

Church of the Holy Child

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th

Masses for Christmas Eve -6.00p.m.

Night Mass for Christmas -9.00p.m.

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th

10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th December

10.00am.

Saturday, 31st December 2022

7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st January 2023

10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

Monday – Thursday 5th January -10.00a.m.

Friday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation

9.15a.m.

Please note no 11.15a.m. Mass



Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

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10.00a.m. Mass

Sunday, 1st January 2023

10.00a.m. Mass

Friday 6th January 2023 Feast of the

Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation

10.00a.m. Mass

Christmas Reconciliation Service at 7.00p.m.

Kilmore West -

Mon 19th December

Beaumont -

Tues 20th December

Holy Child -

Wed 21st December



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NEWSLETTER



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4th Sunday of Advent

18th December 2022

"We need a winter in our lives a time of rest, a time to stand still a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live.

It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted, take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime to blossom and flourish bring colour and vitality into this world your garden.

Thank you Father for the seasons of our lives."

Author Unknown

In our Gospel today, Saint Joseph is at first somewhat hesitant and unsure about how to deal with the news that Mary will become the mother of Jesus. What is interesting is that Joseph allows time to discern the situation and does not rush into making a decision. When the angel speaks to him, he shows his faith and trust in God and has the courage to follow God's providence in his life.

This story from St Matthew is told



Fourth Sunday of Advent

very much from the perspective of St. Joseph. There is a great understanding of the situation that he found himself in and how he was able to respond to God's call. St. Joseph

also shows great compassion and understanding for Mary in this story and kept the promise he made that they would become husband and wife.

God can sometimes have unexpected requests for us as well. And, if this arises, like St. Joseph we should allow time for prayer and reflection before deciding how to proceed. In the church of our times, lay people will most certainly play an increasingly important role. The Archbishop of Tuam, Francis Duffy, recently wrote in a pastoral letter:

"On several occasions I have expressed my own hopes for the

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Congratulations to all involved.

It was a very welcome musical and prayerful evening of preparation for Christmas.

Many thanks to all who took part. The Ministers of the Word, the Adult Choir, the Youth Choir, the Folk Group from Blessed Margaret Ball and Brendan Shanahan.

Very special thanks to Kathryn Browne and Katie Judge for directing the evening. A big thanks also to all who attended, even though the weather was so bad on the evening. *Fr. Paul*



Recently Deceased: We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ. Barry Barrable, Joan Kelly, Philomena Gray, Francis Roche

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



future of the parishes in this diocese given the long legacy of faith and now the ongoing drop in the number of clergy. This is not about something that will happen somewhere else and away in the future. This is happening in your parish right now."

Father Kieran O'Mahony writes about today's Gospel: "In a culture where God is, apparently, absent, it may sound strange to hear words such as "Do not be afraid" and "God is with us." Such assurances are at the heart of our biblical faith from start to finish. Everyone who is anyone in the Bible is told not to be afraid".

And they are important words for us to hear today as well as people of faith. I know that for many of you this Christmas may be tinged with sadness as you remember a loved one who has gone home to God especially in the past year. You may look back on past Christmas's when a relatives or friends who joined you around the Christmas table are not with us today perhaps because they may have moved abroad. While Zoom or Facetime are fantastic, it is not the same as having someone present.

Whatever our circumstances this Christmas, I hope that you will have some time to rest and reflect on God's mercy, forgiveness and love. And, in particular, the gift of his son Jesus to us at this very special time of the year. If you have time, it's a lovely tradition to visit the crib and perhaps say a Christmas anticipation prayer like this one:

"Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment when the Son of God was born to the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in the stable at Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that same hour and moment, vouchsafe, Oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my request. Amen."



Archbishop Duffy concludes his pastoral letter with these words: "The Season of Advent is a new beginning. As we enter into this special spiritual time, and as we await in hope the celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, I extend a warm invitation to those who have felt unable to return to public worship following the pandemic, to consider gathering again with the community at Mass".

It is an invitation that we all might consider if we have got out of the habit of coming to mass in person. Our second reading ends with the words: "May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace." I cannot think of a better prayer for us all as we approach the Feast of Christmas next Sunday.

Gerard Reilly – Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes



The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their continued generosity. €10,900 was raised in the annual collection which took place in this parish last weekend. It is very much appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat 17th Dec	7.00p.m.	Betty Kelleher – 1st Anniversary Elizabeth Goggins, Joan Boyle – Anniversaries Joan & George Casey – Anniversaries Maureen & Tomás Holt – Anniversaries Willie Roche – Anniversary
Sun 18th Dec	10.00a.m.	Leslie Brooks – Month's Mind Tommy Phelan – Month's Mind Pauline McEvoy – 1st Anniversary John Killeen – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Eileen Fynes – 1st Anniversary Elizabeth (Lily) McDonagh – 1st Anniversary Charlie Cunningham – Remembrance Annie Gibbons , Tony Marmion – Anniversaries Catherine & Michael McLoughlin – Anniversaries
Mon 19th Dec	9.15a.m.	Carmel Rogan – Anniversary Michelle & James Fannin – Anniversaries
Tues 20th Dec	9.15a.m.	Jo Coy – Anniversary, Special Intention, Delia, Maureen & Margaret Mulrooney – Annivs.
Wed 21st Dec	9.15a.m.	Gerry Hobbs – Anniversary
Thurs 22ns Dec	9.15a.m.	Thomas Heffernan – Anniversary Daisy Heffernan – Birthday Remembrance
Fri 23rd Dec	9.15a.m.	Pat Kilgallon – Birthday Remembrance Frances (Fran) Murphy – Anniversary
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Enrolment for Junior Infants and our Junior ASD class for September 2023 will open on Monday 9th January. The Junior Infant enrolment will close on 30th January and the Junior ASD class will close on 10th March. Please see the enrolment section of our website www.holychildns.ie for more information.