

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 11th December
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Bega Spaine R.I.P. (A)
Patricia O'Brien R.I.P. (A)
Irene Kiernan R.I.P. (A)
Michael Doran R.I.P. (A)

9.00 a.m.

For the People of our Parish

10.30a.m.

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

12 noon

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

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 18th December
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
David Mills R.I.P. (A)
Liam Condon R.I.P. (A)
Deceased Members of the
Flynn & Scahill Families

9.00a.m.

For the People of our Parish

10.30a.m.

Martin Savage
R.I.P. (A)

12 noon

Con Houlihan R.I.P. (A)

MASS COLLECTIONS
Sunday 4th December
1st Collection: €985
2nd Collection: €820
Family Offering: €1,305
Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians

FOOD OR HEAT?

Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas.

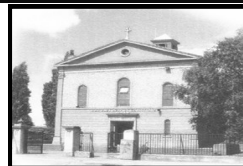


Special Collection Weekend
10th/11th December
replacing the SHARE -2nd
Collection at all Masses

Donate locally, at svp.ie or call 0818 176 176

Please give generously this weekend to this special collection and help support the essential work of St. Vincent de Paul who help so many families at Christmas time and all year round. Thank You

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



Our Parish

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11TH DECEMBER 2022

GAUDETE SUNDAY- BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



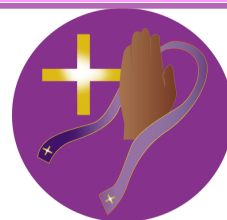
We light the **PINK** Advent Candle on the wreath today, representing joy. We are half way through Advent and getting closer to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

And with The Catholic Grandparents Association

we celebrate the beautiful Advent tradition:

'**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**' Blessing the figure of 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.



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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE LIVING ABROAD 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.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL
 Help Us To Help Families. Support
 Our Appeal To End Food Poverty.
 This year, we are asking for your
 financial support to help us help
 them.

Please donate if you can at
www.crosscare.ie or
 Call 01 8360011



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

The Christmas tree will go up
 around the 12th December.
 Please make a decoration for
 the Christmas tree and hang it
 on the tree when you come to
 visit the Church. Please feel
 welcome to stay to say a prayer,
 light a candle and visit the crib.

2023 Calendars, Christmas
 Cards & Christmas Mass Bou-
 quets are available now from
 the Parish Office. 018380265

**Reading References for Sunday
 18th December: Fourth Sunday of
 Advent**

*Is 7:11-14. Ps:23: 1-6, R/ cf. vv 7,
 10. Rm 1: 1-7. Mt 1:18-24. Prepare
 for Christmas in prayer and praise*



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

The Folk Group will sing a
 selection of Christmas Carols
 directly after 12noon Mass
 on the 18th December (the
 Sunday before Christmas)
 for anyone who would like to
 stay for a short while.

The Folk Group will also sing
 at the 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
 on Christmas Eve, and as
 normal at 12:00 Noon Mass
 on Christmas Day.

**THE TIMETABLE FOR
 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

Is printed on the Parish
 Christmas Card, availa-
 ble on the tables around
 the Church.

**CHRISTMAS DUES
 ENVELOPES**

Are also available on the
 tables around the Church
 (They can be returned to
 the Parish Office or the
 Sacristy) Thank you.

**ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER FROM
 ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL**

‘.....In every generation we are asked to be ready,
 recognising the salvation offered in Christ Jesus, on fire
 with his Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel in every season,
 finding new ways to witness to the presence and power of
 Christ in our own lives and to the people of our time.
 Over the past year and more, our parishes have been
 asked for their thoughts on the future direction of the
 Church in the Archdiocese. We have much to do:
 supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship
 with God; creating the structures that support vibrant
 communities of faith; advocating for those who are on the
 margins (see Statement of Mission, February 2022). With-
 in each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils,
 all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral
 workers and voluntary parish leaders, including cate-
 chists into the future, are encouraged to renew the mis-
 sionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically
 towards the partnership of local parishes. In this way we
 can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able
 to facilitate or imagine. A set of pastoral aids will be pro-
 vided to help with conversation and action locally. You
 know the time has come. As we prepare to celebrate
 Christmas we open our hearts again to Jesus Christ, God-
 with-us, a light for all the world to see. Even in the dark-
 est and loneliest of places he brings salvation. His mes-
 sage of justice, peace and love sets us out again on a
 journey, this year and every year, focused on love of God
 and love of neighbour. ‘Let us walk in the light of the
 Lord’ (Isaiah 2:5), ‘that he may teach us his ways so that
 we may walk in his paths’ (Isaiah 2:3). Let us turn our
 hearts towards Christ, who is the light that will show us
 the way forward, a light for our footsteps into the future
 God is preparing with us.’ (Full text on the tables of the Church)



**FROM :
 NAVAN ROAD
 COMMUNITY
 COUNCIL
 The Light
 Bellied Brent**

Geese, commonly called 'Brent
Geese' have just arrived to the
 playing fields behind Martin Savage
 Park, having travelled about 3,500
 km from Canada. 90% of the entire
 flock come to Ireland for the win-
 ter. They love the Dubs so much,
 that about 9,000 regularly come to
 Dublin, up to a third of total number
 in Ireland, (information from our
 own local Birdwatch Ireland
 man). **PLEASE** can we appeal to dog
 walkers to keep their dogs on a lead
 if exercising them, whilst the flock
 are on the grass. Having travelled
 such an enormous distance safely,
 it is sad to see them disturbed,
 frightened and even chased away by
 some local dogs.

FREE ENERGY KITS *What does it
 cost to boil a kettle?* Information in
 The Irish Times at [https://
 www.irishtimes.com/property/
 interiors/2022/11/12/it-costs-how-
 much-to-boil-the-kettle-take-a-home-
 energy-audit](https://www.irishtimes.com/property/interiors/2022/11/12/it-costs-how-much-to-boil-the-kettle-take-a-home-energy-audit).

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 tact Cabra Library ph. no. 01
 2228310. Open: Mon-Thurs 10 am -
 8 pm. Fri/Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Closed
 Sundays. More information at:
www.navanroad.com