



Parish Newsletter



SUNDAY 10th December 2017

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



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MASS TIMES: SUNDAY:

Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m.
10.30a.m. Family Mass
& 12 noon

PASTORAL AREA SUNDAY
EVENING MASS 7PM
IN CRUMLIN.

MONDAY – SATURDAY Mass at
10.00a.m. Confessions after
10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays
or on request

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Rehearsal for the Nativity Drama on Christmas Eve next Saturday 16th Dec at 3pm in the Church. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.



The Annual Diocesan Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Paul replaces the SHARE collection at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously.



Please pass on this Newsletter!



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 included. **Dominican Retreat Centre, Mark: Gospel of Year Two, An introduction to the Gospel of Mark, Wilfred Harrington OP, December 6th, 13th & 20th 7.30pm-9pm** followed by a cuppa. www.retreats.dominicans.ie

Messiah in the Pro Cathedral
Thursday 14th December at 8pm. conducted by Blánaid Murphy with Dublin Bach Singers, Clodagh Kinsella - Soprano, Katie Richardson McCrea - Alto, Andrew Gavin – Tenor, Rob McAllister – Bass and also the Marlborough Baroque Tickets €20 available at parish office on Tel: 01 8745441 or www.eventbrite.ie

Gala Concert of Christmas Music and Carols: Choirs of Johns Lane Church and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan Soloist - Simon Morgan. Sunday 10th December 7pm in Johns Lane Church,. No Entrance Fee - Special Collection for the Little Flower Penny Dinners (All welcome. **Three Tenors Ireland Christmas Concert:** Join us for a magical Christmas experience in St Philomena's Church, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown. Tickets: €25. For more Information please www.palmerstownparish.com or Tel: 01 6260900.

Save the Date: Archdiocese of Dublin Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21st 2018. Full programme to be announced soon.

WHATS ON!

Monday 11th December Choir practice at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery

Baptism Preparation Meeting at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 12th December Mercy Associates Meeting at 10.30a.m. in the Oratory

Wednesday 13th December Guided Prayer Group meeting in the Pastoral Space at 3pm

Friday 15th December Eucharistic Prayer from 2.30–3.30p.m. in the Oratory.

3rd Saturday—16th December Devotions to the Divine Mercy after the 10.00am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 10.30a.m. to 5.00p.m. in the Oratory.



SINCERE THANKS FOR THE MAGNIFICENTLY GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE ARCH-BISHOP'S FOOD BANK APPEAL LAST WEEKEND.



Christmas Remembrance Cards are available from the Parish Office & from the Church at Sunday Masses **70cent each**



We remember Patrick Clabby & Bernard Allen who died recently **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot. The winning numbers were 12, 20, 22, 29. Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes. Next week's Jackpot will be €6,300. The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays. All are welcome to attend the draw.

Christmas Distribution
The Christmas Newsletter and Christmas Dues Envelopes are available for collection from the Parish Office by the distributors. If you have an hour to spare and would like to assist please call into the Parish Office. **Thank you.**

Church Collections
w/e 3rd/4th December
1st Priests: €931.00
2nd Collection: €780.00
Envelope Collection €1331.00

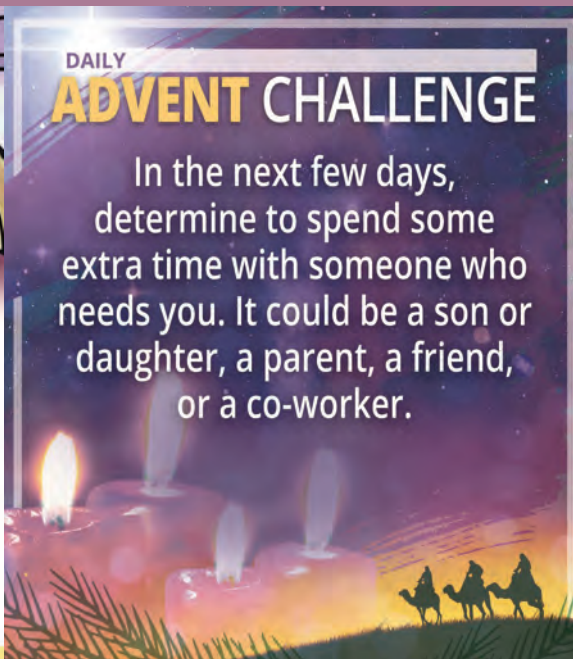


2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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DAILY 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.

Second Sunday of Advent Imaginative Prayer Exercise

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent, Cycle B, is based on Mark 1:1-8

Preparation: As we begin this time of quiet prayer, I invite you to find a comfortable place to sit with your back straight and your legs planted on the ground. Allow yourself to notice your breathing as you breathe normally. Breathe in. Breathe out. Take a few moments and close your eyes, preparing yourself to listen to what God may be saying to you during this prayer. As you sit with your eyes closed, use these or similar words: "Here I am, Lord. Here I am."

When you are ready, open your eyes and pray. **The Man Attracting a**

Crowd: Imagine you are walking along a tree-lined path in your favorite park. It's a beautiful day with the sun shining in a clear blue sky. You are smiling as you feel the sun on your face and listen to the birds singing. But your heart is heavy. You need to make a decision, and you are unsure what to do. You begin praying. *Dear God, please be with me this day. I'm not sure what I need to do. It feels so difficult. Help me see your will in my life.* As you walk, you notice a large crowd of people. They are standing, sitting, and some have even climbed up the trees and are hanging from the limbs. As you approach, you strain to see what they are looking at. You try to see over the shoulders of those standing, but it's hard. Finally, you notice a clear spot to see what's happening. You have to stand on your toes, but you see an unusual man standing at the center of the scene. He is surrounded by the crowd, who are all facing him, listening to what he is saying. Something is drawing you to him. You gently move through the crowd who lets you pass. You find yourself standing at the edge of the circle in front of the man. He has a strange look about him. His clothes are torn and dirty. *Why are so many people listening to him?* You wonder. As you stand there, you hear his voice, but the words are unclear to you. You try to listen harder, but you still cannot make out what he says. Then, as if he knew you were straining to hear him, his eyes look directly into yours. His eyes are dark and mysterious. There is something in his eyes that speaks to you more than the words he's saying. You feel so safe in his gaze. A deep feeling of peace comes over you. He continues to look at you as you hear him say, "You are looking for the path to follow. Jesus has shown you the way. Follow him. Listen to his voice deep inside you. He walks the path with you." His eyes continue to look at you. You feel the tears running down your cheeks. *Thank you. Thank you,* you say in a soft whisper. You move through the crowd, your heart



lighter. Now you see the path before you. **Concluding Prayer**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel

O come, O
come, Emmanu-

el To free Your
captive Israel
That mourns in
lonely exile here



Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel
To you shall come
Emmanuel

O come great Daystar,
radiance bright And heal us
with Your glorious light
Disperse the gloomy clouds
of night And death's dark
shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice

O come, O come, great Lord
of Might Who once appeared
on Sinai's height And gave
you faithful people law In all
the splendour we adore.

Rejoice! Rejoice



At Bethlehem

she bore her son
and gave the
world a king Yet poor and
humble was that place
where angel hosts did sing

**She will show us the
Promised One, she will
show us the Promised
One. Oh mother of
Jesus be so kind as to
show us the Promised
One**

At Nazareth she heard
the voice of Gabriel saying
"Oh Mary you are full of
grace. The Lord's with
you today."

At Golgotha she felt the
pain and cross her son did
bear. They took his
broken body down, her
arms received him there.



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