

29th November 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT



We are still awaiting the final coming of our Judge and Saviour Jesus Christ, and Advent is a yearly reminder and opportunity to do spiritual "housecleaning". It is an invitation to take stock of our relationships with the Lord and with one another, to confess our sins, to reform our lives, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, which might break in on us at any moment.

Thus, one of the dominant voices we hear in the Advent readings is John the Baptist's as he cries his message of repentance: "Reform your lives! The Reign of God is at hand... Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path"(Matt. 3:2-3)

Many of the Advent daily scripture texts and meditations are oriented to help us to respond to this call.

ADVENT PRAYER

Every Friday morning during Advent we will have prayer on the Advent Sunday readings. This will take place in the Oratory after the 10am Mass each Friday. This is a very good way to help us to prepare for Christmas.

Weekend Collections

21st Nov /22nd Nov

For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: **€705**
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: €592
(First collection)
Share €549
(Second Collection)



Baptism Dates

Baptisms on the following
Sundays at 12.30pm
Dec 13th and Dec 27th
Jan 10th and Jan 24th

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK SHRINE

A bus will be leaving the Star Pub on Monday the 7th December at 6 p.m.
If interested please contact NORA at Tel. 8404247

MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST.

Our Annual Pre-Christmas meeting will be held on Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm. This will include Benediction, and arranging the roster for Christmas. It is important that all ministers attend. New rosters are now available at the back of church.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Our Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available to buy. This is a lovely gift to give to anyone for Christmas. They can be purchased in the office and the sacristy.



Week commencing 30th November

Mon 30th

Mary Mahon (RD)

Tues 1st

Jim & Annie Gallagher (AN)

Wed 2nd

Christine Tyndall (RD)

Thurs 3rd

People of the Parish

Fri 4th

First Friday

Sat 5th

11am Bridie Fletcher (RD)

Vigil 6.30pm

Cecil Nolan (RD)

Sun 6th

10am Mary Reynolds (AN)

11.30am Dick Brady (2nd AN)
Olive Nixon (15th AN)
Alec Nixon (10th AN)
Gordon Nixon (8th AN)



St Vincent de Paul Society

Church Gate collection will take place next weekend.