

**Sunday 27th November 2016**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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**Fr. Peter McVerry** will be speaking at the **Ignatian Group** Meeting on Monday 28th November at 7:30p.m. in the church. The theme of his talk will be *Social Justice and the Gospels*. All are welcome.

We welcome **Ethan McGovern, Elsie O'Halloran, Amelia Moore & Jamie Ryan** who were baptised recently into our Christian community. We also remember their parents and godparents at this special time.



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Tuesday 29th November in the Church to prepare for Baptisms taking place on Sunday next, 4th December.

The Parish is running a **Toy Appeal** for children in need over the next few weeks. 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.

Archbishop Martin has requested that we support the **Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal** organised by Crosscare. In recent months, the Crosscare Food Banks have NOT been able to meet the demand for food from people in need all over Dublin. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass or leave in to the Parish Office. Suggested items for donation include pasta/rice, fruit juice, soup, tinned meat/fish/veg/fruit, powdered milk, biscuits, hygiene products. Mile buíochas.

**Feast days this week**

30th Nov. ~ Feast of **St. Andrew, Apostle**.

3rd Dec. ~ Feast of **St. Francis Xavier, Priest**



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**MUSINGS ~ ADVENT**

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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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.

**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Frances Kelly (M. Mind) James Penrose (1st Anniv.) Frank & Mary Spollen (Anniv.) Edward Leahy (Anniv.) Michael & Eugenia Hogan (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Patrick Moore (Rec. Dec'd) Nuala Clarke (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Peter & Stella Lawless (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Séamus Byrne (1st Anniv.) Phyllis McCormack (Anniv.) Eleanor Noonan & deceased members of the Keogh Family
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Requiem Mass ~ Tom Ayton
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Larry Fagan (R. I. P.)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Christopher Kennedy (R. I. P.)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Veronica Durnin (R. I. P.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	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 **Peter Daly, Tom Hunt, Joan Shorthall, Maeve O'Connor** and **Robert Russell** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. We also remember **Tom Ayton**, whose funeral Mass will be on Monday next at 10a.m. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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