

**Second Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 5th December 2021**

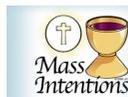
*May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you, a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.....St. Colmcille (Celebrating 1500 years)*

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Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Joseph Ryan
Sun 8.30am Dominic King
Sun 11.15am Dec members of the Keany Family



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Patsy Murray
Mon 10.00am Peggy Murphy
Tues 10.00am Lily Greaves
Tues 10.00am Dec members of O'Reilly & Kealy Families
Tues 6.30pm Michael, Mary & Michéal Vesey
Wed 10.00am Priests of the Parish
Wed 10.00am Marie Farrell
Thurs 10.00am Frances Browne
Thurs 10.00am Mick Hanahan
Fri 10.00am Freda Heaslip
Sat 6.30pm Celestino Bingil
Sun 8.30am Martin Bradley
Sun 11.15am

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)
Mass at 9.20am on Wednesday 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Rita Daly
Alecia Murphy
Carlton Court
Mount Drinan Walk



• Mass times for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary are:
St Colmcille's Vigil (Tuesday) 6.30pm, Wednesday 8th : 10.00am

• Sr Olga and some Orthodox Sisters from St Elizabeth's convent will visit the parish on Friday 10th Dec after the 10am Mass .They will be selling religious items icons and Christmas gifts to fund their work in Belarus. Any help we can give them will be much appreciated.

Part 1 of a Pastoral Letter for Advent 2021 by Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

On the First Sunday of Advent our Church began a new Church year. The Church begins its year with a time of hope, and Advent—so frequently 'lost' in the preparations for Christmas—is the season of hope, because our God who gave himself to us by creating us, and who came to us in the coming of his Son, will come again.

Our God "comes to enrich our personal and collective histories, our dashed hopes and our sterile yearnings." (Pope Francis). Our God comes to save us. "Unless the Lord comes to us, we are completely helpless," as St Maximus so dramatically put it. In Advent, we proclaim and celebrate our hope and our trust that our God is faithful: that the Lord will come again and again to rescue us, to heal us, to console us, to be with all those he has called into life.

God calls us forward to a new world, to embrace a new future. That is God's deeper gift to us. His call is not to return to a world where "everything was wonderful"—be that Bethlehem or the 'wonderful world' of our shared past. Our prayer this Advent is, therefore, shaped by that hope. This time, for many, it is also framed by the experience of loss and continuing grief. Our anticipation of the joy of Christmas is all the greater for the depth of the crisis through which we have been travelling. Christian hope is not naive. It does not give rise to nostalgia, denial or conformity. Rather it is realistic in its faithfulness and bold in its imagination. Pope Francis tells us that hope 'is able to see a tomorrow; hope is the door that opens onto the future.' Hope changes everything.

St Vincent De Paul Annual Collection

The Annual St Vincent De Paul collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend - December 11th /12th .It will replace the Share collection. Donations can also be made online at www.svp.ie/stcolmcillelesswords or phone 0818176176. All money donated in Swords will be distributed locally. There will also be envelopes at the back of the Church.
Thank you for your generosity to date

Advent Wreath 2nd Week

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION – God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!

JESSE TREE-week 2

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

Once again we thank John Walsh who again supplied the lovely Jesse Tree for St. Colmcille's. It is a lovely feature of the Advent Season



Please ensure your mobile phone remains turned off while you are in the Church. Thank you!

•Christmas Mass bouquet cards are now available from the Sacristy