

Sunday 1st December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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Fr. Brian Grogan S.J. will lead an **Advent Evening** of Prayer and Reflection on Wednesday 4th December at 7:30p.m. in the Old Baptistry. The theme will be *Wait in Hope for the Lord - Oh Come Emmanuel*. All are welcome.

The Parish is running a **Toy Appeal** for the children of women in the Dóchas Prison. We would be grateful if you would bring a toy to Mass or drop any donations into the Parish Office for this worthy cause. Many thanks for your generosity.

The **Society of St. Vincent De Paul** will be holding its annual **Christmas Appeal** collection at all Masses next weekend, 7th & 8th December. It will replace the SHARE collection.

The **Annual Crosscare Food Appeal** begins this weekend. Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries can be left in the Parish Office. Mile buíochas.

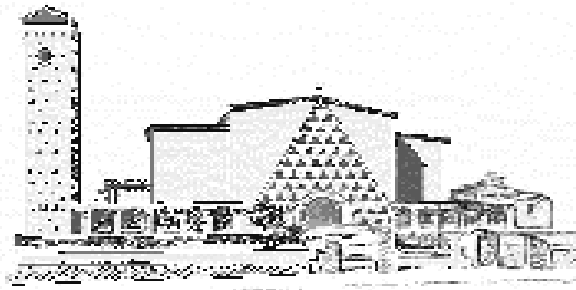
Volunteers will be required next week to deliver the Christmas mailing to all homes in the parish. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office, 10 a.m. to 12p.m. daily.



Congratulations to **Pamela Browne** and **Paul Murphy** who were married in our church during the week. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.



The **Advent Wreath** is a circular wreath of evergreens. The circle is a symbol of eternity and a reminder that God has no beginning or end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is unchangeable. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, reminding us to rejoice that Christmas is nigh.



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For most people, waiting is not a very popular pastime, it can be seen as a waste of time. However, waiting can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent.

The Gospel reminds us to be alert and use this time to prepare. How will we prepare? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 minutes ... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Sheila Gahan (Anniv.) James Penrose (Anniv.) Tom Ayton (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Ellen Martin (Rec. Dec'd) Aidan Doyle (Anniv.) Christopher Keogh (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Mary & Billy Baker (Anniv.) John, Mary, Anne and Jimmy McNeice (Anniv.) William Weldon (Anniv.) Patrick Weldon (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Sr. Paschal McMahon (Rec. Dec.) Margaret & Patrick McCaffrey (Anniv.) Séamus Byrne & deceased family members (Anniv.) James & Josephine McNeill (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Tom & Ann Whelan (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Birthday Intentions
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead

Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday of Advent):

Is 11:1-10. Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/ cf. v 7.
Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Michael O'Riordan** and **Patrick Kavanagh** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. We also remember **Senan Haugh**, a former devoted parishioner and Howth Road resident whose funeral took place in Co. Clare this week. May they rest in the peace of Christ.