

*O Come O Come Emmanuel we pray
Let us prepare a way for the Lord*



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, when we begin a new church year. We begin year **A** of the three year liturgical cycle.

We have a beautiful Advent Wreath. Well done to our Flower ladies who arrange the lovely wreath each year.

The **Jesse Tree** is another great symbol of Advent and the different symbols will be added each week.

The Liturgical calendar has also been changed in the church. See the lovely Poster Calendar under the vii and viii stations, and an explanatory poster beside it

The feast of the **Immaculate Conception** is **Thursday 8th**,

Vigil Mass Wed 7th at 7.15pm
Mass on Thursday 8th at 7.30 and 10am

The Annual Indoor Collection for **St Vincent de Paul** will be Sat & Sun 10th and 11th December

Copies of Previous Week's parish newsletter are available in the magazine rack under the vi station



Please pray for those who died recently:

*Maria Bernadette Farrell
Pauline Cusack
Frank Fallon
Norman Reynolds*

May they rest in peace



Baptisms

Saturday December 17th at 12:15

Saturday January 21st at 12:15

www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie

NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism

Update on Diocesan Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

It is a requirement of the Dublin Diocese that all clergy, employees and all working with children or vulnerable adults in all Parishes participate in a training and information day once every 2 years. All volunteers in parishes are required to attend a 2 hour information and briefing every 3 years. Here in Good Shepherd Parish, this information day and gathering will take place In the **Parish Centre on Saturday December 10th from 9.30am to 3.30pm** with a break for light lunch which will be provided.

Parish Lotto

Has now reached €4900
Results of the draw held on
Monday 21st November 2016

8 ♦ 9 ♦ 15 ♦ 21

No Jackpot winner

Diocesan Food Appeal for Crosscare Food Banks

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is asking parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin to donate food to help **stock Crosscare Food Banks** in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Each parish is asked to repeat last year's generous response by bringing non-perishable food items to their local parish Church when coming to Mass on the **weekend of 3rd/4th of December**.

Types of food urgently needed include;
pasta/rice, fruit juice, tea/coffee, **soup, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, packaged dessert, biscuits, and hygiene products.**



Last year, thanks to the enormous generosity of parishioners, Crosscare distributed more than 10,000 hampers – over 1,200 tonnes of non-perishable food items and hygiene products to those most in need, especially families.

The Good Shepherd School Newsletter available at the back of the church

Thank You October Collections

Family Offering for the running of the parish

Envelopes €4180

Standing Order €3379

Total **€7559**

The above are the **ONLY** collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of the parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so. Please contact Niamh in the parish office for details.

Collection at Mass October

First Collection -

Priests of the Diocese €7643

Share Collection -

Admin of Diocese €3743

Special Collection -

Mission Sunday €1852

Thank you for your contributions to all the above

Parish Shop

This week the Parish Shop has in stock its **Advent and Christmas resources, including Advent Wreaths, Advent Calendars, Advent and Christmas candles. Christmas cards are priced at €6 for a pack of 12. Religious calendars for 2017.**

The Parish Shop is open **after 10am** Masses Monday to Saturday and before and after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.