

Second Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 8th December 2024

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Mass times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am.
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm

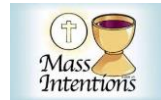
Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley
Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Jack Shiel
Fr Bede McGregor
Sun 11.30am Dec members of O'Reilly & Kealy Families
Priests of the Parish
Dominic King
Michael, Mary & Michéal Vesey
Sal Saputo
PJ Carey



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Nora Broderick Special Intention	Sat 6.30pm Kevin McDonald Maureen Salmon (MM)
Tues 10.00am John Allen Joe Kelly Snr	
Wed 10.00am David Ryan Health Intention	Sun 11.30am Peggy Dillon Mary & Joseph Gueret
Thurs 10.00am Communion Service	
Fri 10.00am Rosaleen Baxter Ann Corbett	

Christmas Mass Bouquets Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy and Parish Office for both churches. All Masses on Christmas Day and St. Stephens Day will be offered for the intentions of the donors of these cards. They cost €5 per card.

Christmas Schedule Cards are at the back of the Church please take one, and you may also take some to drop into your neighbours.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Annual collection for St Vincent De Pual will take place **this weekend 7th / 8th December and will replace the Share collection.**

Today in Swords, for too many people, it can still just take one small problem to tip someone into crisis and poverty. It can be an unexpected illness or unexpected bills. But we know that a little help at the right time can stop a domino effect leading to a family experiencing prolonged hardship. Many of you in the Swords area regularly support our work. Thank you! Without this help, we simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf.

You can donate to our collection today or you can donate directly to our conference on svp.ie/stcolmcilleswordschristmasappeal24 or by calling 0818 176 176. There is also Blue Envelopes at the back of the Church.

Advent Wreath-week 2 2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PEACE – God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. We work for peace-because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.



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Family Mass

Family Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, 14th December, at 6.30pm in St Colmcille's Church. The family Mass will be celebrated on the second Saturday of each month at 6.30pm.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Eddie Conran	Foxwood
Kathleen Byrne	Melrose Park



Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception this year falls on Sunday, Mass for the feast will be celebrated on Monday 9th December at 10.00am

Bambinelli Sunday: Over the past number of decades on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus from their homes to St Peter's Square where they are blessed by the Pope. This has become known as 'Bambinelli Sunday' Next weekend (December 14th) all children and families are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed to all Masses

Volunteer Sacristans

We are looking for new volunteer Sacristans for St Colmcille's Church for weekdays and weekends. If you are interested, please contact Jeanette in the Sacristy. Full training will be provided