



YOUR INVITATION



"Come and celebrate Christmas with the Mourne Road Parish Family. Come as you are and bring your Family with you." Frs. John and Dave and the Parish Pastoral Council

Full Christmas timetable on page 7.

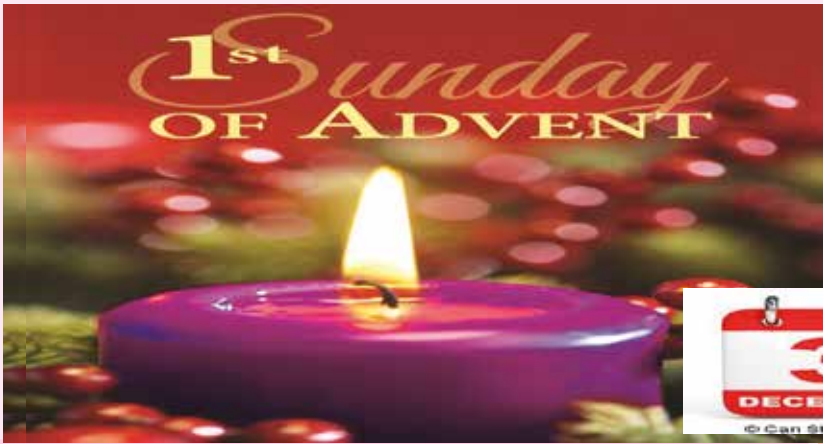
CHRISTMAS 2017



O Come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Parish Family of our Lady of Good Counsel
Mourne Road wishes you and yours every
CHRISTMAS BLESSING





ADVENT CHALLENGE

In the next few days, determine to spend some extra time with someone who needs you. It could be a son or daughter, a parent, a friend, or a co-worker.

Advent Prayer Father in this season of Advent we prepare our hearts for your coming. You are the vine, we are the branches. Come and tend us, prune us, clean us. Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit, Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit. As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby Our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King. Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord. Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you. Until that Day when you burst through the heavens, And flood our horizons with your glorious splendour. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, throughout all ages and generations. Amen.

Christ's Birth is Prophesied For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6, (NIV)*

A Virgin Shall Conceive Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14, (NHEB)*

The Birthplace is Foretold But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times. *Micah 5:2,*

God Is With Us See, the virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and they will give him the name Immanuel, that is, God with us. *Matthew 1:23,*

The Angels Appear to the Shepherds

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior-yes, the Messiah, the Lord-has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Luke 2:9-12, (NLT)

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-coloured vestments. **The Advent Wreath** Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the centre), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Advent: A Time of Preparation

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WATCH

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come... What I say
to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

- Mk 13:33, 37

Jesus
EMMANUEL
god with us



Parish Directory



December 2017

PRIESTS

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Chair: **Mr. Pat Conway**

Finance Committee:

Chair: **Mrs. Pat Clarke**

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Bereavement Team: Mr. Frank Quinn

Catechist: Sr Bonaventure Higgins RSM

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Mass
Schedule

Sundays: Vigil on Saturday **6.30 p.m.**

Sunday: **9.00, 10.30 a.m.** (Family Mass)

and **12.00** noon, **7.00 p.m.** Pastoral
Area Mass in **Crumlin**

Working Holy Days: Pastoral Area
Vigil Mass in Crumlin **7.00pm** on Eve of
Holyday. Holy Day: **10.00 a.m.** Pastoral
Area Mass in Crumlin at **7.00p.m.**

Weekdays: 10.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer at 9.40 a.m.



Confession

Saturday: After 10 a.m. Mass. Eve of Holy Days & First Friday:
after the morning Mass & on request



Third Sunday after 12.00pm Mass. Two weeks notice is required. Preparation meeting Monday before Baptism at 7.30 p.m. (except Bank Holidays)

Weddings



Minimum of three months notice required for marriages.

Six months, if either party is under 18 years of age.

Marriage Preparation: Accord

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday - Friday
10.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Oratory.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after 10am Mass

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions:

First Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass.

St. Pio Devotions:

Second Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass.

Divine Mercy:

Third Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass



Eucharistic Prayer Group Prayer for Prodigals around the Eucharist. Friday
2.30p.m. -3.30p.m. with Divine Mercy
Prayer

Saint Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Third Thursday at
2.30p.m. Commencing with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory.

Mercy Associates meet Second Tuesday of each month at
10.30am in the Oratory.

Guided Prayer : As announced c/o Parish Office

Parish Directory December 2017



CELEBRATING
75
YEARS



FINANCE

The First Mass was celebrated in an unfinished Mourne Road church building on 18th October 1942. The Parish was constituted almost 75 years ago on 9th April 1943 under the care of Fr. Eugen Trainor as first Parish Priest. Two members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Pat Conway and Mary Lennon, will shortly form a Committee to oversee the celebration of our 75th. Ideas so far for celebrating are: A Parish Family Fun Day; Pilgrimages to Knock and Rome/Genazzano (original Shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel), Jubilee Mass, Second phase of Fundraising to restore church grounds and extend parking, New sound system for church, Jubilee Concert in the church. *Any ideas you have for celebrating our 75th will be welcomed by the Jubilee Committee c/o the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A new PPC has just begun its 3 year term. *The PPC oversees all aspects of Parish life except Finance.* The new Council members: Pat Conway (1), Chair, Denis O'Connell (2) Secretary, Ms. Mary Lennon (1), Ms. Rita Fox (2), Ms. Anna Peate (2), Mrs. Finola Murphy (1), Mr. A.J. Anabrasan (1), Ms. Pavlina Tschitova (1), Ms. Ellen Burke (1), Ms. Linda Quinn (1), Ex-Officio Members: Canon John Flaherty (President), Fr. Dave Brannigan. (1) and (2) above indicates first or second term on the present Pastoral Council.

Finance Committee: Every Parish is required by Canon Law to have a Finance Committee. Our Finance Committee members are: Chair: Mrs. Pat Clarke. Secretary: Ms. Deirdre Andersen., Mrs. Kay Dayman, Mr. Andy Murphy, Mr. Noel Mullins, Mr. Oliver Banks, Mr. Peter Bourke Ex-Officio Members: Canon John Flaherty, Fr. Dave Brannigan. *The Finance Committee advise the Parish Priest on all matters pertaining to Parish Finances and properties.*



Our Lady of Mercy Secondary.
Tel: 455 4691 Mr. Pádhraic Gibbons

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Boys' School. Tel: 455 1672. **Mr. Aidan Knight** Girls' School . Tel: 455 7011
Mr. Paul Ryan Infants' School Tel: 455 6594. **Ms. Christine McCartan**

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St. Vincent de Paul: The two Conferences in the Parish may be contacted through SVP House Tel: (01) 855 0022/
ifo@svpdublin.ie



Alcoholics Anonymous: Mother McAuley Centre Every Monday at 8.00 p.m. (except Bank Holidays)

Poinsettia Sunday 17th December.

We invite you to bring a Poinsettia to the Church in memory of a loved one living or deceased. In this way we hope to fill the church with the festive colour of Christmas and at the same time remember in Christmas prayer all those we love.

Christmas Board Any New

Names for inclusion on the Christmas Remembrance Board should be handed into the Parish Office no later than Monday 11th December. Names previously submitted will automatically be in-

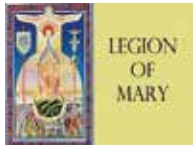
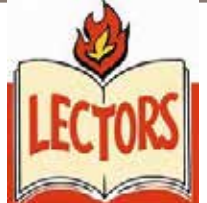


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WHAT WE NEED



WE NEED YOU PLEASE GET INVOLVED



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS



Some Children See Him

By Alfred Burt
Some children see Him
lily white
the infant Jesus born
this night

Some children see Him lily white
with tresses soft and fair
Some children see Him bronzed and
brown the Lord of heav'n to earth
come down. Some children see Him
bronzed and brown with dark and
heavy hair (with dark and heavy
hair!)
Some children see Him almond-eyed
This Saviour whom we kneel beside
Some children see Him almond-eyed
With skin of yellow hue! Some chil-
dren see Him dark as they. Sweet
Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see Him dark as they
And, ah! they love Him so! The chil-
dren in each different place Will see
the Baby Jesus' face Like theirs but
bright with heav'nly grace And
filled with holy light! O lay aside each
earthly thing and with thy heart as of-
fering Come worship now the infant
King'tis love that's born
tonight! 'tis love that's
born tonight!

A Christmas Blessing

May love come
alive within
your heart As
Christmas time
draws near. May hope fill each
room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold
dear. May peace be before you
at every meal And faith ring
through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of
the world May he bless you all
Christmas long.



A Children's Prayer for Christmas

God, thank you for Christmas
For all the great toys and presents
I love this time
And never want it to end!

God, thank you for Christmas
For all my friends and family
I love them so much
And place them all into Your loving
hands.

God, thank you for Christmas
For sending Jesus to be with me
I love Him so much
And give my heart to Him.
Amen.



Come, Let Us Adore Him



As Long as There's a Christmas

The first few lights glow brightly,
as you watch the season start.
You know you should be happy,
but don't feel it in your heart.
Instead you think about a time
when someone laughed with you,
and the love you shared then filled
your soul.
But too soon it was through.

So Christmas comes with sadness,
and a yearning deep inside,
a thirst for love and peace and
hope
that will not be denied.
Late one night you hear a voice,
so soft, and without blame,
and then, surprised, you realize,
He's calling you by name.
"I know your hurt and loneliness,
the heartache that you bear.
I listen and I cry with you
through every single prayer.

"I promised in the manger
and fulfilled it from the cross.
I built a home that's filled with
love
for all those who are lost.
"So let me come and heal your
heart
and give you rest within.
For my way is kind and gentle
and will bring you joy again."
His words still echo through the
years,
a vow that He made true,
"As long as there's a Christmas,
I will be in love with you."



CHRISTMAS 2017

Christmas Timetable 2017

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Each Saturday after 10am Mass. **Saturday 16th December Penitential Service** with individual Confession 10.30am. **Saturday 23rd December** 10.30–11.30am and 3–4pm . No Confessions on Christmas Eve as it falls on Sunday this Year.

Sunday 24th December *Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent* usual Sunday Mass times 6.30pm, 9am, 10.30am and 12noon.

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm: The Vigil Mass : Family Mass including dramatization of the Christmas story by our **Young People. Festive Music and Carols 9pm: Mass during the Night** , ('Midnight Mass') preceded by Carols from 8.30pm with the Parish Choir.

Christmas Day: 9am: Mass at Dawn. 10.30am: Mass during the Day. 12noon: Sung Mass During the Day with the Parish Choir.

Saint Stephen's Day Tuesday 26th December: **Mass 10am**

Christmas Week Wednesday 27th Dec – Friday 29th December **Mass 10am**

Saturday 30th January, Masses 10am and 6.30pm

Sunday 31st December Feast of the Holy Family:

Usual Sunday timetable.

Monday 1st January, New Year's Day, **Mass 10am.**

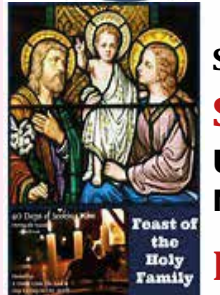
Feast of the Epiphany Saturday 6th January: *Pastoral*

Area Vigil Mass in CRUMLIN on Friday 5th 7pm. Saturday 6th, Mourne Road 10am.

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