

O Come O Come Emmanuel



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Day

Sign up and Check in please!

We are planning our Christmas Day masses and we need people to sign up for the following;

- Greeters
- Servers
- Collectors
- Stewards
- Ministers of the Word
- Ministers of Communion

There are signup sheets in the church, beside the Baptism font, this weekend **for all four masses.**

ie. **Christmas Eve 7.15pm and 9pm**
Christmas Day 10am and 12 noon.

As well as the usual ministries above we also need people who can help with the following;

- Sound Operator (during choir masses)
- Slides for Screen (Powerpoint)
- Web cam (pressing button to choose which camera is live)

Please help if you can.

This signing up and checking in will really help us all to celebrate well on Christmas Day.

Come Early for Christmas

It would be wonderful to see people come to mass early for Christmas.

Give yourselves extra time and try get here 10 minutes early.

Parish Shop

This week the Parish Shop has in stock its **Advent and Christmas resources, including, 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.



Baptisms

Saturday January 21st at 12:15

www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie

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

Advent/Nativity in the church on Monday 19th at 3pm for Catholic children in Educate Together

Pioneer Total Abstinence Calendars for 2017

are now available @ €2.50
Contact Anne Lyng



Reconciliation Service

here in the **Good Shepherd**
Tuesday 20th December at

10:30am

(not at 10 as per Christmas newsletter - it is after mass at 10.30)

The Service will have individual confession, and this is an important sacrament before Christmas

Service in Rathfarnham on

Tue 20th at 7.30pm

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve

Morning Mass at 10am as usual.

Confession 10.30 to 11.30am

3.00 to 4.00pm

(Error in Christmas Newsletter says

Thursday 24th, but the above is correct)

Christmas Post

Has been available since last Thursday

Thanks to those who have already delivered it. We appeal to the rest of our distributors to get the post out asap.

Christmas Dues envelopes can be placed in either of the large safes in the church

Thanks to those who so generously supported **SVP** last weekend. Further contributions can be left in SVP envelope or clearly marked envelopes for SVP in either of the safes in the church.

As usual you are invited to bring a **Poinsettia** to decorate the church for Christmas.

Aleppo and Syria

Pope Francis on Sunday appealed that the world not ignore the plight of the people in the Syrian city of Aleppo.

“Every day I am close, especially in prayer, to the people of Aleppo,” Pope Francis said after his Angelus address.

“We must not forget that Aleppo is a city in which there are people: Families, children, the elderly, sick people ... Unfortunately, we have become accustomed to war, to destruction; but we must not forget Syria is a country full of history, culture and faith,” – the Pope continued – “We cannot accept that this is negated by war, which is a pile of abuses and falsehoods. I make an appeal for the commitment of everyone, because we face a choice of civilization: No to destruction, Yes to peace, Yes to the people of Aleppo and Syria.”

Holy Cross Church, Dundrum will reopen for Masses on Christmas Eve and Day.

Masses will resume on the weekdays at 10.30am from 26th December

On Saturday Mass will be at 6pm and on Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

We invite you to visit our ‘*church in the village*’ after the extensive restoration works.

A word of thanks to our neighbouring parishes who warmly welcomed our parishioners for mass, baptisms and funerals.