

2nd Sunday of Advent



6th December 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Kitty Treacy (7th A)
9:00am Altar List of the Dead
11:00am Joe Carroll (A)
12:30pm Gustavo Cafolla & Gemma O'Toole(A)
5:30pm Pat Hoey (A)

PRAY FOR

Elain Ellis (RD)
Thomas Hatch (RD)
Mary Monaghan (A)
Patrick Reilly (A)
Eileen McGuirk (A)
Michele Abbrescia (A)
Isabella Perrelli (A)
Joan King (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: James & Bridget Howard (A)
7:30pm Laurence Wolohan (A)
Tues: Thomas Hamilton (A)
7:30pm Dcsd members of Rooney & Kelly families
Wed: William & Sandra Howard (A)
Pray for: Kitty Treacy (A)
Thurs: Fr. Drummey (17th A)
Pray for: Richard Barnwall (10th A)
Fri: Stephen O'Gorman (3rd A)
Sat: Special Intention

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Sunday of Advent from 4 - 5 pm.

POLISH MASS

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 13 Grudzien o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,178.28
Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776
Parish Centre Appeal Total €45,954.28

Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Booking is now open for this Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office either by calling in or by email. Deposits of €150.00 need to be paid by 30th January 2016. Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church. Please note total cost is €795. The dates are the 26th September to the 1st October 2016. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

You are welcome to join us on Monday evening, 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre for our Scripture Study on the Letter to the Hebrews. The reading plan for the coming week is the Letters of James, 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. The weekly reading guide is available on Monday night and on the rack in the church porch.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Nativity sets, Christmas cards, Christmas colouring books, activity books, Advent Calendars etc. available from Legion of Mary in Main Porch after Saturday eve and Sunday morning Masses.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

The course / programme will run over the four weeks of Advent on 2 Tuesday evenings & 2 Monday evenings from 7 - 8.30pm with hospitality after.

Programme Content:

Week 2 (Tues 08 December): Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary

Week 3 (Mon 14 December) : St Clare: Gazing at God

Week 4 (Mon 21 December): Francis at Greccio: The story of the first crib.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the parish office. The offering is €5 and the intentions are offered at all Masses this Christmas. We have 3 designs available.

BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **JANUARY**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is **7TH JANUARY 2016**

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER

Personal or family prayer is very beneficial. Did you ever pray the rosary? Would you like to find out about ways in which it can help you? Perhaps you might like to make a start during Advent. Contact members of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday eve and Sunday morning Masses.

SINCERE GRATITUDE

On the 12th November Maura Worthington gave a flower display to raise funds for the Pastoral Centre. Despite an inclement evening, there was a great crowd and thanks to them we raised €580.00

A special thank you to Maura for her initiative and wonderful presentation and demonstration.

On Sunday Rita Long organised the annual Coffee Morning to support St. Francis Hospice. It raised €1,947.00. Thank you to Rita and her army of bakers as well as the many who helped on the day selling raffle tickets and St. Francis merchandise.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We are taking on new Altar Servers between the ages of 8 and 12. If your child is interested please bring them to the Church this Thursday at 2:50 to 3:30pm.

FAMILY MASS TEAM

The Family Mass Team would like to invite children to take part in the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm with rehearsal at 5pm. Our first rehearsal will be on Friday 11th December 2:40pm – 3:10pm in the Church. Please contact a member of the team or phone Elaine 0872766631.

ADVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Advent 'taster' retreat for teenagers - including music, testimony, talks, pizza and more - Saturday 12th December, St. Francis Room, Malahide Parish Centre from 2:15pm-5:45pm followed by Mass at 6pm in St. Sylvester's Church. Open to all young people aged 13-19. For more info contact myam.admin@gmail.com

ANNUAL SVP COLLECTION

This will replace the SHARE collection on **12th/13th December**. A member of the local conference will speak at the masses.

During Advent you can bring food donations to the Church for SVP. The food boxes will be at the top of the Church.

The local Conference meets on a regular basis to respond to the needs of individuals and families in the Parish. However, even in an improving economy the number of people requiring their help remains stubbornly high. Today, it can still just take one small problem to tip someone into crisis and poverty.

But the same is also true, a little help at the right time can change everything for someone in need. Every day, SVP is asked for help to keep homes warm, put nutritious food on the table, afford basic health or school costs or even rent.

Many of you regularly support us to do the work they do. Without this help, they simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf.

Next weekend is the Annual Collection, please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

ADVENT PRAYER STATIONS

We are used to journeying with the Stations of the Cross in Lent but you are invited to do something similar during Advent - to spend some time in reflection and prayerfulness as we journey together with the people and themes of Advent towards the great celebration of Christmas. To help us do this, on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December there will be 15 different prayer stations at various points all around the church. Each prayer station has a line or two from the Bible and then an invitation to do something (it might be to write something, light a candle, etc.) You can visit as many or as few of the prayer stations as you want to, in any order, at any time during each of the days. For more information please contact Peter, our Pastoral Worker on 089 4614226.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES

Christmas cards & Timetables are ready for distribution any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

ADVENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

TRAVELLING CRIB

We have FIFTEEN families signed up so far! The crib will arrive in the first home on Tuesday 1st December. Follow the journey of the crib on the Advent Wall. We are looking for families to host the crib on the nights of the 16th – 24th December.

The crib arrives at a home around 6:00pm and remains there till that family give it to the next family at 6:00pm on their day. It is a great way to prepare for Christmas as a family, to read the story of Jesus birth, to light the candle and pray together and record your experience in the Crib Diary.

If you want to take the travelling crib for a night please take an purple form, fill in the details and put it in one of the white post boxes at the doors of the Church.

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ADVENT-URERS

Last Sunday the children at the Family Mass (12:30) began their reflection on God's word in the Parish Centre. They began their Advent Clock. In each of the 12 sections of the clock they write what they are doing to get ready for Jesus birthday and colour it in when they have finished it.

THE JESSE TREE

The Crown and scepter signify Christ's universal kingship. Christ is not only the King of the Jewish nation, but the "Desired One of all," the cornerstone which unites both Jew and Gentile.

The Sacrifice of Isaac. Unexpectedly, God sends an angel with the message that Abraham must sacrifice his son Isaac. As bitter as the message is, and as hopeless as it makes Abraham feel, he obeys without hesitation. On the way, Isaac asks his father what animal will be sacrificed. Abraham answers that God will provide.

Jacobs Ladder. In a vision, Jacob saw a ladder reaching from heaven to earth, with angels descending and ascending. Christ, the Incarnate God, is the Ladder reuniting earth to heaven, mankind to God.

Hope. Isaiah's most famous prophecies concern Jesus. No other prophet is referenced in the New Testament as much as Isaiah. Isaiah preaches of the coming King who will rule Israel and the nations in justice and peace. He also looks forward to a special Servant of God: one who will fulfill all Israel's duties and bear their sins.

ADVENT FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM

The music groups and Family Mass Group invite you to come and celebrate the Advent Season with them through songs, carols, drama, reflections. This is a family gathering to prepare for the birthday of Jesus. During the Service we invite you to join in singing some of the well loved Christmas Carols and join us afterwards for refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

Second Sunday of Advent – 6th December 2015

Advent

ADVENT PRAYER INITIATIVE – BY TEXT

This weeks phrase for reflection:

“A voice cries in the wilderness, ‘Prepare a way for the Lord’.”

As we take on the second Advent phrase for reflection, think back on last week.

How was it to receive the text message at different times each day?

Did it arrive at a significant moment, when you were doing something?

Was there an answer to a prayer or a moment of reassurance in reading those words?

Please share these by placing a post it note on the Advent Wall at the back of the Church.

This week as you receive the message:

Pause: in what you are doing and read the words two or three times.

Ask: yourself what is the wilderness of your life out of which you are hearing these words?

Do: something that will open your life to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

Finally: we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary this week. Imagine what it was like for her to be open to the message of the angel.

YEAR OF MERCY – BEGINS 8TH DECEMBER

'I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” *Pope Francis*

On the eve of the 8th December, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St. Peter's to begin the Year of Mercy. This year is an invitation to rediscover the mercy, love and compassion of God, especially in a renewal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is a particular call to the Church to reach out to people who have been hurt, excluded or estranged from the Church. It is a call to pray for a world in need of God's loving care.

Pope Francis uses the parable of the Prodigal Son and focuses on the welcoming embrace to the Father to the returning Son.

The Diocese has prepared Year of Mercy packs which will be available in the Church on the 8th December.

Masses for the Feast Day in St. Cronan's Church: Vigil Mass Monday 7:30pm; Tuesday 10:00am and 7:30pm.

