



PARISH OF FINGLAS

CHURCH of St. Canice and St. Margaret

1st Sunday of Advent

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ADVENT - MARANATHA! - COME LORD JESUS!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It starts the beginning of a New Church year. Advent is a time of prayer and preparation before Christmas. It is a time of renewing our lives. The word ADVENT means coming or arrival. The focus of the season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus in his first ADVENT and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his second Advent. ADVENT is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. it is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. At the very least, we should ensure that we go to confession during Advent—and make a plan to do this at an early stage, rather than leaving it to the last few days before Christmas. We should also plan to pray during Advent—perhaps together as a family. This is also a good time to visit the Church during the week. Christmas will only have a real meaning for us if we approach it in the right spirit— Advent helps us to do that.



The Advent Wreath: In the 16th century in Eastern Germany the Advent Wreath made its first appearance. The wreath is a circle of evergreens bearing four candles. The circle represents the cycle of time as we begin a new liturgical year. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the lighting of a candle each week expresses hope and expectation at the coming of Christ.

*As surely as he came among us on that first Christmas night surrounded by a glory of carolling angels,
So surely will he come again in glory to bring us to our true home.*

KNOCK Night Vigil
Night vigil to Knock takes place on Wednesday 7th December. Bus will leave St. Canices Church grounds at 6pm and will return on Thursday morning December 8th at approximately 9.30am. Bookings contact Maura at 0876550633

Christmas Novena Cards
Christmas is certainly becoming more secular year in and year out, so these Christmas Cards give us a chance to keep Christ at the centre of this Holy time of the year. As well as the Christmas Card, Mass will be offered for the 9 days before Christmas for all those enrolled in the **Christmas Novena of Masses**, ending at the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass. The cards can be purchased in the Parish Shop each morning after Mass. The shop also have a wide variety of Christmas items on sale—definitely worth a look.



Finglas Historical Society have produced a DVD on the history of Glasnevin Village and St Mobhi's Church. Copies are on sale in the parish shop cost €10

RECENTLY DECEASED
Anna Tarpey,
John Maguire
William Jennings
May They Rest in Peace

1916 Exhibition in the Pro Cathedral:
Reminder to visit the new exhibition **Ministry, Advocacy and Compassion** which examines the role of the Catholic Church in 1916. Open from 1.30-5.30pm daily at St. Kevin's Chapel, Pro-Cathedral, Dublin. Adm free. Email:procath@dublindiocese.ie

A set of Car/House keys were lost in the area of Ballygall Parade and Glasanaon Road last Tuesday. If anyone has found this set of keys please contact the Parish Office. 01-8343110

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Saturday Nov 26th	7pm	Anniversaries; Gerry Clarke, John & Mary Edney, Alice Murray, Robert Carmuaga, Gerry O Gorman
Sunday Nov. 27th	9am 10.30am	Anniversaries: Ciara Ryan Anniversaries; Mary (JENNY) Creedon, Austin Byrne, Elizabeth & Bill O Reilly, Patrick & Mary-Jane Murphy, John Shine, Margaret Leonard, Christy & Bridget Delaney
Sun Nov 27th	12pm	Anniversaries: Tony Mc Grath, Nora O Shea, Marie Redmond, Frank Mc Cabe, Una O Neill, Nellie Corcoran, Phyliss O Reilly, Mary & Samuel Tate, Patrick Glavin, Sean O Grádaigh
Mon Nov 28th	10am	Marie Redmond 2nd Anniversary Tuesday Nov. 29th Joe Maher & Samuel Tate
Wed Nov 30th	10am	Anniversary Joseph Lanigan Thursday Dec. 1st 10am:
Friday Dec. 2nd	10am	1st Friday of the Month. Saturday 3rd 10am no intention



CROSSCARE Christmas FOOD APPEAL

Hundreds of people in our community are in need of help. For the past few months the Crosscare Food Bank has not been able to keep up with the demand for food. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has asked us to appeal to your generosity to help in replenishing the foodbank this Christmas. Items can be left into the Sacristy/parish office any morning until the 3rd/4th December. Suggested items: pasta/rice, fruit juice, soup, sugar, tea, biscuits, tinnedmeat/fish, veg, powdered milk, hygiene products.

Please join with the Parish Choir (10.30am)

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring,
come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Alzheimers Cafe

The Alzheimers Cafe, a safe and relaxed place where people with dementia, their families and health and social care professionals can come together to talk, share and learn. Alzheimer Cafe evenings are free and anyone affected by dementia is welcome to attend. The annual Christmas Party will take on the 6th December in the Clareville Centre, Claremont Lawns Opposite Glasnevin Cemetery from 7pm—9pm. Live music, dancing, mulled wine, mince pies and lots of fun ...Admission is free. All welcome.



Service of Remembrance:

The A Little Lifetime Foundation Christmas Service of Remembrance will take place in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis St. Dublin 8 - **Sunday 4th of December at 7.00pm**. Most Rev. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin along with Rev. Bruce Pierce, Church of Ireland and the Garda Male Voice Choir in a celebration of our children's short lives at Christmas time. We welcome parents and families who continue to support ALLF Services and events each year. Also welcome are newly bereaved parents - please come along and feel the unique presence of companionship, support and love.



A Thought for the 1st Week of Advent: Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus!