

4. Our Parish, Christmas December 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Sunday 24th December

6.30pm (Sat. vigil)

Deirdre McGarry Hiney

R.I.P. (A)

Charles O'Connor

R.I.P. (A)

Liam Condon R.I.P. (A)

Deceased Members of  
the Flynn & Scahill

Families

9.00a.m.

Maisie & Patrick

Kemmy R.I.P. (A)

10.30a.m.

Deceased Members of  
the Smartt Family

12 noon

Deceased Members of  
the Stoutte & Briscoe  
Family

Christmas Eve. Masses  
at 6.30p.m. & 9.00p.m.

And Christmas Day  
Masses

9.00a.m., 10.30a.m. &

12.00 noon are

offered for all the  
parishioners of

Our Lady Help of  
Christians Parish

*Reading References for  
Sunday 31st December Feast  
of The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph. Gn 15:1-6,  
21:1-3. Ps 104:1-6, 8-9, R/vv  
7, 8. Heb 18:11-12, 17-19. Lk  
2:22-40. In the Holy Family we  
see the ordinariness of the life of  
Jesus.*



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The members of the Parish  
Conference wish to thank  
everybody who contributed so generously to  
the Christmas Appeal this year.  
The amount raised was €18,000 +  
**Happy Christmas to everybody**



**CHRISTMAS  
GOAL  
CHARITY MILE**

Join fellow-  
parishioners  
and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid  
of GOAL'S humanitarian and development  
work in developing countries on  
**Christmas Day at the  
Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park, anytime from  
10.30a.m. to 12 noon.**

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*The Parish office will close for Christmas at 1p.m.*

*Friday 22nd December & Re-open 9a.m. Tuesday*

*2nd January 2024*

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Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians

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



**Our Parish**

**CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 2023**



**'COME LET US ADORE HIM'**

*You are invited to share with us the Birth of  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ in  
'Our Lady Help of Christians'*

*May you have the gift of Faith,  
the blessing of Hope*

*and the peace of His Love  
at Christmas and always.*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

*From: Fr. Liam, Fr. Paddy, Fr. John, Rev. Eamonn,  
Thomas, Mary, Frances, & Naomh*

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**FIRST COLLECTION**

17th December €1,255

**SECOND COLLECTION**

17th December €775

**FAMILY OFFERING**

17th December €1,218

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)

9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon.

**Christmas Eve. Masses**

6.30p.m. & 9.00p.m.

**Christmas Day Mass Times**

9.00a.m. 10.30a.m. & 12 Noon

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday-Friday**

9.00a.m. & 10.00a.m.

**Saturday**

9.00am & 10.00a.m.

6.30pm.vigil.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday:** 10.30am and 6.00pm.

**ADORATION**

**Saturdays:** 6.00pm to 6.20pm

**Monday to Friday:** 7.45a.m. to 8.45a.m.

**THE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Are recited every weekday after 9.00a.m. Mass.

**BAPTISMS**

First three Saturdays each month. Please Book– Parish Office: 018380265

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS-**

are detailed in the Parish Christmas Card, which will be distributed to homes over the coming days and also available from the tables in the church, together with the **Christmas Dues Envelopes.**

**The Mission Office of the Daughters of Charity**

wish to thank the parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians for the wonderful support of the recent Christmas Fair. The fair was a great success and raised in excess of €6,000. Happy Christmas to all from Sr. Geraldine and her team. Congratulations to the parishioners that won prizes.



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE**

We remember and pray for all our love ones who are abroad this Christmas. All names given are on our Christmas Remembrance Tree in the Church.

**SHARE YOUR CRIB ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

During their Winter General Meeting in Maynooth last week, the Bishops of Ireland offered prayers of thanksgiving as 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi constructing the first Christmas crèche in a cave in Greccio, Italy. To mark this special anniversary in our faith history, bishops invite everyone to share a picture, or video, of their crib whether it is at home or in the workplace, along with a message. As every crib has its own story, sharing Christmas memories of the crib would provide inspiration to many people during this season of goodwill and celebration

for Christian families. To help spread the spirit of Christmas, why don't you tag us in your crib post on [Facebook at Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#); [Instagram at @catholicbishops](#); and [X/Twitter at @CatholicNewsIRL](#). The bishops reiterated Pope Francis's words that a key message of the Nativity scene is that the mystery of Christmas 'loves to hide within what is infinitely small ... [the Nativity] is like a living Gospel overflowing from the pages of Holy Scripture'.

**FROM NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**DART + Maynooth** electrification of Rail line Dublin to Maynooth; closing level crossing, making Ashtown road a cul de sac, with deep traffic tunnel under canal; the pedestrian route to Canal walks, Post Office/shops - a new footbridge 10 metres (33 feet) above the rail tracks, accessed via a staircase of 48 steps each side (current footbridge 28/9 steps each side) for those unable to manage steps, via a 240 metre-(250 Yards) long ramp up/down each side. This will add a Km(5/8 of mile) walk to the shops. We recently attended over 2 weeks, a Bord Pleanála Oral Hearing where we presented a detailed professional drawing, showing how to **"replace proposed tunnel & pedestrian overbridge with a shallow cutting for train lines"** i.e., lowering the rail line' as we call it; leaving Ashtown Road & foot-path in place for all. The new POST OFFICE site was not part of the original application; As a totally new item, we submitted a set of pictures showing how it is on a very sloping roadway, far side of rail line from our area, requiring all pedestrians from Ashtown/Navan Road & surrounds to cross over & back to access PO, and City-bound trains. We explained this difficulty to the Board including the size of our area. The Hearing is now complete, awaiting a formal decision. We expressed support for electrification of the rail line, but asked for consideration for welfare of surrounding residential areas. Similar concerns were expressed by groups from Castleknock, Coolmine, Porterstown, and onwards to Co. Kildare, including farms & stables beside Maynooth Station. **Phoenix Park:** some road closures 7.30 - 11.30am. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan for 5k road race . Ashtown Gate, left turn only inside from 9.00-10.30a.m.

**ARISE! EXPLORE YOUR FAITH**  
 Take time every week to explore and discuss your faith with like-minded young adults.

**SYCAMORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED**  
 Fr Stephen Wang

**Every Tuesday on Zoom**  
**Beginning January 16th**  
**7:30pm - 9 pm**  
**In-person retreat days included**

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