



PARISH OF FINGLAS

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CHURCH of St. Canice and St. Margaret



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.*

FRIDAY 8th December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holyday of Obligation

Mass times as follows:

Vigil Mass Thursday Dec 7th at 7pm
Friday morning at 10am



Tree of Life Ceremony—St. Francis Hospice

“A TIME TO REMEMBER”

Outdoor Service of Remembrance and lighting of the **Hospice Christmas Tree** will take place on Thursday December 7th in Raheny from 7.30pm.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Prayers are asked for Thomas Creevy Margaret (Maggie) Brennan *May They Rest in peace.*



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CHARITABLE DONATION SCHEME

The Parish are preparing to submit a claim to the Revenue for a rebate of charitable donations received from parishioners for 2013 onwards. This is no extra cost to you (the donor) and will benefit the parish enormously on donations you have already given. Anyone who has donated in excess of €250 in the year 2013 will have received a letter in the post from the Parish. We are appealing to you to complete the CHY3 form where indicated, and return in the stamped addressed envelope (provided) to us, by Thursday 7th December so that we can claim the rebate for the Parish. All monies refunded to the Parish will go towards future Parish projects. Thank you to everyone who has sent back their form.



FAMILY OFFERING Planned Giving

Sunday Nov 26th €1535.00 Thank you for your kind support to your Church

Saturday 7pm Dec 2nd	Anniversaries; Kitty Roman: John & Mary Barry: Ellen Mc Glynn: Bernie & Tommy O Connell: Rose Dunne ; Kathleen O Halloran	
Sun Dec 3rd 9am Sunday 10.30am Sunday 12noon	Special Intention: David & Marina Collins & Family: Mary & Hughie Collins & Family : Mc Donagh Family Anniversaries: Shea & Margaret Hosey: Bill Leonard: Sr. Sheila O Hara: Charles & Kathleen Ward Betty & Paddy Styles: Bill Leonard: Anthony D'Arcy: Stephen & Annie D'Arcy: Margaret Kenny: Annie Chaney: Kathleen O Halloran: Frank MC Cabe BirthDay Remembrance Lucy Callery:	
Mon 4th 10am	Anniversaries: Thanksgiving Mass	Those we hold closest never leave us, they live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives
Tues 5th 10am	Anniversary: Amelia Mc Donagh	
Wed 6th 10am	Anniversary: Fr. Colm Kenny 1st Anniversary	
Thur 7th 10am	Anniversary: John and Anne Monica O Brien : Vigil Mass 7pm	
Fri 8th 10am	HolyDay of Obligation	
Saturday 9th 10am	Anniversary: Kathleen & John Dawson	

Christmas Novena Cards



Mass will be offered for the nine days before Christmas for all those enrolled in the

Christmas Novena of Masses,

Commencing December 16th and ending at the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass. The cards can be purchased in the Parish Shop each morning after Mass . Pack of 4 cards €10. (Mass €1.00—Card €1.50) Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards also available. All monies received are forwarded to the Missions The shop also have a wide variety of Christmas items on sale—definitely worth a look. There is also a RAFFLE taking place on December 8th for a beautiful CRIB. Tickets can be purchased in the shop.

Please join with the Parish Choir (10.30am)

O come, O come, Emmanuel

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

O royal branch of Jesse's tree,
Redeem us all from tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free
And over death win victory.

O come, great daystar, radiance bright,
And heal us with your glorious light
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O key of David's city, come,
And open wide our heavenly home,
Make safe the way that leads above,
Protect us ever by your love.

O come, O Come, great Lord of might,
Who one appeared on Sinai's height,
And gave your faithful people law,
In all the splendour we adore.



ADVENT REFLECTION

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many of his contemporaries ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world. Somewhere at this moment a child is crying—crying for love or may-be simply for food. Somewhere a young person is crying—crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart. Somewhere an old person is crying—crying for a visit or a word from his/her children. There are thousands of unheard cries in our world, coming from the victims of injustice and neglect. Above all, help to listen to Your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by You, and that we are to love one another

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Adoration takes place in St. Canices Church on Tuesday & Friday

***** Please note change of time for Wednesday *****

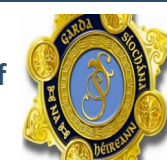
During the winter months Adoration will take place in the Prayer Room of the Church on Wednesday night from **8-9pm.**

Entrance through the Prayer Room Door.

The Annual Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of the 9th/10th December

An Garda Síochana—Crime Prevention

We welcome to our Church this weekend a member of an Garda Síochana who will speak after all Masses about Crime Prevention in the home . A member of An Garda Síochana will also be present in the Church after all Masses if you require information



Parish Hospitality have closed for the Christmas Holidays and will resume in the New Year. Thank you to all who come along every Thursday for a cuppa and a chat!