

**FOURTH WEEK OF  
ADVENT  
20<sup>th</sup> of December 2015**



**A DIFFERENT WAY**

We live in a culture where lowliness is not valued and where unholy spirits often occupy our lives. It is easy to feel like we are drowning in a sea of stuff and spending so much of ourselves trying to manage distractions- stuff that doesn't really matter and is not life-giving. We are bombarded with the opinions of smug commentators and the emptiness of celebrity. Our age of instant communication is also an age of isolation and loneliness. The no.1 selling legal drug in North America is anti-depressants.

Advent has been a call to us to look at life another way, to live life to the fullest. Christmas is a story about the humble and the poor triumphing over life's challenges. The Child who came into our world on the first Christmas opens our eyes to the real joy of life: in people, in family, in welcoming and caring for every person.

Every life is sacred to God. He especially comes to us in the weak and the vulnerable: in welcoming the tiniest baby we welcome God. He is with us when we reach out in mercy to the stranger, the broken ones, the poor. He is there when we appreciate the moments in our life, when we prize our friends and bless our loved ones.

Let's make room to welcome God who comes to us as a baby, so that like the Wise men we may be really blessed this Christmas and live our everyday life "by a different way".



**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2015**

St Finian's Rivervalley Christmas Eve  
6.30pm and 10pm  
Christmas Day 10.00am and 11.30am.  
St Stephen's Day to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January the weekday morning Mass  
will be at 11am.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven  
Christmas Eve 7.00pm  
Christmas Day 11.00am  
St. Stephen's Day 11.00am  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December onward  
Mass will be at 1.00pm

We wish you and your family every  
peace and blessing this Christmas.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Our Reconciliation Service will take  
place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at  
7.30pm



Many thanks to everyone for  
your kind generosity to the  
St Vincent de Paul Annual  
Christmas Collection. St  
Finian's Church collected €5,788.20  
and Our Lady Queen of Heaven  
collected €1,129.70.

**Weekend Collections  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec /6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**For the running of our parish**

Envelope Collection: **€805**  
Standing Orders: **€370**

The above are the ONLY collections  
that stay in the parish to support the  
running costs of our parish. Please  
consider contributing if you don't  
already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the  
parish office for details.

**Collections for outside the  
parish**

**Common Fund: €685**  
(First collection)

**V De P €5,788.20**  
(Second Collection)



**BAPTISM DATES**

Baptisms on the following  
Sundays at 12.30pm

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and Jan 24<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup> and Feb 28<sup>th</sup>



**Week commencing  
21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**

John & Bridie Mc Cormack (AN)  
Elizabeth O Reilly (Birthday Rem)  
John & Teresa Corrigan (AN)

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Nicholas Malone (RIP)

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>**

David Fitzgerald (RIP)

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mary English (RD)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Mass Bouquet Intentions

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>**

**11am** Catherine O' Connell ( AN)

**Vigil 6.30pm**

Eileen Kelly (RIP)

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10am** Howard & Mc Kinney  
Family

**11.30am** Tim Cassidy (RIP)

Sean Barry (Birthday Rem)

**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will close on  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will  
reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
2016.