2025.  
Please contact Martina/Lavinia on 014527143/0860200687 or email rainbowskfr@gmail.com

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

We pray for all those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Baby Archie, Charlie Solan, Noeleen Lawlor, Elizabeth Keane, Kathleen McTaggart, Eileen Tuohy, Paddy Greene, Ashley Shortt, Anthony Fox, Michael Boylan, Tom Cummins, Clodagh Higgins, Baby Harvey, Theresa ,Billy Kiernan & Adam Folan. Mary Keating, Baby Jade, Phyllis in hospital, Catherine Sheehan, Brendan Darcy, Ryan Moffatt, Mary Byrne, Noleen Farrell, Gary Lowe, Paul Murphy, Stephan Traynor, Harold Daly, Darren Boylan, Adrienne Power, June Dunne, Ann Morrissey, Linda Carroll, John Whearity, John Byrne, Dermot Moffatt, Carmel Moffott and Kathie O’Reilly.