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ST PATRICK'S STRANDHILL

Mon 4th Jan	10:00am	Mass
Tue 5th	10:00am	Mass
Wed 6th Jan	10:00am	EPIHANY of the LORD
Fri 8th Jan	10:00am	Mass
Sun 10th Jan 2016	9:30am	Mass
	12:30pm	Liam Verdon Anniversary RIP

STAR OF THE SEA RANSBORO

Wed 6th Jan	7:30pm	EPIHANY of the LORD
Sat 9th Jan	7:30pm	Vincent Banks 1st Anniversary.. RIP
Sun 10th Jan 2016	11:00am	Thomas Kelly RIP

Feast of the Epiphany This coming Wednesday, January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. All are encouraged to attend mass on this special Holy Day.

Strandhill at 10:00am and Ransboro at 7:30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: ST PATRICK'S:

Holy Day. Wednesday. 6th Jan. 10.00am Deirdre Foley, Pauline Monaghan.

Sunday 10th Jan. 9.30am Maura Cullen, Fionnuala Burke.

12.30pm Tony Monaghan, Chris Kearns, Leanne McGoldrick.

Star of the Sea. Sat 9th Jan: Marian O' Hara, Mary, Kilfeather, Bridie Kelly.

Sun 3rd January 2016:

Geraldine Mc Hugh, Denise Cadden, Marie Chrystal, May McConnell.

Information Evening for all parents of the 2016 Confirmation children in the Sligo Park Hotel on Feb 8th at 7:30pm.

Star of the Sea Divine Mercy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Conference Room Tues next at 8:00pm.

No One Alone-Invitation We invite all our parishioners to be part of this awareness wish for Christmas and New Year. Please contact neighbours and friends who may live alone and particularly those who are aged or infirm to ensure that they have their spiritual, material and personal needs throughout this sacred season

First Communion and Confirmation Let us pray for the children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this year.

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.

(T.S.Eliot, Journey of the Magi)

NOW it is time for the magi, and I wonder what gifts we might wish for?

In the first place we wish simply that there might be bearers of wisdom among us, those who recognise the false Herods and show us another route back to the future. (Kings, monarchs of all kinds we can dispense with, but wise ones are always needed among us.)

We wish that they would lay before us the gift of integrity replacing corruption; the gift of generosity replacing greed; the gift of hope replacing the false friends of optimism or its mirror - pessimism. These gifts, though, require us to unpack them and use them; otherwise they remain dormant as vague and pious hopes, as mere aspirations and not articulations of intent. (Reality Jan11).

New Years Pledge Pledges suggested for Catholics as we enter the year 2016

* Give generously to those in need at home/abroad.

* Advocate for public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation and build peace.

* Encourage others to work for greater charity, justice and peace. — Please discuss with family/ friends the suggestions for inclusion in your personal pledge.

Some Useful Contacts: Senior Helpline 1850 440 444, 10 am to 4pm, and from 7pm to 10pm.

Aware 1890 3033 02 support email, wecanhelp@aware.ie National voluntary organisation providing support through depression.

Grow 1890 4744 74 www.grow.ie AMEN phone 046 9023718 A voluntary group providing a confidential helpline and support service, and information, for male victims of domestic abuse.

Childline 1800 666 666 Free listening service for people up to the age of 18.

Women's Aid 1800 341 900 email Linfo@womensaid.ie

Console email.info@console.ie 1800 201890 helping people bereaved through suicide.

Living Links 067 43999 email info@livinglinks.ie support and outreach to those bereaved by suicide.

OCD Ireland for people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder email Linfo@ocdireland.org.

Diabetes Federation of Ireland 1850909909 email.info@diabetes.ie

Samaritans 116 123 or 071 91 42011 support email jo@samaritans.org

Teen-Line Ireland helpline, 1800 833 634 email Linfo@teenline.ie |

ie.reachout.com email.info@inspireireland.ie inspires young people to help themselves through tough times, and find ways to improve their own mental health and well-being.

SpunOut.ie An independent, youth powered national charity working to empower young people to create personal social change. mfo@spunout.ie Tel 091 533693

Citizen's Information helpline. 1890 777 121

Managing Your Mental Health www.mentalhealthireland.ie

Pro Life Information Day with Bernadette Smyth, Precious Life on Sat 9th January, Sligo Park Hotel, between 2&5 pm. All very Welcome.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR 2016

Let us pray for God's blessing on our family.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, giver of life;

Give your strength and wisdom to the father of our families.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, bearer of love;

Give your compassion and understanding to the mother of our families.

Blessed are you, Son of God, eternal wisdom;

Give your knowledge and truth to the children of our families

Blessed are you, Holy Trinity, eternal and almighty;

Shadow with your protecting wings the absent or departed members of our family.

Amen.