



TRINITY WEEKLY

Holy Trinity Parish Weekly News



20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent/A

Parish Mission Statement *We, as members of Holy Trinity Parish, strive to be a community united in our Catholic Faith, and strengthened by prayer, worship and service. We accept our call to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, working to serve all with justice, peace and love, in the name of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*



Pastor's Desk 20th December 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent/A

All our readings today focus on the circumstance leading up to the first coming of Jesus. They also tell us that God's preparation through history for the coming of Jesus was full of surprises. Beginning with our first reading of God's promise to David that he would have a never-ending line of royal descendants which is also recalled in the psalm today.

Saint Paul in our second reading surprises us with his proclamation of God's plan for human salvation through Jesus whom he describes as 'the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages...'

In our gospel today, the Angel Gabriel surprises Mary with several announcements including the fact that the child she would bear, would not only be a distant grandson of David – but also God's own son.

All this revelation must have proved very confusing or disturbing to Mary and yet her response in Faith was 'let what you have said be done to me'. She agrees to carry out the Word Gabriel has addressed to her. Her openness to God's plans in her life is an inspiration to us all. We need a courageous and generous Yes to God as Mary did.

Since March we have endured significant changes to our world. The COVID-19 has had a profound effect on how we gather as families, socialise, celebrate the sacraments, the eucharist, funerals etc. On Wednesday 16th we distributed tickets for masses over Christmas. I think it is fair to say that is something none of us could ever have imagined happening in our lifetime.

You may have changed your normal arrangements for gathering over Christmas and Saint Stephens day. Maybe family are not travelling home to Ireland for various reasons. All of this can perhaps make us feel sad or disappointed, which of course is natural. But while it may not be the 'usual' Christmas, let us not forget that we are still celebrating the Birth of the Infant Jesus and the profound meaning it has for us as Christians.

As this is the last Pastors desk of 2020 I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers throughout the year.

May we never lose sight of the fact, Emmanuel...God is with us. Always!

Fr. Gerry.





Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week



Christmas Timetable

Date	Time	Name
Saturday 19th <i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	6.30pm	Thomas Lawless (M/M), Tom Cope, John, Elizabeth & Stephenson family, Jim, Elizabeth & Nan Cope & Cope relatives
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Jane William, Olive Cahill,
	11.30am	Stephen Corcoran & the Corcoran & Johnston Families, Tom Grimes & Lily Gill (C/I), Oliver Hand, Stephen Fox (B/R), Maura Reynolds, Joe Reynolds, Dolores Keogh (M/M), David Clarke, Francis Forde, Dolores Lawless Khan, Colm Whelan
Monday 21st	10am	Ann & Michael Reddy
	11am	-
	3pm	-
Tuesday 22nd	10am	Robby Troy
	11am	-
	3pm	-
Wednesday 23rd	10am	Adrienne Brady (S/I)
	11am	-
	3pm	-
THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS EVE		
	10am	Paddy Kelly (A) & remembering his wife Vera (R/D)
	5pm	-
	6.30pm	-
	8pm	-
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS DAY		
	9.30am	-
	11.30am	-
Saturday 26th	10am	-



Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born.—**Saint Augustine of Hippo**

CLOSED
PLEASE CALL AGAIN
AFTER CHRISTMAS

Parish Office The Parish office will closed from Tuesday 22nd December and will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021 from 9.30am —12.30pm. If you have any queries regarding Baptisms or Weddings, please check out www.holytrinityparish.ie where you will find all the relevant information. **Happy Christmas !**

"A Prayer To The Baby Jesus"

Dear little baby Jesus, In a manger cold you lie, You are there because you love me, One day for me you'll die.

How sad you must have felt dear Lord, When they would not let you in, I'll open wide my heart to you, I'll keep away from sin.

Dear little baby Jesus I wish I had been there, I'd give you a warm welcome, My home with you I'd share.

I love you baby Jesus, Please come and live with me, My heart will be your little house, I'll keep it all for Thee.



WE, THE PARISH TEAM
WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL
OUR PARISHIONERS THE JOY
AND PEACE OF THIS CHRIST-
MASTIDE



The **Christmas Dues envelopes** are available in the **Church** and are also now included in the **Family Offering box of envelopes**. If you wish to subscribe to the Family Offering collection please contact the parish office.

thank you!

Flowers for the Christmas

Altar If you wish to make a donation, please place it in an **envelope** and mark it "**Christmas Flowers**" or you could donate a **Red Poinsettia** plant and bring it along to the **Church**. We would welcome any donation.



The **Collection at the Crib** this year will be split between **St Francis Hospice** and our local **St Vincent De Paul**. Very worthwhile local Charities that do outstanding work.

The Parish Team

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Social Media Why not keep up to date with developments in the parish by finding us and following us on your smart phone or tablet.



Confessions: *Monday 24th Dec (10am - 11am)*

Baptisms:



2nd & 4th Saturday of each month at 12noon. At the time of booking, a **Civil copy of the child's Birth Certificate** must be presented, €50 booking fee and a Letter of Permission where relevant.

Marriages: By Appointment with the Local Clergy.

Cert Requests: Minimum 24hr notice required. Request form available online from parish website: www.holytrinityparish.ie

prayer for the sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now.

www.lords-prayer-words.com



Weekly Mass Times

Weekdays:	10.00a.m.
Wednesdays:	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Saturday Vigil:	6.30p.m.
(Choir)	
Sunday:	9.30a.m. 11.30a.m.

Family Offering 2021

If you would you like to contribute to the Family Offering Collection, either by a weekly/monthly **Family Offering Envelope** or by a **Standing Order**, please contact the Parish Office on 8479822 or download the Form from our website

