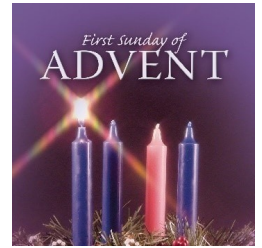




St. Nicholas' Parish News

27th November 2022

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel First Sunday of Advent

The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)

One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

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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 Posada

Our posada begins its advent journey through our parish at 10,30 mass this weekend.

The Nativity set of Mary and Joseph will, this week, be welcomed by families in Carraig Midhe, Shannon Banks and Westbury.

We remember all families in need of our prayers and help during this advent season.

Beginning Anew, a series of Advent talks at Glenstal Abbey, starts on Sunday 27th November and continues on each Sunday leading to Christmas. The talks take place at 4.30pm in the Abbey Library and are followed by refreshments and sung evening prayer. Suggested donation €20. The talks are also live streamed and available as recordings.



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

We very much appreciate your contribution to the church collection for the weeks ending 13th and 20th November 2022 which was €1600. Thank you.





Parish Office Opening hours Monday and Thursday 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 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

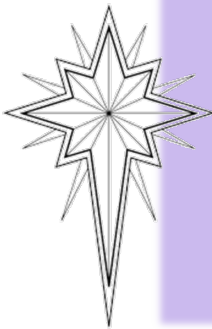


Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Amy, Agnes, Dymrna, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle,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

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

Preparations for Christmas



A Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.30p.m.

The Giving Tree: which is organised by Vincent DePaul and Bernardos is to run again.

Reconciliation night to take place on Monday 19th December 2022 at 7.00p.m.

Christmas mass times to be the same as last year.

6.00p.m. in St Nicholas' Christmas Eve and 10.30a.m. Christmas Day

9.00p.m. in St Munchin's Christmas Eve and 12.00noon Christmas Day.

We have launched our Parish giving tree this weekend as a way of giving to poorer Children in the Parish and wider Community. If you wish to take part, please take a tag from the tree and buy a gift for the child.

Each tag lists a child and an age group e.g. "boy age 7".

You can return the unwrapped gift in a gift bag (please don't wrap them) to the church and this will be distributed locally by St. Vincent de Paul and Barnardos.

We ask people to spend up to €15 on each child and return the gift on or before 11th December. Many thanks for your generosity.



Stuck on ideas for Christmas Presents

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF LOVE WILL BE ON SALE after weekend Masses in the parish on **3rd and 4th December**. Trócaire Gifts of Love help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 23 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support.

And in a year when your kindness and compassion are needed more than ever, you'll **help keep love and hope alive this Christmas.**

See www.trocaire.org/gifts

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