

#### 4. Our Parish Sunday 12th December 2021

##### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th December

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Con Houlihan R.I.P. (A)

Michael Doran R.I.P. (A)

Nuala Dunne R.I.P. (A)

Irene Kiernan R.I.P. (A)

9.00 a.m.

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

10.30a.m.

Patrick Connellan R.I.P. (A)

12 noon

Jimmy & Breda Stanley  
R.I.P. (A)

##### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE

We remember and pray for all our loved ones who are abroad this Christmas & are unable to travel home to be with us. Please leave the names and country where they are living, into the Parish Office or Sacristy if you wish to include love ones in our prayers over Christmas. The Remembrance tree will be on display at the top of the Church.

Mass

Collections

Sunday 5th

December

1st Collection:

€845

2nd Collection:

€790

Family

Offering:

€1,111.50

Thank you for  
contributing so  
generously.

*Is 12:6 "Cry and shout for joy you who live  
in Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is among  
you in his greatness:"*

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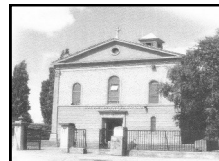
[www.navanroadparish.com](http://www.navanroadparish.com)

Office Opening times:

Mon.- Fri. 9am to 1pm.

*Please call in if you would like items from  
the Church shop or Mass Cards.  
Christmas Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards  
and other items are now available to  
purchase from the Parish Office.*

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7



## Our Parish

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY (Gaudete Sunday)

In Association with  
The Catholic Grandparents  
A gift of the presence of Christ  
in your home this Christmas'  
A beautiful Advent tradition,  
**Bambinelli Sunday'** Blessing  
the Baby Jesus. Children take  
the Baby Jesus from their  
home Crib to be blessed by  
the Priest at any Mass.

It helps the children to prepare for Christmas. Following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it up, open it Christmas Morning as your first present of the day as a reminder of the meaning of Christmas where the members of the family gather & place it in the Crib.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. For the many families that are helped they are faced daily impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list. This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.

This Sunday 12th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. **This collection will replace the 2nd SHARE Collection THIS WEEKEND Sat/Sun 11th & 12th December. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated especially at this time. Thank You**

*Reading References for Sunday  
19th December, Fourth Sunday of  
Advent: Mic 5:1-4. Ps 79:2-3, R/v  
4. Heb 10:5-7:10 Lk 1:39-44. Like  
Elizabeth we are open to receive  
the Christ with wonder and joy.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas Greeting Cards** with the Parish Crib image (same as the one on tables) are available to purchase from the Parish Office @ **50cent each or 12 for €5**

**Christmas Cards & Christmas Dues Envelopes**

Are available from the tables in the Church, with details of the **Christmas Church Timetable**. Dues envelopes can be dropped in to the Parish Office or 211 Navan Road

**THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE****Suggestion for families/children**

The Christmas tree is now up in the Church. 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.

**THURSDAY ROSARY WITH ST. JOHN BOSCO SENIOR BOYS** at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. At 2.45p.m. each Thursday of Advent. All are welcome to join the boys in prayer.  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PRAY FOR US**  
**SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRAY FOR US**

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH A SAFE PLACE:** *It is very important that we keep up our efforts to keep the Church safe for all who attend for Mass and prayer. PLEASE: Sanitise, wear a mask, social distance. Please take any used leaflets home or place in the bins provided Thank You*

**DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR:**

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar>: Lots of suggested activity and prayer for all the family.

**ADVENT YOUTH 2000 MASS, ADORATION AND CONFESSION.**

Sunday 12th at 3p.m in St. Saviour's Church, Upper Dorset Street. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our young people to safely come together and 'prepare the way' for Our Lord's Nativity .  
[www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
**Help Us To Help Families.**  
**Support Our Appeal To End Food Poverty.**

This year, as we cannot hold our parish food appeal, we are asking for your financial support to help us help them. Please donate if you can at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) or Call 01 8360011

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The third week of Advent is marked by **two purple candle bars** and one **pink candle**. This third week reminds us of **JOY**. We are together delighted to welcome the birth of Jesus our Saviour. The third candle is called the Shepherds Candle because the news of joy about the birth of Jesus Christ was first communicated to humble and sincere people. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

**"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10)**

**SYNODAL PRAYER**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful,  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us  
down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to  
eternal life and not stray from  
the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father  
and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

*Spiritus, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville*

**NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Adding to our concerns of extra traffic along Navan Road, from both Bus Connects, and Irish Rail proposed road tunnel under both Canal, and Rail line to close off Ashtown Level Crossing and Ashtown Road - we are requesting digital speed displays on Navan Road, since May 2019. DCC's reply to Police Forum in October; "Navan Road is a major radial route in/out of city - There are a number of speed limit signs plus repeater signs along the stretch of road and additional signage would lead to a proliferation of signage in the city & associated maintenance cost they incur. The view in Traffic is there is sufficient speed limit signage and repeater signs along this stretch to inform motorists of the speed limit. In addition to the regulatory speed limit signage, road markings outlining the speed limit (roundels), have been installed recently between Ashtown and Ashtown Grove, to further remind motorists of reduction of the speed limit when coming from the Fingal boundary at Ashtown. Slow road markings are also installed along Navan Road. We aim to provide appropriate information whilst reducing street clutter & proliferation of signage within the city. Residents insist these digital displays will be of benefit to Navan Road. All Councilors attending are willing to back this Motion to Roads & Traffic Department. Ongoing" We continue to monitor this matter.

REMINDER; try to submit on Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy by 17th December on both these issues. We have submitted professional advice on dropping the rail line at Ashtown, no tunneling required, leaving Ashtown Road intact. [www.nationaltransport.ie/publicconsultations/](http://www.nationaltransport.ie/publicconsultations/)