

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) *Newsletter 14th December 2025*

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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 Rivervally

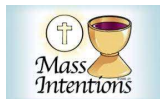
Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Joe Halpin

Sun 11.30am Peggy Dillon

Elizabeth Keeley & Dec members of the Keeley Family



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Eamonn Sheahan

Tues 10.00am Fiona Burke

Dolores McGrane (MM)

Wed 10.00am Alice & Liam Ryan &

dec members of Ryan & Long family

Carmel & Christy Morgan

Thurs 10.00am Communion Service

Fri 10.00am Maria King

Monica Mary Leonard

Sun 6.30am Kevin McDonald

Sun 11.30am Ashling McConnell

Vera Barker

Michael Keenan

Des Becton

Tom Flanagan

St Vincent De Paul Annual Collection

The Swords Conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank you for your generosity at last weekend's collection, A total of €2,450 was collected, this money will be used to help people in Swords this Christmas

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", which means 'a day for rejoicing'. Advent is about half over, and the day of the Lord's coming is nearer. We worship God who promises us joy without end and we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.



Penitential Service will take place in St Colmcille's Church on Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Schedule Cards are at the back of the Church with the times of Masses and confession for Christmas. Please take one, and you may also take some to drop into your neighbours.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards

Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy of both Churches and from the Parish Office. All Masses on Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day will be offered for the intentions of the donors of these cards.

Christmas Family Mass

The Christmas Family Mass is on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm, we invite all families to attend this Mass



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally.**

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student.**

The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey/. It closes on Tuesday, December 16.

Next Tuesday December 16th, we invite everyone to stay back after 10.00am Mass for festive tea/coffee and mince pies

