



St. Nicholas' Parish News

Sunday 12th December 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



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Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel

Gaudate - Joy!



The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of this major feast is reason for great joy.

So its appropriate that the candle on the Advent wreath is rose, not purple, to indicate joy. Some parishes even have rose coloured vestments. We are rejoicing!! This reflection by Graham Hunt OP is helpful this weekend:

To prepare meaningfully for Christmas can be exceedingly difficult. We must ask ourselves whether, amidst the tumult of our everyday lives - the rush to find the right presents, get the cards away on time, attend the obligatory functions - we are allowing ourselves to find the time to truly prepare and, more dauntingly perhaps, truly proclaim this wonderful news. That Christ dwells in us, each and every one, and that, in little over a week, we will celebrate the most astonishing and wonderful event that is Christ's birth here in our midst, should truly fill us with such joy and peace. However, it can only do so if we allow ourselves the time to reflect, to pray and to prepare. Only then will we, like John the Baptist, be so moved by the Spirit that we will also wish to proclaim this blessed coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in a world that greatly needs to hear His message of salvation.

"Let us keep that joy of loving Jesus in our hearts. And share that joy with all that we come in touch with. And that radiating joy is real, for we have no reason not to be happy because we have Christ with us."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Prayer for when you can't receive communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

You are invited to join us by webcam from St. Nicholas' church for a short Advent Reflection on Thursday 16th at 7.00pm as we prepare for Christmas.



Parish Office Opening

hours Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the

Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house.

Phone: 061-341300

Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Michael, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina and Ciara.

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



Please if you feel able to donate in these trying times we find ourselves in, we ask you to take a blue SVP envelope from the back of the church and either drop back to Mass collection box, send into regional office address on the envelope or drop into the priests house letter box on the front of the house. We appreciate every donation regardless of amount as it will go to help those in need in our Parish. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. The St. Nicholas SVP Conference

Christmas Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service by candlelight will take place on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30pm in St Nicholas church, Westbury.

It will be a festive evening with Carols and readings and offering us a chance to reflect on the reason for the season.

Join us online or in person.



Clean the church

Big church clean for Christmas will take place Thursday 16th December at 7:30.

Many hands make light work so, if you can come along to help, please do. There's a job for everyone!

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The Posada

This week as our parish Posada continues its journey around St. Nicholas' parish, the statue of Mary and Joseph will visit homes in the Moorings, Bruachlan, Clonard, Thornbrook, Oakton and the Mill Road.

We remember, as always, all families in our prayers during this Advent season.

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