



Third Sunday of Advent
Year C, 15th December 2024

"What, then, shall we do?"

14th & 15th December

6pm Sheila & Jim Dooley (A)
Jack Kavanagh (A)
Marie & Patrick Turner (A)
Paul Turner (RD)
Eileen Lattimore (MM)
Baby Grace Grehan (RD)

11.30am Brendan McCabe (A)
Peadar MacNiallais (7th A)
Eusebia Miranda (Birthday Remembrance)
William & Dan McCarthy (A)
Jim Byrne (A)
Martin Ruane (A)

21st & 22nd December

6pm Noel, Nancy & Jim Johnson & Bonnie Robinson Johnson
Kathleen Roberts (A)
Bridie & Peter Byrne (A)
May & Joe Fitzpatrick (A)
P J McArdle (A)

11.30am Declan O'Connor (A)
Edward Wallace (A)
Dymphna & Ned Kenny (A)
Kay & Frank O'Sullivan (A)
Patricia Nolan (A)

Bambinelli Sunday

This weekend we will bless the Baby Jesus figurine from your crib.

Calling all our wonderful Parish volunteers

The Parish Centre would like to invite you to a coffee morning on Wednesday 18th after 10am Mass to thank you for your service and all you do for our Parish.

Hope to see you there



Pray for the repose of the soul of Vera Fitzpatrick & Ellen Power whose funerals took place here this week

A few words from Fr Joe....

I sat in the car one day during the week, mesmerised by a young dad, with his little lad, putting up lights in their hedge. I can honestly say that this is not something I remember from my childhood, but it was lovely to watch them working together in the bitter cold afternoon, transforming their property into a winter wonderland. Homes all around the parish are now wearing their Christmas lights inside and out and what a difference it makes. This is yet another sign that we are living towards Christmas, with hope in our hearts, joy in our lives and trust in the power of love.

I've been lighting the candles on my Advent wreath each morning and evening and making a special effort to have some prayer time with Advent readings and themes. It is one way to live with the signs of Christmas all around us, while we wait for the Nativity and draw strength from anticipation of what is to come, and to make mind and body ready to welcome the child of Bethlehem.

During the week, I had a routine medical screening, and as often happens it begins with a long questionnaire to complete. I was struck by one question: "Do you have a spiritual practice in your life?" Naturally I answered 'yes' but it really made me wonder about the many and varied ways others will have responded. For me the spiritual practices are deeply rooted in faith, a landscape to explore, I'm constantly challenged to find the presence of God in the experience of life, and then to live in the light of that relationship. Others will explain it differently no doubt, but having a sense of the spiritual, and acting on it, seems to be good for your health.

While writing these few words a memory has come back to me, I held the ladder for my dad one Christmas, as he climbed up and put a red bulb in the porch light! Sure we've always invited the light into our lives at Christmas.

Sad news came for Fr Peter during the week, his beloved mother, Clementina Anyaoyi Johnson passed away at home in Nigeria, she was almost 96 years old. We all extend to Fr Peter and his family our deepest condolences at this great loss. We will support Fr Peter and give him time to travel home to bury his mother, mourn with his family and find comfort in his loss. At an appropriate time we can offer a parish Mass for the happy repose of her soul.

New Year's Eve Prayer Service

Our annual prayer service with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on New Year's Eve, 31 December at 3.00pm.

Tea and Coffee will be served after the service. This is a lovely opportunity to reflect on the year past and the new year to come.

Mass Times
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am
Liturgy of Word Thurs@10am
Saturday vigil 6pm
Sunday 11.30am

Confessions/ Reconciliation
After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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The Decoration of our Jesse Tree is an advent journey

Noah's Ark – Noah believed God's promises and under God's instructions preserved the natural life of all creatures and life within the ark.

This symbol reminds us that although God was displeased with the wickedness of the people he had created he also saw the good in us and renewed his covenant relationship with us through forgiveness and mercy.

We pray that we may always be open to forgiveness and compassion in our lives.

Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement

The last meeting of 2024 will take place on Monday 16th December at 2 p m
Club will re-open on Monday 13th January 2025.

Christmas Carols 21st & 22nd December

A short carol service will take place immediately after the 6.00pm and 11.30pm masses next weekend.

All welcome to stay and join the choir in singing some festive carols.



Exploring the Sunday Gospel during Advent continues.

Thursday morning @ 11am on 19th December. All welcome. For details, contact the Parish Office.



CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE, KILMACUD

Partnership Penance Service –
Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm
Mount Merrion

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 24th December
10.30am-11.30am

Christmas Eve
6.00pm & 9.00pm
Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day
Mass at 10.00am & 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day
Liturgy of the Word at 11.00am

Check website for further updates
www.kilmacudparish.ie

67th Annual Garda Mass

The Annual Garda Mass, first held in Dún Laoghaire in 1958, will take place this year at St. Anne's Church, Shankill, following the closure of our former venue in the Boylan Centre. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 6th January 2025, at 7:30 PM, with a reception to follow at the nearby Resource Centre. Fr. Joe Kennedy CP, Garda Chaplain, will celebrate the Mass as we honor and remember all those who have passed away since 1928, representing the six Garda stations of Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock, Dundrum, Cabinteely, Stepside, and Shankill. Your presence and support at this special occasion would be greatly appreciated.

Padre Pio Mass

The monthly Padre Pio Mass takes place on Wednesday 18th Dec. Blessing with the relic will take place after Mass.