



First Sunday of Advent  
 Year C, 1st December 2024

'Straighten up and raise your heads,  
 because your redemption is drawing near'

**30<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**6pm** Paul Creavin (40<sup>th</sup> A)  
 Liam Kenny (A) & Bill Kenny (A)  
 Vincent Canny (A)  
 Vincent Bransfield (A)  
 Peter Farrell (10<sup>th</sup> A)

**11.30am** Thomas Leo Young (A)  
 Aurora Sequiere (A)  
 Hilda Mascarenhas (A)  
 Mario Mowlds (A)  
 Eileen O'Connell (A)  
 John Scannell (MM)  
 Josephine Ryan (Birthday Remembrance)

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**6pm** Sheila Kelly (3<sup>rd</sup> A)  
 Deceased members of Loughrey & Lynch families  
 Donal Bolger (A)  
 Sean & Phil Woods (A)  
 Harry & Thecla Lawlor (A)  
 Mary Gibbons (30<sup>th</sup> A) & John Gibbons (25<sup>th</sup> A)

**11.30am** Catherine & Denis Redmond & their daughter Mary Fitzpatrick (A)  
 Michael Regan (A)  
 Clare & Jack Farrell (A)  
 Nellie & William Eiffe (A)  
 Jerry & Sheila O'Leary (Remembrance)

**A few words from Fr Joe....**

What's the difference between a Christmas Carol and an Advent hymn? In the world of everyday the Christmas Carol accompanies the build up to Christmas, sets the mood for thinking about others, buying presents, getting in the festive food, sending cards, anticipating the celebration. When we shop, pop into town, turn on the radio from now until Christmas eve, the music all around is carols.

The Church has a different set of music for these next four weeks or so, the hymns of Advent, which speak of waiting, preparing, opening up the space to welcome the Saviour of the world, the infant son of God. When his birth is remembered, from the Eve of Christmas until January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Season of Christmas, then the carols have their place in our liturgy and celebrations. In a sense, we have two horses to straddle for the coming weeks, that part of us which is out in the world making Christmas happen with foods and gifts a plenty, and the other part, which is our faith community supporting our spiritual journey towards welcoming the Lord when we lay the baby in the crib.

We can harness both these sets of energy, the carols on the street are often accompanied by ruddy cheeked singers shaking buckets to collect for good causes. They can trigger our compassion for others, remind us of the needs all around us here and in war torn regions ravaged by conflict, and our giving is active solidarity with the poorest of the poor. Then here in church, when we hear 'O come O come Emmanuel....' we long for the joy that the birth of the Lord reminds us of, we yearn for his peace and ache for his blessed peace. We are moved to reconcile with others, to be more God centered and joyful. So, let's do all we can to make Advent work, set up a wreath, buy a prayer book, open the windows daily on the Advent calendar, listen attentively to the Advent readings, hymns and reflections and grow into Christmas. Then when the world turns its attention to the sales, we have our bonus time to really celebrate Christmas for 12 days.



'The Son of Man is coming ...'

There are Advent Calendars, Church Art Calendars and a selection of Christmas Cards and Mass Bouquets available to buy in the Parish Office.

The office is open from Mon – Fri 9 – 12.



Pray for the family & friends of Niamh O'Doherty (Weirview Drive) whose funeral took place here this week.

**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)

**Parish Team**

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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<https://acireland.ie/fainche-ryan-the-eucharist-what-do-we-believe-2/>

If you missed the recent ACI zoom meeting on "The Eucharist - what do we believe?" there is a recording of it available to view.

**Bereavement Support** The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for

**Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement**  
 Our next meeting is Monday 2nd December at 2 p.m.

**In Mount Merrion**  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

To book tickets  
[www.operationsmile.ie/carols](http://www.operationsmile.ie/carols)



**Carols by Candlelight**

We look forward to welcoming the Palestrina, Continuum Choir, our own family Mass Choir & Kilmacud Crokes choir next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Fanagan's presents Carols by Candlelight in aid of SVP will take place here in the Church of St Laurence O'Toole.

**The event is currently booked out**

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a two part series:

**St Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction** with Bishop Barron and Franciscan Friar Fr Dave Pivonka on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7:30pm. To join this free series email Paul at [alhabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alhabayside@gmail.com)

**Exploring the Sunday Gospel Readings this Advent**

Are you interested in joining a weekly group meeting, in St. Laurence's Parish Hall, where we will pray the Sunday Gospel Readings and open ourselves to what God is trying to tell us.

The sessions, which last about one hour will be guided by: Sr Catherine Green, Noel Moran, and Leonard Kaye.

We are looking for expressions of interest - to see if it will proceed.

11:00 am -Thursday Mornings in the community centre.

We started on Thursday & will continue on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

All welcome. Contact the parish office on 2884009 or by email

**Blessing for Advent wreath**

Loving God,  
 Bless these candles and make them a sign of your love for us and our hope in you.  
 May our Advent Wreath be a source of joy in our home.

As light comes from these candles, may it guide us and brighten our way as we wait for your coming. May you bring light into our homes and families as we wait and prepare this Advent Season. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - hope