

4. Our Parish Sunday 5th December 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th

9.00a.m.

Deirdre Murphy R.I.P.

Months Mind

10.00a.m.

Mark Kelly R.I.P.

Months Mind

Sunday 5th December

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Mary Connaughton R.I.P. (A)

Lorraine Wade R.I.P. (A)

Patrick Downey R.I.P. (A)

9.00 a.m..

Nuala Mortimor R.I.P. (A)

10.30 a.m.

Jim Gorman R.I.P. (A)

& Lil & Eddie Curran R.I.P (A)

12 Noon

Robert & Philomena Smyth

R.I.P.(A)

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)

MASS INTENTIONS

Feast of the Immaculate

Conception of Our Lady

6.30p.m. Vigil Tues.

Laurence (Larry) Hogan

R.I.P. 1st (A)

Christopher Smith

R.I.P. (A)

Maureen Bracken R.I.P.

Months Mind

9.00a.m.

Mamie Hoare

R.I.P. (A)

10.30a.m.

Mary Rothwell

R.I.P. (A) &

Rose Toner Evans

R.I.P. (A)

Mass

Collections

Sunday 28th

November

1st Collection:

€1,085

2nd Collection:

€655

Family

Offering:

€508

Thank you for  
contributing so  
generously.

*Psalm 125: "What marvels the Lord worked  
for us, indeed we were glad."*

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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 5TH DECEMBER 2021 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## WE LIGHT THE SECOND PURPLE ADVENT CANDLE

The second week of Advent has the meaning of FAITH and LOVE. In this second week the second purple candle is lit, reminding us to remain faithful to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. We are required to prepare our hearts and love for the coming of Christ.

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

And all people will see God's salvation." (Luke 3: 4-6)

## 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.

On 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 on Sat/Sun 11th & 12th December. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated especially at this time. Thank You

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Church** will be closed after 10 a.m.  
Mass on Thursday 9th December for cleaning.

**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

**Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Wed. 8th**  
Vigil Mass Tues. 7th at 6.30p.m. Morning Masses Wed. 8th at 9a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

**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 will go up around the 8th December. 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**

**DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR:**

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

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**  
*(Gaudete Sunday) 12th December*

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.

**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



**THE FOLK GROUP**  
**WILL SING FOR US**  
**THIS CHRISTMAS**

As we won't have a carol service this year the Folk Group will sing Christmas carols at the 12:00 Noon Mass on the 19th December (the Sunday before Christmas) and will also sing a selection of carols directly after that mass for anyone who would like to stay for a short while.  
The Folk Group will also sing at the 6:30 p.m. vigil mass on Christmas Eve, and as normal at 12:00 Noon Mass on Christmas day.

*Reading References for Sunday 12th December, Third Sunday of Advent:*  
*Zeph 3:14-18. Ps Is 12:2-6, R/v 6. Phil 4:4-7. Lk 3:10-18. John The Baptist inaugurates the Gospel.*

**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.

**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*

**NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY**  
**COUNCIL**

A public consultation of utmost importance has been advertised in Newspapers - Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy - closing date 17th December. Among the aims :- tackle climate change; reduce impact of congestion; deliver a safe, attractive cycling environment; develop sustainable communities across the City and Regions; 'Sustainable' we feel, is the vital word here - we all welcome improved public transport, but, how sustainable will our neighbourhood become with the loss of 150 trees along Navan Road? Among contents listed, at No.10- "Walking, accessibility, public realm" part of which refers to "providing longer green lights at crossings". In a recent trial by the committee, there are only 15 seconds plus, to cross at both Church and Kempton lights. Contact ; National Transport Authority, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2 D02 WT20. see at <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/public-consultations/>  
**ROAD CLOSURES IN PHOENIX PARK;** Saturday 4th December Chesterfield Avenue from 7.00 am to 11.45 pm, other roads from 9.00 am to 11.30 a.m, with Ashtown Gate right turn, only if going direct to Farmleigh.