

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Covid -19 pandemic has disrupted all our lives and placed many people under intense emotional and financial pressure. The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul has seen a significant increase in the number of people looking for us for assistance. We always do our best to help out anybody who approaches us but we haven't been able to hold a church gate collection since last March and our funds are now almost completely depleted.

Because we won't be able to hold our usual church gate Appeal in December, we have instead sent an appeal to every house in the parish. We would ask you to please make a contribution using the envelope provided and to post it or drop it into the parish office. Alternatively, you may wish to consider making a contribution by taking out a standing order: a form is included with the Appeal.

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity, and a special thanks to those people who kindly left contributions into the parish office during the year.

Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year from all in St. Vincent de Paul

NOVEMBER ALTAR LISTS OF THE DEAD

All deceased relatives & friends included on your list will be prayed for at 9am Mass throughout November & all Masses on the First Friday of each month during the year. Completed lists & envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or 211 Navan Road.

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death" St. Ambrose

WEEK OF WITNESS- For Persecuted Christians.

From **Red Wednesday (red being the colour of martyrdom)** 25th November to Tuesday 1st December. Over 245 million Christians worldwide live under the threat of violence, torture & death for practicing their Faith in Jesus Christ. We pray for a world in which Christianity can thrive.

THANK YOU FROM TRÓCAIRE

Thank you to the parishioners of the Navan Road for your most generous donation of €1,215.42 during the Lenten campaign. Thank you for holding fast to what is right for good people in need around the world. Please never let go, until love conquers fear.



Our Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE ON OUR ADVENT WREATH, THE CANDLE OF HOPE

It is said that while there is life there is hope. This has an even deeper meaning in reverse: while there is hope there is life.

Hope is strength.

Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally.

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It revives ideals and renews dreams. As long as there is hope no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. In the final analysis, he is our hope.

"Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise." Karl Rahner

PERIOD OF ADVENT PRAYER

Each Wednesday during Advent at 7.30p.m beginning 2nd December.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30a.m to 11a.m. beginning 5th December.

CHILDREN

Please make a decoration for the Christmas tree and hang it on the tree when you come to visit the Church. Please stay to say a prayer, light a candle and visit the crib.

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched the 2020 online Advent Calendar, which will go live on www.catholicbishops.ie on the first Sunday of Advent, 29th November next. Now in its seventh year, the unique online Advent Calendar offers resources for the parish, school and for families which can be accessed behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. The content is aimed at assisting people of all ages to pray and reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. Welcoming this year's Advent Calendar Archbishop Eamon said, "While it has been a very trying year for all us due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the season of Advent offers a new beginning and a promise of hope for better times. The First Sunday of Advent is actually the Christian Church's New Year's Day." Link will be on our Parish website from Sunday 29th November.

ONGOING CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

All public Masses in our church are suspended at present. Mass will be celebrated daily in the parish church as per the following schedule:

Monday to Saturday 9am and 10am. 9am Mass will be offered for all on the Altar Lists of the Dead for the month of November.

Sunday: Vigil mass at 6:30pm Saturday and 9am and 10:30am Sunday morning. No congregation can be present. These Masses will be streamed on the parish webcam and the parish radio.

If you wish to receive confession, please approach any of the Priests when you meet them, they will be happy to accommodate you.

Funeral Masses will take place at **10am** with limited numbers of **25**.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AS PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

Monday to Friday after the 10am morning Mass until 4pm

Saturday after the 10am morning Mass until 6pm

Sunday after the 10:30am morning Mass until 4pm.

When you are visiting the church for private prayer we ask that you **FOLLOW HSE GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO SOCIAL DISTANCING, SANITISING YOUR HANDS AND FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN.** In the interest of hygiene and the safety of all our parishioners may we ask that you do not touch or kiss the many statues, the altar or other items in the Church. **THE GROTTTO: please be respectful of the Grotto at all times. Please do not leave any items in it as they will be removed. Prayer cards are available from the Church.**

THANK YOU

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Office Opening times:

Mon.- Fri. 9am to 1pm. (Please contact if you would like items from the Church shop. Christmas cards & Mass bouquets now in)

JOB VACANCIES

Daughters of Charity, 10 Henrietta Street, Dublin 1.

1. **Vacancy for a Part-Time Cook**
2. **Vacancy for Household Staff**

Contact 018583063 for more details.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY -13th December

The Catholic Grandparents Association will host a special event with the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Jude Okolo, online through the Parish webcam on Sat. 12th at 2.30p.m. to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' *More details to follow next week.....*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th November

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Miriam & Dermot

Sweeney R.I.P. (A)

John Collins R.I.P (A)

Sr. Mary Lawrence

Collins R.I.P. (A)

Josie O'Connor R.I.P. (A)

Maureen Meaney Sp. In.

9.00 a.m.

Fr. John Egan R.I.P (A)

Rosemary Robinson

Fogarty R.I.P. Months Mind

Kathleen Robinson R.I.P.(A)

10.30a.m.

Tommy McWilliams

R.I.P. (A)

Pattie Dunne R.I.P. (A)

Peter O'Doherty R.I.P. (A)

REGISTERING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST PENANCE, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

Logon to

www.navanroadparish.com/sacraments. Full instructions and registration forms are available to download. Deadline for registration is at the end of the day 8th December-The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please contact the Parish Office for any further information. 018380265

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 6th December

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Stasia Clerkin R.I.P.

Months Mind

Maureen Clarke R.I.P.

Birthday Remembrance

9.00 a.m.

Nuala Mortimer R.I.P. (A)

10.30a.m.

Robert & Philomena Smyth

R.I.P. (A)

12 Noon

Breda Stanley R.I.P. (A)

PSALM 79:

'GOD OF HOSTS, BRING US BACK; LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.'

Thurs. 3rd: Feast of St. Francis Xavier: Is 26:1-6. Ps 117:1,8-9, 19-21,25-27, R/ v26. Mt 7:21,24-27.

Reading References for

Sunday 6th November

2nd Sunday of Advent - we light the candle of Love.

Is 40:1-5,9-11. Ps 84:9-14,15-16, R/ v 8. 2Pet:3:8-14. Mk 1: 1-8.

St. John the Baptist calls us to straighten out our lives.

Tuesday 8th-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9-15,20. Ps. 97:1-4, R/ v1. Eph 1:3-6,11-12.



Crosscare Appeal

We need donations of toiletries- soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. All new items in their original packaging please. Drop-off points: Community Food Bank, Darndale, D17, 11th & 18th Dec. 1-2p.m. & Brackenston Road, Swords, St. Cronan's Parish, 9th & 16th Dec. 1-2p.m. Thank You

St. Francis Xavier: "Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians."

Scan the QR codes with the camera on your phone to access readings & prayers

Readings at Mass



Vespers (Evening Prayer)



Lauds (Morning Prayer)



Compline (Night Prayer)

