



Second Sunday of Advent
 Year C, 8th December 2024

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight'

7th & 8th December

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

14th & 15th December

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

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (moved to 9th)
Monday 9th December

Mass times Kilmacud: 10am & 6.30pm
 Mount Merrion: 10am

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.

A few words from Fr Joe....

This weekend we welcome the speakers from the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul on the occasion of the annual collection. We will be reminded that the VdeP works in the local community, serving the needs of people who seek their help and assistance with the basic necessities of life. During the recent election campaign, we heard those hoping to be elected speaking passionately about the need to address the cost of living crisis. There is no doubt that the costs of many basics like rent, fuel and food have soared in recent years and the poor are effected most as the money available to them just doesn't stretch to cover all these expenses. Parents with young children, living in poverty, have a special place in the hearts and minds of the volunteers of the VdeP. But their care and compassion extends to everyone who finds the going very tough at this festive time.

We might use the term 'charity' to capture the spirit of Christian love at all times, most especially as we welcome the child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Saviour. The charity sector is huge, and covers so many different ways of reaching out to others, at home and abroad. Most people have a charity that they love to support at this time, such as the St Vincent de Paul, Trocaire, Alone, Merchants Quay, Operation Smile to mention but a few. It's probably true that every member of the parish will contribute to a charity of their choice in the coming weeks. Most people don't like to say much about the money they donate to charity, and that's very understandable, it's very personal. However, as a parish, a faith community, as church we need to encourage and support the spirit of Christian charity and affirm, thank and applaud all the efforts made to raise money in this way. We might give a special word of affirmation to all our students, in school and college, who will do so much to help charities at this time, carol singing, sending shoe boxes, sleeping out and much more. Well done and thank you.



Padre Pio

Our monthly Padre Pio Mass will take place on Wednesday 18th December.

Blessing with the relic will take place after the Mass.

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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Registered Charity Number (RCN 20016166)

The Decoration of our Jesse Tree is an advent journey

The Dove reminds us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended. We pray for peace in our world and in our lives and we pray for all of God's creation that we cherish and care for it.

In Mount Merrion

Tuesday 10th December @ 7.30pm

To book tickets

www.operationsmile.ie/carols

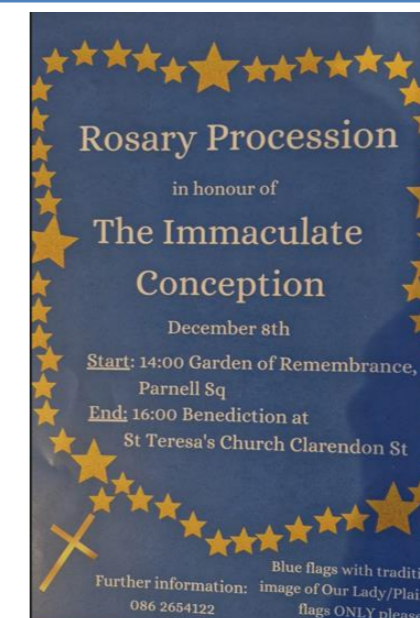


Carols by Candlelight

We look forward to welcoming the Palestrina, Continuum Choir, our own family Mass Choir & Kilmacud Crokes choir this Sunday, 8th 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



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 12th and 19th Dec.

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

Advent is a waiting time...

we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus,
 we await Christ's second coming but God waits for us too.
 God lives today, and so...

our first challenge is to bring Jesus to life in our own living.

to become aware of his presence,

the presence of the Spirit within us, prompting us,

sustaining us, working through us,

waiting for us.



2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace