

*Third Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 11th 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

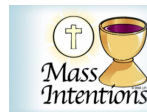


Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, Irish Mass at 11.00am



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Sarah & John Doherty(An)
Sun 11.15am Dec members of O'Reilly & Kealy Families
PJ Carey (1st An)



Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Mary Gilloughley Kevin O'Farrell	Sat 6.30pm Carmel & Christy Morgan Kevin McDonald (1st An)
Tues 10.00am Martin Laurence	
Wed 10.00am Patricia Maguire Kevin O'Farrell	Sun 11.15am Dec members of McGreevy & Geraghty Families
Thurs 10.00am	Gerard Walsh
Fri 10.00am Fiona Burke Peggy Dillon	Peggy Dillon

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

The Annual Carol Service will take place next Sunday , **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. We would like you to support our Choir by attending and bringing your family and friends to this wonderful presentation of the great seasonal carols.
The Carol Service can also be viewed through the Parish webcam

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
Hugh Masterson Ashley Ave



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual Diocesan Collection for the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place this 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'. We would like to thank you for your generosity to date and hope that you will be equally generous this year.

Advent Wreath 3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

– The angels sang a message of JOY! "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'" (Luke 2:7-15)

JESSE TREE-week 3

The hammer of Joseph: Joseph became Mary's husband, and looked after Mary and Jesus. We thank him for the part he played in the life of Jesus

The Sun: Just as the natural sun gives light and life to all upon whom its rays fall so Christ, the Rising Dawn, dispels darkness and brings eternal life and light.

The Lily: The Lily represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. From earliest Christian days she has been called blessed. Her example of motherhood, the training she gave her child, her patience and love, the way she encouraged Jesus, and the manner in which she bore her later grief-all this has influenced all who love her.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Bridget on 085 2812985 from Sunday 11th December to Saturday 17th. Please phone from 6-8pm.. Please phone after 6pm.Details on the Parish website.

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.

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