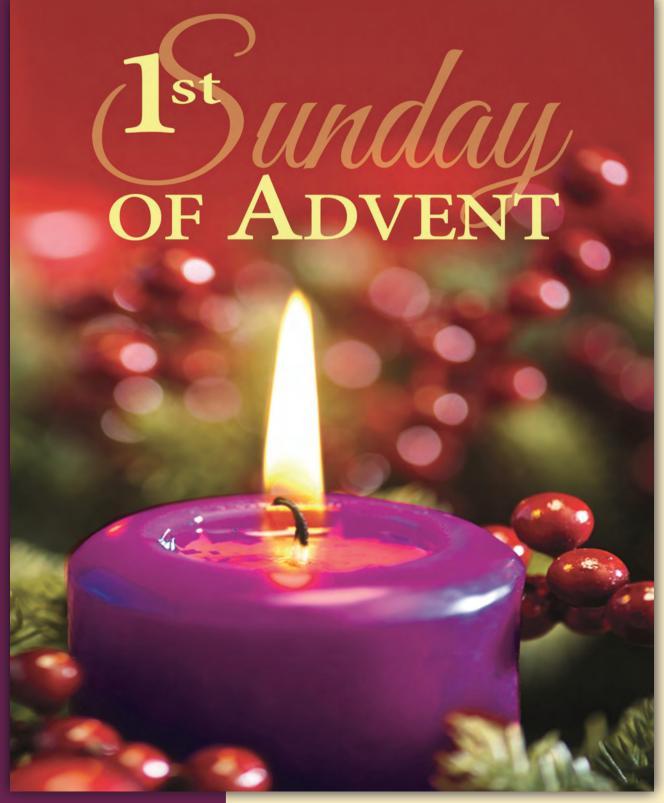


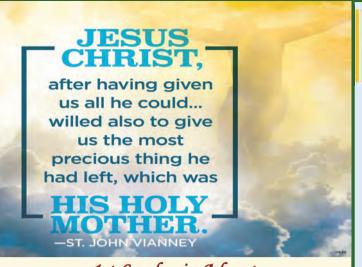
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NEWSLETTER

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



1st Sunday in Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely WHEN he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hournamely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat Evening: 7pm Thomas Coates (Rem.)

Sun: 9.30am Sheila Curry (A)

Sun: 11.30am Molly Fairbrother (A),

Richard & Catherine Geoghegan (A), Bridget &

Bernard, son Brendan, grandson David, Christy

Flood also his Wife Patricia (R.D.)

Mon: 9.30am Lar & Molly Fagan & Dec. Family

Tues: 9.30am Chrissie & Ellen Gunnery & Dec. Family

Wed: 9.30am Mass of Thanksgiving for neighbours

and friends of Molly May

Thurs: 9.30am Clare Conway & Family (living)

Fri: 9.30am Elizabeth Joyce (A)



To the family of the late Richard Morrin R.I.P.



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Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am Monday - Friday: 9.30am Saturday morning: No Mass

BAPTISMS

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

COLLECTIONS FOR 26TH NOV 2017

COMMON FUND €445

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We welcome the Dublin Deaf Choir as they join us for our 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 10th Dec. 2017. It is always a great joy to have them with us and we look forward to them joining us.

THE PROPERTY.

RECONNECT:

is an event inviting young people who have travelled to World Youth Day, Lourdes or other pilgrimages and who wish to try to stay connected to others in Faith.

Life can be busy and it can be hard to stay connected to your faith. This Advent, we are inviting people to begin again and Reconnect in Faith with friends and fellow pilgrims on the path. We are inviting people who have attended any youth pilgrimages from 2000 to the present. Reconnect will take place in St. Paul's Church Arran Quay on December 9th at 3:00-6:00pm. It will be led by a team of volunteers and will be child friendly. More information email evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie or https://www.facebook.com/events/323268834749273/?active_tab=about



We welcome to our Christian Community these Children as they were baptised in

November

and we congratulate their parents and friends.

Bella Karley Farrell, Cassie Louise Farrell,

Logan Patrick Murphy,

Charlie Ryan Caulfield Dixon

Kate Ellen Masterson, Ryan Steven Keeley.

FUNERAL TEAM & BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING

Thursday, 7th Dec 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory. If you would like to be involved in the **Funeral Ministry** of our parish or in the **Bethany Support Group** please let us know and come along to an evening of training.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday next (8th Dec)
is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass will be celebrated at **10am** on
Saturday morning. Please note - there
will be **no Vigil Mass** on Friday evening.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...

ANSWER:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

INSPIRATION

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are asked to be watchful and alert. Because of our baptism we are called to be gatekeepers of God's house and God's servants. We have been put in charge of caring for what God has made--the earth around us and our brothers and sisters. Being responsible means being attentive to what is within our care. Are we responsible and attentive stewards or does our attention and focus often wander to things that are not important to the kingdom of God?

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