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ST PATRICK'S STRANDHILL

Mon 2nd January 2017	10:00 am	Oliver Cusack 1st Anniversary RIP
Tues 3rd	10:00 am	Mass
Wed 4th	10:00 am	Special Intention
Fri 6th	10:00 am	The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation
Sat 7th	7:30pm	Peter and Mary Laffey Anniversary RIP
Sun 8th January	9:30am	Mass
	12:30pm	Liam Verdon Anniversary RIP

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Fri 6th January 2017	7:30 pm	The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation Patrick and Margaret Woods RIP
Sun 8th January	11:00am	Brid Dillon RIP Margaret Rooney RIP Eileen Banks RIP

Congratulations to: Niall Rooney & Sinead Hannan; Conor Barrett & Deborah Nolan, who were married in St. Patrick's at Christmas time.

Star of the Sea Ransboro Please note that the First Friday Mass will be at 7:30pm on the Feast of the Epiphany. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the usual time from 10:00am Friday to 10:00am on Saturday.

Fr Niall Ahern Reflections Podcasts: Lovely Reflective journey for the Christmas season www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections

KELLYSTOWN GROTTO CHRISTMAS ROSARY.

Continues each evening until January 6th at 7:00 pm.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sunday 8th: Terence Harte, Una Mc Gowan, Daria Byrne, Billy Meehan.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Star of the Sea: Sunday 8th January Mary Kilfeather.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

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

A BLESSED NEW YEAR

to all our parishioners-and Good Health and deepening faith for all.

NEW YEARS BLESSING 2017

On the first day of the New Year Fr Niall and Fr Christopher send Good Wishes to each and every parishioner at home and abroad.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY This coming Jan 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

*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 dread of winter.* (T.S.Eliot, Journey of the Magi)

NOW it is time for the magi, and 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 Janll).

New Years Pledge Pledges suggested for Catholics as we enter the year 2017

- ♦ Give generously to those in need at home/abroad.
- ♦ Advocate for public polices 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 for 2017.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR 2017

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