



Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 2nd 10am: Mary Kelliher, Frank Healy

Tuesday 3rd 10am: John & Julia Tallon, Fred Price.

Wednesday 4th 10am: Special intention, John Lynam.

Thursday 5th 10am: Dick, Annie, Paddy & Peggy Bolger, Noleen Geraghty

Friday 6th 10am: Michael Cotter, Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 7th 10am: Elizabeth Maher, Thomas Shanahan,

Planned Giving-amount was €1666.23

Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving.

Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2020 are ready for collection from the Parish Office over the coming weeks.

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I am so happy it is Advent. I love this season. I love it nearly as much as I love Easter.

I love the waiting, the thrill of the expected. The Advent wreath. The readings. The journey of Advent. The build up to Christmas.

Sometimes people say Advent is about waiting. It is, but it's a particular type of waiting. It's not a twiddle your thumbs type of waiting. It's not the waiting you would do in a waiting room. It's not like waiting at the bus stop.

No Advent waiting is different. Advent waiting is more alive, alert. In our Advent waiting we are alert. On the alert. Our Advent waiting is more a, 'let's roll up our sleeves and get ready' type of waiting.

So waiting, yes but also very much a period of preparation.

Have you the puddings made? Are you going for a fresh or frozen turkey? Are you seriously considering a goose? Don't forget the row last year about the brussel sprouts. Make up your mind now there won't be a repeat performance.

On your checklist in the lead up to Christmas from cards, presents, tree, crib (what you don't bother with a crib? Seriously?) right down to the cranberry sauce, have you included some soul food?

I mean, is it possible that Advent could come and go and you'd find yourself beached on the couch rubbing your tummy saying 'well that's it done for another year!?' Could you get to St. Stephen's night and not really have given any serious thought to the reason for the season?

Please don't be shocked or scandalised, I could. Yes I as a priest with all the crazy, mad business of it all. With Masses, Confessions and Carol Services I could find myself on St. Stephen's Day, saying yes I was at a lot of services, I led liturgies, I said a lot of prayers but did I actually spend any quality time alone in sacred silence in the quiet joy of Advent waiting?

I am resolving now that won't happen. I am respectfully and gently offering a challenge to all of us, starting with myself, that we make this our best Advent ever.

Yes let us be resolute, as a little act of love for the Lord who has given us so much, let us get serious about Advent. Christmas Confession? (SoulSpa - a full day of Confessions on Saturday 21st December) Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Sacred Silence, Prayer Walk, Spiritual Reading are all possibilities for our Advent journey. Fraternally, JoeMcD

The Dash

poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to re-hash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

LEGION OF MARY

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a Praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a Praesidium. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in the union with Mary.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish. The prize fund is now at €3550. The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patricks & St. Brigid's & the collection bags at the Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 - 30.

One line just €2, 3 lines €5.

This week numbers were:

1st draw: 6,22,27,29

2nd draw: 30,7,145,20

3 consolation prize winners were:

J Hayes, Trish Birmingham, Kathleen McIntyre

Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times. Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw. Our next draw will take place on Mon afternoon. Envelopes must be submitted before 10.30am on Mondays



DePaul – an organisation set up by the Vincentians, Vincent De Paul and the Daughters of Charity. Homeless people come to their centres for a short stay or on a one night basis.

What their centres need at the moment are the following new items: New socks Underpants/vests Disposable razors Shower gel. If the items could be brought to the Churches on the week-end of December 8th.

CLOSER ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

As a way of preparing for the beautiful feast of Christmas why not spend a day coming to know Jesus that little bit better? You are invited to our special Advent Retreat Day

CLOSER ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS OF NAZARETH led by Fr Joe McDonald

10 am - 4 pm on Saturday December 14th. Venue to be confirmed shortly. Donation optional. As places our limited please give your name to Bernadette / Angela.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Due to unforeseen circumstances notices cannot be printed this week.

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Maua Carey (m.m.), Frank Finnucae, John Keegan, Maurice Hannigan

Sun: 8.30am: Eilzabeth, Patrick & Patrick Jnr Kelly, Matthew Brannigan

9.30am: Phyllis & Michael Grant, Special Intention

11am: Paul Darlington, Eileen Ferguson

12.30pm: Birdie Hickey, Ismael Garceniego

7pm: Baby Tiernan Brabazon-Carton, Gail Kilbane

PLANNED GIVING BOXES FOR 2020

The Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for distribution. It would be greatly appreciated if Collectors and any other parishioners would pick up their boxes from the **Parish Office** between 10am - 12pm Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday this week.

Anyone who is willing to distribute boxes no matter how many, would be very welcome indeed.