# Fourth Sunday of Advent Newsletter 24th December 2023

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Sacristy: -8400547 (Mon –Fri 9.30am-9.55am and 10.30am to 10.50am) Website: www.swordsparish.ie Email:stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com Facebook: St. Colmcille's Church, Swords & Church of the Visitation, Drynam 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 Drvnam: Sun. 10.00am Irish Mass 11.00am



### Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Michael Keenan

Margaret O'Reilly Michael Alyward Paddy & Vera Barker Elizabeth Burke



Sun 11.30am Intentions of Donors of Christmas Bouquet cards

Christmas Eve 6.30pm & 11.30am Intentions of Donors of Christmas Bouquet cards

## Mass intentions for next Next Week

Tues St Stephen's Day 10.00am Intentions of Donors of Christmas Bouquet card

Wed 10.00am Michael Toft

Sisters of the Parish Sat 6.30pm Brian O'Connor

Thurs 10.00am John Breen 10.00am Therese O'Shea Sun 31st Madeline Crowley (MM)

Lay volunteers of the Parish

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Terri at 8403243 from Thursday 28th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024 Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on https://bethanv.ie

#### **Advent Wreath**

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE **OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son



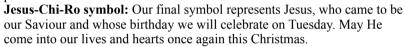
into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE - (white) "CHRIST CANDLE" - The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

### **JESSE TREE-week 4**

Palm Tree: Christ is often holding the palm branch as a symbol of his triumph over sin and death

**Peace:** On Christmas night, the angels declared 'Peace to all who enjoy God's favour'. Jesus came to bring peace on earth, he is the prince of peace.





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

The Annual Carol Service will take place today **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

- Thank you for your generous support to the recent St Vincent de Paul collection.
- Thank you for your very generous response to the Mendicity appeal last weekend for new items of clothing. All clothing will be passed on to Mendicity who are very grateful. https://www.mendicity.org/