

Second Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 4th December 2022

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 10.00am, Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.15am
Confessions:Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm



Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, Irish Mass at 11.00am



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Joseph & Robert Ryan(An)
Michael Toft
Sun 11.15am Dominic King
Deceased members of Keany Family



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Patrick Smyth Jnr Kevin O'Farrell Michael Toft	Sat 6.30pm Sarah & John Doherty
Tues 10.00am Dec members of O'Connor Family	
Wed 10.00am Anne Maher Kevin O'Farrell	Sun 11.15am Dec members of O'Reilly & Kealy Family
Thurs 10.00am Priests of the Parish	PJ Carey (1st An)
Fri 10.00am Michael & Mary Vesey Marie Bolger	

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Brid on 086 6006397 from Sunday 4th December to Saturday 10th. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy and Parish Office for both churches. All Masses on Christmas Day and St. Stephens Day will be offered for the intentions of the donors of these cards. They cost €5 per card.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December.

Mass times: St Colmcille's 10.00am Church of the Visitation Drynam 9.20am

St. Colmcille's GNS are looking to appoint a Bus Escort for our their ASD Special Class. If you are interested in applying for the role please contact the school office on 8404168

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual Diocesan Collection for the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place next weekend - **December 10th/11th**. It will be the second collection replacing Share. Members of the local Conference will speak at all Masses and will address the issue of the spiralling number of families in our Parish who are finding themselves on the 'breadline'. The Conference depends on your generosity to meet requests for assistance for these families. We would like to thank you for your generosity to date and hope that you will be equally generous this year.



Advent Wreath-week 2

The Advent wreath is significant in that unlike holly or floral wreaths, it has candles standing upright, representing the four Sundays of Advent and the thousands of years that God's people awaited the Messiah.

The round ring of the Advent Wreath represents eternity-time without end. As the circle is never ending, so time with God goes on and on. The evergreens are for eternal life, life without end. Evergreens do not die in the winter and like them God is always fresh and new. The candles remind us of Christ 'Light of the World'.

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PEACE – God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem.

We work for peace-because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent and we will light the candle of Peace

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide.



JESSE TREE-Week 2

This tree is named after Jesse the father of David, the great king of Israel. 'A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom' (Is 11.7) The symbols represent the promises God made throughout the Old Testament concerning the birth of His Only Son. Some of the most important promises of all were made to Jesse and his son David. They were promised that God's only Son would be born in their family. Today is the Second Sunday in Advent and we now add three more symbols to the Jesse tree in both our churches.

Star of David Jesus was born into the house of David, the great king of Israel. This symbol also reminds us of the star the magi followed to find the baby Jesus

Jacobs Ladder Jacob had a dream of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven. Jesus opened the gates of heaven kingdom for all of us

David's Crown David was King of Israel for many years, and it was promised that the Messiah would come from the house of David. Because Joseph became Mary's husband. Jesus was born into the house of David

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday Dec 10th	Mass with Reconciliation Service 6.30pm
Sunday Dec 18th	Mass with Reconciliation Service 11.15am
Sunday Dec 18th	Mass with Reconciliation Service 10.00am (Drynam)

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday Dec 20th **St Finian's, Rivervalley @ 7.30pm**