

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Newsletter 18th December 2022**

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*(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm)*  
**Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Fri 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am)**  
**Website: www.swords-parish.com Email:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com**  
**Facebook: St. Colmcille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam**  
**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** Carmel & Christy Morgan (An)  
 Kevin McDonald (1st An)

**Sun 11.15am** Peggy Dillon (An)  
 Deceased members of Geraghty & McGreevy Families  
 Des Becton  
 Gerard Walsh



**Mass intentions for next Next Week**

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am John Geraghty Benny & Joan Farren	<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Elizabeth Burke Mark Farrell
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Sheila Fitzsimons In Thanksgiving Eileen & John O'Reilly	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Christmas Mass Bouquets
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Vera Barker Maurice & Vera O'Connor	<b>Sun</b> 11.15am Christmas Mass Bouquets
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Margaret O'Reilly Maura Clancy	

**Mass Intentions for week beginning 26th December**

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Vera & Paddy Barker	<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Brian O'Connor
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Pat O'Reilly Michael Toft	Special intention John Joe & Brigid Garrigan
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am Aileen O'Brien John Geraghty	Donal & Vincent Lynch Joe Golden
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am John Breen	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Thomas Green Jnr
	<b>Sun</b> 11.15am John & Eileen Shiel & Frank Shiel

- **RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Mass with Reconciliation Service 10.00am Drynam & 11.15am St Colmcille's
- **PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Tuesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** St Finian's, Rivervalley @ 7.30pm

**CAROL SERVICE St. Colmcille's Church Sunday 18th**  
**December at 6.00pm**



The Annual Carol Service will take place this weekend **18th December at 6.00pm**. Under the direction of our Choir Director Morgan Crowley we have an invigorating and interesting programme of the Choir's wonderful harmonies and popular season carols. The Carol Service can also be viewed through the Parish webcam

**Advent Wreath**

**4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”* (John 3:16-17)  
**5th CANDLE** – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”* (John 1:29)

**JESSE TREE-week 4**

**Palm Tree:** Christ is often holding the palm branch as a symbol of his triumph over sin and death  
**Peace:** On Christmas night, the angels declared ‘Peace to all who enjoy God’s favour’. Jesus came to bring peace on earth, he is the prince of peace.  
**Jesus-Chi-Ro symbol:** Our final symbol represents Jesus, who came to be our Saviour and whose birthday we will celebrate on Tuesday. May He come into our lives and hearts once again this Christmas.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:**

Geraldine Hogan	Seatown Park
John O'Reilly	Castlefarm
Joseph Reilly	Foxwood



- **Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Kay at 086 2209297 from Sunday 18th December to Wednesday 21st December, contact Terri at 8403243 -from Wednesday 28th December to Saturday 31st December.
- **Christmas Mass Bouquets**  
Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy 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.
- **Christmas Cards and Timetable**  
These are at the doors of the Church. Please take one home with you and if you can, please take some for your neighbours