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First Sunday of Advent **29th November,2026**

First Reading: Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Second Reading: We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel: Stayawake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Masses

Sunday Meath Hill 10.00a.m.-Jemmie and Anna Doran.
Drumconrath 11.15a.m.- Christopher Murphy, 1st Anniversary. Shiela and Brian Carry. Joe McGahan. Agnes Halpenny.

Monday Drumconrath **7.00p.m.** (**Note Earlier Time).**

Tuesday Meath Hill 7.30p.m.

Wednesday Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Drumconrath 7.30p.m.

Thursday Drumconrath 7.30p.m.

Friday(First) Drumconrath 10.00a.m.-List of the Dead.
Meath Hill 7.30p.m.-List of the Dead.

Sunday Meath Hill 10.00 a.m.-Thomas Carolan and deceased members of the Carolan Family.
Drumconrath 11.15 a.m.-Margaret Callan. Dean Crosby. Maura and Brian Cassidy.

Communion Calls: Meath Hill – Thursday. Drumconrath – Friday.

Confirmation: Programme for parents of confirmation children continues **Monday 30th November** in the parish Centre at 8.00 p.m

Do This in Memory: The next Sunday celebration will be Sunay Dec 20th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Meath Hill Tuesday 4- 6.00 p.m. Drumconrath 4.00 -8.00p.m.

Meath Hill GFC Lotto Results: 5. 18. 20. 26. Two Match Three €75. Next Jackpot €5,300.

Drumconrath GFC Lotto Results: 18. 21. 23. 26. One Match Three Winners €120. Next Jackpot €12,400.

St John De Baptist Church, Nobber: Christmas Concert in aid of Nobber Cancer Support Group on Friday 18th December at 7.30p.m. Tickets €20.

Knock Night Vigil: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaving from the Shirley Arms, Carrickmacross at 6.00p.m. Monday 7th December. For further details contact Maeve 087/4139702.

Advent Retreat in Kingscourt : Dec. 1st to Dec. 3rd at the 10.a.m Mass.

After Mass Refreshments: will be served after 11.15a.m. Mass on Sunday 6th December. Everyone Welcome.

Points to Ponder

As we begin a new liturgical year, the Gospel reminds us that our time on earth is not permanent, and we are told three times that we must `Stay awake'! No sleeping on the job! As members of the household of God, left in charge of the Church, each with our own task, we are called to take up our task and be ready to give an accounting when the Son returns.

During Advent, we are joyfully preparing and contemplating the `three comings' of Christ: the first is the Incarnation and Nativity, the second is His coming to each of us at the end of our earthly life, and the third is His Final Coming at the end of time. While we know that He came to earth 2000 years ago, we do not know when He will call us from this life, or when He will return in glory.

Amidst the responsibilities, distractions, joys, and sorrows of life, we can lose sight of the goal and live in a way that seems to disregard the Master of our lives. Jesus doesn't want us to forget WHY we are here and what we are supposed to be about: loving and serving God and others in faith and humility, taking up our daily cross in this world with our eyes on the Kingdom that will never end. So He gently says to each of us: Stay awake!