



# TRINITY WEEKLY

## Holy Trinity Parish Weekly News

6th December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent/B

### *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 6th December 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent/B**

In our first reading today, the prophet Isaiah, refers to a voice crying in the wilderness, urging those listening to 'prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord'. He adds that God is a shepherd who will gather and protect his sheep always. In our gospel, Mark also refers to this statement by Isaiah and adds that he will also send a messenger to prepare a way for the Lord.

So, this season of Advent is really all about preparing or clearing a way for the Lord in our lives. It allows us time to reflect and prepare our lives spiritually for the forthcoming season. This has particular importance in this year of 2020.

As you are well aware, the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus in March meant we had to change many aspects of our lives including how we worship. Access to mass via the Webcam quickly became a vital lifeline for us all and helped to keep us all connected. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December we left our second period of lockdown and our churches have reopened. Right now, there is much discussion in the media concerning how parishes might celebrate Christmas masses safely with a maximum limit of 50 people in attendance at each mass. However, it should be recognised that no amount of additional masses on Christmas eve or Christmas day can accommodate the usual Christmas mass attendances whilst complying with the level 3 restrictions

Over the last couple of weeks, we discussed in the four parishes how we can celebrate our Christmas masses within the current level 3 restrictions. Earlier this week, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has suggested that people use one of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' as their day to attend 'Christmas mass'. This would allow as many individuals as possible to attend mass and receive communion over the Christmas period. We believe that this is a good option and plan to implement it in our parish.

We have decided to operate a ticketing system for masses on Christmas eve and Christmas Day. They will be limited to two tickets per household. We may extend that to all masses over the Christmas period. We plan to have further details on how this might work next weekend.

**TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.**

**Fr. Gerry C**



Second Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Date	Time	Name
Saturday 5th <i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	6.30pm	Lottie & Des Langton, Ryan Cummins Bond
Sunday 6th	9.30am	-
	11.30am	-
Monday 7th	10.00am	-
	6.30pm	<b><i>Vigil Mass</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b><i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></b>
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	-
Thursday 10th	10.00am	-
Friday 11th	10.00am	Robert & Teresa Byrne
Saturday 12th	10.00am	-
Pray Also:		-



We will have Mass this **Tuesday morning 8th December at 10am** to celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. We will also hold an **evening Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Monday 7th**. All are very welcome.



If you wish to make a donation for flowers for the **Christmas Altar**, please place it in an **envelope** and mark it "**Christmas Flowers**" and bring it along to the **Church**. We would welcome any donation.

Call to the repository after Mass for all your **cards, calendars, crib sets and gifts**. Lots of children's Christmas books too. Also, we have **the Irish Catholic** available to buy. We currently have a lovely selection of cards for lots of occasions.



Our **Holy Trinity Christmas Mass** cards are available to buy from the **Parish Office**. **There is 5 cards per pack at a price of €5.**



These are personalised cards for our parish. Please wear mass when calling to the Office.

If you have an item for the newsletter please call **Tamine or Noreen** in the Parish Office on **01 8479822** between 9.30am - 12.30pm or leave a message and we will contact you. Alternatively you can email us on [holyltrinityparish.ie](mailto:holyltrinityparish.ie) Items must be received by Wednesday morning for the following weekend newsletter.



### **Crosscare Appeal for Support this Christmas as food collections cancelled**

Crosscare is appealing to people to support them on line this Advent as they will be unable to hold their annual Parish Food Collection for those most in need.

Every December, Crosscare collected thousands of pounds worth of non-perishable foods to restock their foodbanks and support their community cafés. This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare will not be able to launch a food collection in the Diocese of Dublin as usual. However, in order to ensure they have adequate supplies, they are asking people to support them by making a donation on line to make sure families struggling to cope can have food on the table this Christmas.

Crosscare services have been stretched to capacity in 2020 as they adapted to help people on the margins during the pandemic. When the Coronavirus outbreak began in March, Crosscare worked closely with the HSE and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide an extra 100 beds for homeless people. People were able to shelter in good quality accommodation, with their own rooms to ensure social distancing and personal safety among the homeless community.

Foodbanks have remained open, operating to strict hygiene and Covid safety standards to ensure families and vulnerable individuals got what they needed. So far this year, over 7,000 food parcels have been distributed. Demand remains high as many more people in our parishes and communities, who did not need support before, struggle with the economic downturn.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said he was proud of the way Crosscare had adapted to ensure that young people, the homeless, families in need and those who have been further isolated by the pandemic continued to be supported by Crosscare staff at this difficult time.

He appealed to priests and parishes to encourage those parishioners who would ordinarily have supported food drives and the unwanted gifts appeal to go on line and make a donation [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

### The Parish Team

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**Confessions:** *Saturday evening before Mass: from 5.50pm—6.20pm.*

**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, 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](http://www.holytrinityparish.ie)

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Weekly Mass Times

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

### Family Offering 2020

If you would 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

