

4th Sunday of Advent



20th December 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm John Hughes & Kevin Donnelly (Rem)
9:00am Altar List of the Dead
11:00am Kathleen, Maire & Aisling Skelton (A)
12:30pm Ellen Canny & Dcsd Family Members
5:30pm Margaret Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

Paddy Barrett (MM)
Anastasia Kelly (A)
Tom & Bridget Mongan (A) & all d'csd family members
Laurence & Ann Maughan (A)
Delores Edwards (A)
Gabriel Pio Mongan (17th A)
Lourdes Maria Mongan (8th A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Gerry Macken (A)
Tues: Noel Hoey (5th A)
Wed: Sandra & Kathleen Brophy (A)
Thurs: John Flanagan (A)
Pray for: Patrick Green (A)
Fri: Christmas Day
Sat: Patricia Hayes (A)

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.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,258.28

Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776

Parish Centre Appeal Total €46,034.28

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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

CARERS ASSOCIATION

The Carers Association are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Healthcare Support Award training in January 2016. Providing job opportunities for home care workers, personal assistants, or care assistants in hospitals, nursing homes, and disability services. Contact the Training Unit: 057 9322920 or email: training@carersireland.com.

ADVENT-URERS

This Sunday the children at the Family Mass (12:30) will have their reflection on God's word in the Parish Centre. All children are more than welcome to join.



Join us for

*Prayer Around The Crib &
The Story of St Francis
and the First Crib*

*Monday 21st of December 7.00pm
in St. Cronan's Church*

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? Contact members of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

November Standing Order €3370
Outdoor Collection €771.71
Annals/Half Yearly €800.00

The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the **ONLY** one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection. If you would like to contribute to the above collections, please contact the Parish Office.

AIFREANN NA GINE

**Oíche Nollag, Déardaoin 24th Nollaig
Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December**

7.30 pm Aireagal an Aiséirí, Bóthar na Cille Móire, Ard Aidhin, Baile Átha Cliath 5 Oratory of the Resurrection, Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin 5.

9.00 pm Séipéal Ollscoile Belfield, An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath 4 Belfield University Chapel, University College Dublin, Dublin 4.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & TIMETABLES

These are now being delivered to all of the houses in the Parish. Castleview is the only estate left to be delivered – if you can help please call into the parish office.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The upcoming Church Gate Collections for January are:

2/3 Jan - SVP Monthly Collection
9/10 Jan - No Collection
16/17 Jan - No Collection
23/24 Jan - Matthew Rose–Nel
UCD Volunteer Overseas

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Mass of the Nativity at 9.30pm (Preceded by Carols at 9.15pm)

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Masses 9.00am, 11.00am and 12.30pm **No Evening Mass**

Saturday 26th December

Mass at 10.00am

Sunday 27th December

Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Saturday), 9.00am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm

Monday to Thursday 28th to 31st December

Mass at 10.00am

THE JESSE TREE - WEEK 4

The Lantern.: John the Baptist was called by God to be a prophet and prepared himself to follow this call. While we will not be called to the extremes that John the Baptist was, we also need to recognize that life has to be different if we are going to be faithful.

Peace: Peace is directly related to the actions and attitudes of individuals; but it is ultimately a gift from God. The presence of peace indicates God's blessing on us.

The Hammer: What a wonderful father Joseph was for Jesus. We first meet Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25 as he contemplates how to deal with Mary's pregnancy. Joseph continued his caring in times of danger as they escaped to Egypt. In his faithful listening and open heart, Joseph is a model for all to understand and love Jesus whose birth we prepare to celebrate. Mary When we think of heroes in Scripture, Mary, the mother of Jesus, does not usually come to mind. But consider the risks she was taking when she said yes to becoming the mother of the Messiah (Luke 1:38). She was a young girl of about sixteen years old living in a small village where every secret is known and every fault is criticized. She lived in an occupied land and could be subject to any command from the occupying army. She faced an unknown future. The experience of speaking to God's messenger must have been terrifying in itself. It is perhaps fitting that we consider Mary our greatest hero, leader, champion, and saint. Her decision made it possible for us to discover what it means to live in Jesus.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20th December 2015

Advent

ADVENT PRAYER INITIATIVE – BY TEXT

This weeks phrase for reflection:

“Of all women, you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb..”

Take a moment to think of Mary and her willingness to be part of God's plan for the world. Often we are also called to be part of this plan, but we resist, we look the other way, we close our minds and hearts to God. As we approach the celebration of Jesus birth we are invited again to be open to him like Mary.

As we read this text let us ask ourselves:

Are: we willing to let Jesus be born through us?

Can: we change the way we live our relationship with God?

Is: there something we should do to show our faith?

We are nearly at the end of our text reflection on the word of God through Advent. I hope that taking these moments has helped you to be open, to prepare, to make room for the birth of Christ. In January there will be a gathering in the Pastoral Centre to reflect on this experience and how we might take it forward. Thank you for being part of it.

STARS AND ANGELS

The stars and Angels for our Christmas Tree are at the side of the altar. On the stars you can write the names of anyone who is away this Christmas either because they have died or they are working abroad.

The Angels are to write the names of children who have died or the date of a miscarriage during pregnancy. Please place these in the basket and they will be hung on the Christmas tree and remembered in our Masses at Christmas.

