

# WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday 3rd December 2017. **The First Sunday of Advent**

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am – 2 pm

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## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

### **Saturday 2nd December 2017**

10am  
7.15pm Doreen Chambers (A)  
Jean O'Connor (Months Mind)  
Liz O'Toole (Months Mind)

### **Sunday 3rd December, 2017**

10am Mai Kenny (A)  
Gerald Kelly (A)  
  
12pm Brendan Cassidy (A)  
Rosanna Cassidy (A)  
Austin Gus O'Reilly (A)

### **Monday 4th December**

10am  
**Tuesday 5th December**  
10am Special Intension

### **Wednesday 6th December**

10am Special Intension

### **Thursday 7th December**

10am  
7.15 (Vigil)

### **Friday 8th November**

10am Ann Mallow (A)  
Patricia Nolan (A)

### **Saturday 9th December 2017**

10am  
7.15pm John & Peggy Tracey (A)  
Noel Dooley (Birthday - RIP)

### **Sunday 10th December 2017**

10am Anthony, Rose, & Brendan Twyford (A)  
Pat Doyle (Months Mind)  
  
12pm Margaret Houlihan  
John Carey (A)  
Sean & Helena Hegarty (A)  
Kiernan James Keating (A)  
Jane Coppinger (A)



We welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation who join us this weekend.

**An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Finance Committee** will take this coming Tuesday December 5th at 5.30pm in the parish meeting room.



*Please pray for those who died recently:*

*Anne O'Connell*

*May she rest in peace*

## De La Salle College

Our **Christmas Fair** will take place this **Sunday 3rd December from 11-4pm. All are welcome** Join us at the school for lots of fun, crafts, gifts, food, raffles and Santa too! All members of the community are welcome for some festive fun!

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This coming Friday December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holyday of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will take place on Thursday December 7th at 7.15pm. Mass on Friday December 8th is at 10am.

**Tea/Coffee is served in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass (Monday-Saturday).** All are invited and welcome. Thank you to the dedicated team who provide this important service of hospitality and welcome each day and for special occasions during the year.

### Garda Vetting Forms

A reminder to all who carry out any ministry in public within the Parish to return the Garda Vetting Forms to Fr. Brian as a matter of urgency. Thank You.

### Parish Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service will take place in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Thursday December 14th from 7.30pm-8.30pm. All our choirs/music groups from the Parish, Good Shepherd Primary School and De La Salle College will participate. We encourage as many as possible during this Advent Season to join us for this hour of prayer and music in preparation for Christmas. Tea/Coffee, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served in the Parish Centre after this service.

### Meeting for Ministers of Word/Eucharist

A meeting for all Ministers of the Word and Eucharist will take place in the Parish Centre on Thursday December 7th at 8pm. The main purpose of this meeting will be to organise the roster for Christmas and to give time to review these ministries over the past year.

### Parish Shop

The Parish shop has now in stock

- Advent Candles and Wreaths
- Candles of Remembrance €3
- 2018 Diaries, Liturgical Art *Calendars* from €3
- *Christmas Cards Pack* of 10 from €6
- Scented and other Candles.

Many more items in stock for Advent and Christmas.

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent**, when we begin a new church year. We begin year **B** 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.

## **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 this **weekend 2nd/3rd December.**

Items of non perishable food can be left at the back of the Church upto this Monday December 4th.

**World Meeting of Families** are seeking to hire for the following roles: Exhibition Sales Coordinator, Event Services and Logistics Coordinator – All job descriptions and information are available on our website: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/)

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Appeal

The Annual Indoor Collection for **St Vincent de Paul** will be made during all weekend Masses on Saturday & Sunday December 9th & 10th. A member from our local conference will speak at all the Masses. Your support and generosity will be very much appreciated.

### Financial Corner

**1st Collection** For the support of the priests of the parish and diocese € 1416.91

**2nd Collection** for Share Collection: €708.43

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.