

Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 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 Irish Mass 11.00am



Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Fiona Burke

Catherine McNally & O'Loughlin Family

Kevin McDonald

Tom & Bridget Mongan & Laurence & Ann Maughan and dec members of Mongan & Maughan families

Sun 11.30am Peggy Dillon

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Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Madeline Crowley

Fr Terry Murray

Tues 10.00am Kathleen Molloy

Wed 10.00am John, Joe & Bridie Garrigan

Vincent & Donal Lynch

Joseph Golden

Thurs 10.00am Vera Barker

Fri 10.00am Michael Keenan

Priests of the Parish

Sat 6.30pm Margaret O'Reilly

Michael Alyward

Paddy & Vera Barker

Elizabeth Burke

Sun 11.30am Christmas Bouquet cards

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Tom Howard

Lispopple

Laurie Hickey

St Colmcilles Park



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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JESSE TREE-week 3

The hammer of Joseph: Joseph became Mary's husband, and looked after Mary and Jesus. We thank him for the part he played in the life of Jesus

The Sun: Just as the natural sun gives light and life to all upon whom its rays fall so Christ, the Rising Dawn, dispels darkness and brings eternal life and light.

The Lily: The Lily represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. From earliest Christian days she has been called blessed. Her example of motherhood, the training she gave her child, her patience and love, the way she encouraged Jesus, and the manner in which she bore her later grief-all this has influenced all who love her.



CAROL SERVICE St. Colmcille's Church Sunday 24th December at 5.30pm

The Annual Carol Service will take place next Sunday , **24th December at 5.30pm**. Under the direction of our Choir Director Morgan Crowley we have an invigorating and interesting programme of the Choir's wonderful harmonies and popular season carols. The Carol Service can also be viewed through the Parish webcam

Family Offering Boxes 2024

The new Family Offering Boxes for 2024 are now available for collection from the Church. The Family Offering goes towards the upkeep of the Parish, heating, light insurance etc. If you would like to contribute to the Family Offering collection please contact Colette at the Parish Office 8400547

Christmas Schedule Cards

These are at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you and if you can, please take some for your neighbours

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Sr. Mary at 8404323 from Sunday 17th to Thursday 21st December. Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>