

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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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



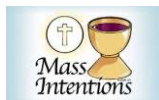
Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley

Mon - Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Kevin McDonald
Maureen Salmon (MM)
Colm Mullane

Sun 11.30am Peggy Dillon
Mary & Joseph Gueret
McGreevey & Geraghty Families
Peter Kinsella



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Fiona Burke
Ned Lewis
Tues 10.00am Claire Grimes
Pat McCallion
Wed 10.00am Wally Hackett
Ann O'Shea
Thurs 10.00am **Communion Service**
Fri 10.00am Tom Flanagan
Joan Ferns
Maura Byrne

Fri 10.00am Tommy Walsh
John Joe & Bridie Garrigan
Donal & Vincent Lynch
Joe Golden

Sat 6.30pm Vera Barker
Sun 11.30am Aisling McConnell
Sheila & James Fitzsimons
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Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group continues to offer bereavement support to the families, friends and relatives of deceased loved ones. Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397. Details on the Parish website

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

Advent Wreath 3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY –This third candle is pink and symbolises rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.



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Christmas Mass Bouquets Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy 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.

Penitential Service will take place in St Finian's Church Rivervalley on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently
Brian Johnson
Late of Glasnevin



The O Antiphons

An antiphon is a sentence from Scripture and its purpose is to highlight one aspect of the Psalm; Reading or indeed the Mass – e.g Opening antiphon; Communion antiphon. The O antiphons during Advent also known as The great O's are the Magnificat antiphons used at Evening Prayer of the last seven days of Advent in Western Christian traditions. They are also used as the alleluia verses on the same days in the Mass. They are referred to as the "O Antiphons" because the title of each one begins with "O". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are: December 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom); December 18: O Adonai (O Lord); December 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse); December 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David); December 21: O Oriens (O Dayspring); December 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations); December 23: O Emmanuel (O With us is God);



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' Today (December 14th) all children and families are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed to all Masses

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Dublin Airport Church New Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 1pm & Thursday: 1pm. Friday Adoration at 12 noon followed by 1pm Mass. Sunday: 11am