

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Newsletter 24th December 2023

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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 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

Thurs 10.00am John Breen

Fri 10.00am Therese O'Shea

Lay volunteers of the Parish

Sat 6.30pm Brian O'Connor

Sun 31st Madeline Crowley (MM)

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://bethany.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.

Jesus-Chi-Ro symbol: Our final symbol represents Jesus, who came to be our Saviour and whose birthday we will celebrate on Tuesday. May He come into our lives and hearts once again this Christmas.



CAROL SERVICE St. Colmille'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/>