

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 27th November**

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

**Anthony Mangan R.I.P.**

Months Mind

**Michael Mulvey R.I.P. (A)**

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

**Patricia (Patty) Dunne**

R.I.P. (A)

9.00 a.m.

**For the People of our Parish**

10.30a.m.

**Paddy Stoutt R.I.P. 1st (A)**

12 noon

**Paul Walsh R.I.P. (A)**

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



# Our Parish

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27TH NOVEMBER 2022



### LIVING IN THE LIGHT!

**St. Paul says to us, 'The night is nearly over, it will be daylight soon'**

We are people on whom the light has shone and still shines. We must therefore, strive to walk in the light- the light of truth and life, the light of holiness and grace, the light of justice, love and peace. Nevertheless, darkness still has power over us. Darkness can take many forms. Any

kind of hatred, enmity, lack of forgiveness, lack of reconciliation, injustice done to another etc. The first thing we have to do is recognise the darkness in our lives. That takes courage. But it takes even more courage to take responsibility for that darkness and to decide to do something about it. There is no joy in living in darkness. Quite the opposite. But with the grace of Christ we can free ourselves of the darkness. We can walk in the light. To walk in the light means to walk in joy and freedom. Isaiah says to us:

*'Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord'*

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to respond to these words.

St. Paul tells us that God is near. God is always near, but somehow in Advent God seems to be nearer than usual. To have a sense of God's nearness is a very great blessing. It would be wonderful if at the end of this Advent I could truthfully say that, with God's help, I had left some form of darkness behind me. That I had allowed the light to shine into some area of my life where hitherto darkness reigned.

Then I would be more ready to meet the Lord, the Lord of light, the Lord in whose presence no form of darkness can exist. *(Extract from Flor McCarthy)*



**VOCATUS CHOIR ARE LOOKING FOR SINGERS TO JOIN FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD TO SING THE LOVELY CHRISTMAS CAROLS . POP UP TO US IN THE GALLERY AFTER THE 10.30 MASS FOR A CHAT OR CALL NOREEN AT 0861258575 .**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 4th December**

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

**Ethna Little R.I.P.**

Months Mind

**Philomena Nugent**

R.I.P. 1st (A)

**Frances Burke R.I.P. (A)**

**Tommy Burke R.I.P. (A)**

9.00a.m.

**For the People of our Parish**

10.30a.m.

**Peggy & Joe Costello**

R.I.P. (A)

**Molly & John Sullivan**

R.I.P. (A)

**Deceased Members of the Costello & Sullivan Families**

12 noon

**Robert & Philomena Smyth**

R.I.P. (A)

## THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF MISSION DEVELOPMENT

**WILL HOST A CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**ON**

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER,**

**IN**

**THE PARISH CENTRE**

**FROM**

**9.30A.M. TO 2.00P.M.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SUPPORTING OUR PROJECTS IN AFRICA**

**\* NEW GIFTS \*SWEETS \* CAKES \*PRESERVES \*BOTTLES \*TOMBOLA \*RAFFLE**

**BRINGING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE TO THE ALTAR DURING THE OFFERTORY**

At the presentation of the gifts, the faithful present the gifts of bread and wine to the priest, symbolising an offering of creation and themselves back to the Father.

This also gives an exterior sign of our internal offerings – we offer our prayers and ourselves in the same way that we offer these mere gifts of bread and wine, hoping that just as they are changed into the Body and

Blood of Christ, so may we be transformed by his grace. We all have something to offer God. We prepare to make a gift of ourselves to the Lord, offering ourselves to him as the Bread is offered.

*“This is not to be viewed simply as a kind of “interval” between the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. To do so would tend to weaken, at the least, the sense of a single rite made up of two interrelated parts. This humble and simple gesture is actually very significant: in the bread and wine that we bring to the altar, all creation is taken up by Christ the Redeemer to be transformed and presented to the Father. In this way we also bring to the altar all the pain and suffering of the world, in the certainty that everything has value in God’s eyes. The authentic meaning of this gesture can be clearly expressed without the need for undue emphasis or complexity. It enables us to appreciate how God invites man to participate in bringing to fulfilment his handiwork, and in so doing, gives human labour its authentic meaning, since, through the celebration of the Eucharist, it is united to the redemptive sacrifice of Christ.” Pope Benedict XVI*

**We will reintroduce the Offertory Procession, when members of the faithful bring the gifts of Bread and Wine to the Altar, at all Masses**

*Reading References for Sunday 4th December: Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10. Ps:71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/v 7. Rm 15: 4-9. Mt 3: 1-12.*

**MASS COLLECTIONS Sunday 20th November**  
 1st Collection: €1,075  
 2nd Collection: €753  
 Family Offering: €385  
 Thank you

**FIRST FIVE SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**



Will take place on Saturday 3rd December at 5p.m. in Our Lady Help of Christians

Church, with: **Exposition of the most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Special Fatima Prayers and the Sacrament of Confession** will be available throughout. Holy Mass will follow at 6.30p.m. as usual. **ALL VERY WELCOME.**

**The deadline for items for the newsletter is Tuesdays at 9a.m.**



We welcome all the girls & boys & their families, who will attend the Vigil Mass at 6.30p.m. on Saturday 26th November for their Commitment Ceremony in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**PARISH ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION**  
 Will take place on Monday 19th December at 7.30p.m.  
**ALL WELCOME**

**PETER MCVERRY TRUST’S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

Will take place in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday, 3rd December 2022. This year’s fantastic line-up features

**Paul Harrington, Dublin Male Voice Choir and Dublin Youth Choir.**

Doors will open at 7pm on the night of the event, with performances starting at 7.30pm. For more information and tickets you can visit the webpage – [www.pmvtrust.ie/christmas-carol-concert/](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/christmas-carol-concert/) Should you have any questions in relation to the Carol Concert, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling **01 823 0776.**

**Advent Calendars, 2023 Calendars, Christmas Cards & Christmas Mass Bouquets are available now from the Parish Office. 018380265**

**FROM NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**THE CABRA GATE** to the Phoenix Park is closed to traffic on Friday 25th from 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. for emergency repairs. The pedestrian access remains open.

**December Christmas Events at The Visitor Centre;** with 179 car park spaces, 11 Disability, 20 Bike stands, or better still, a short walk up from Blackhorse Avenue.

**For Children :**

4th 11th & 18th December : Moon & Sixpence Puppet Theatre 1.30p.m. and 3.00 p.m. -Free entry Sunday 4th 11th and 18th: from 11.00 - 1.00p.m.: Dale Treadwell with Robbie the Christmas Robin.

**CHOIRS;** Saturday 3rd LGBT Choir 11.00a.m.- 1.00p.m.

Sunday 4th, Guest Choir, to be confirmed, 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. Saturday 10th Kylemore College Choir 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. Sunday 11th Castleknock Choir 11.00a.m.- 1.00p.m. Saturday 17th Guest Choir, to be confirmed 11.00a.m. - 1.00 pm. and Sunday 18th the Walkelleles - a Ukulele group 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.

**Short History of Ashtown Demesne,** which dates from the 12th Century when the lands were granted to the Hospital of John the Baptist. John Connell, known as John of Ashtown, owned the Castle in 1641, when it consisted of 200 acres with two thatched cottages and a small orchard.