When the song of the angels is still, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are gone home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Charismas begins, to rebuild the nations to bring peace among peoples to make music in the heart.

**Year of Mercy**

New Year’s Resolution ideas...

We are now in a special year of Holy Year of Mercy as instituted by Pope Francis. This can be a hard concept to understand or to put into practice. We all learned the Corporal Works of Mercy and this might be a key to living a merciful way of life this year as a New Year’s Resolution to try and do at least one of the following or support or join charities or groups who provide these services.

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

To feed the hungry
To give drink to the thirsty
To clothe the naked
To shelter the homeless
To comfort the sick
To bury the dead.

May you meet mercy each day:
In the light of your own heart, at the hands of your loved ones, in the eyes of the stranger and the needy. And if by chance you do not at first meet it, then search your heart for it, listen patiently for word of it and it will tap you on the shoulder, a quiet surprise, a small gesture, the tender look given and received in the encounters of your day.

**Blessing of Newly Baptised**

We are delighted to welcome back many of those who were baptised in 2015. We hope to give them a little blessing at the 11 am Mass in Mullagh this weekend. We encourage them all along their way of life.

**PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2016**

Parish envelopes are now available. We thank you for taking a box of parish envelopes for collections for 2016. We especially encourage parishioners who support the different collections throughout the year. Last year the Parish made a claim under the Revenue Charity Tax back scheme which was very successful returning €8,500. This is only possible for verifiable donations through the parish envelope donation system; in case the parish is ever audited. We would especially encourage parishioners who support the basket collections to use the envelope system. This is a great system under our Tax code the only place where people have a say in how their taxes are spent. It is not intrusive just the filling of a form and we do not become privy to the tax circumstances of any individual. If you are not already on the list for envelopes and would like to please contact the parish office and we will arrange a supply of envelopes for you. Likewise if you received envelopes and prefer not to please let us know.

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 6th, 2016

**Eucharistic Adoration begins after 11am Mass.**

Epiphany commemorates the revelation to the Magi of Jesus as the son of God. From the middle ages until the mid nineteenth century, Twelfth Night was more popular than Christmas Day. For many Eastern Orthodox Churches it is the most important day of the Christmas season. In Ireland it is marked as Little Christmas or Oíche Nollaig na mBan or ladies Christmas. Mary has given birth—her Son, the Messiah is amongst us. The old order has passed and the new day of the Christmas season. In Ireland it is marked as Little Christmas or Oíche Nollaig na mBan or ladies Christmas. Mary has given birth—her Son, the Messiah is among us. The old order has passed and the new...