

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday December 19th Fourth SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Office - Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm

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Mass Intentions for the coming Week.

Saturday 18th December 2021

5pm Thomas & Josephine Early (A)
Peter Mac Mahon (1st A)
Josephine Stokes RIP
Mary Murray RIP

Sunday 19th December 2021

10am Peter & Rita Donnelly (Remembrance)
Ronnie Cregan (A)
Teresa Mollohan & Deceased
Members of the Mollohan Family.
Nora Whelan (Month's Mind)
Patrick Lawless (6th A)
Dick & Peggy Ryan (A)

12noon Rita Conway (1st A)
Jim Connell (5th A)
Maureen Connell RIP
Rosemary Byrne (1st A)
Joseph Noel Armstrong (RD)
Aiden Lambert (6th A)

Tuesday 21st December 2021

10am Nellie Ní Neachtain RIP
Vincent Carey RIP
Jimmy Coyle (RD)

Wednesday 22nd December

10am John Savage (1st A)
Patrick & Ruby Mannion (A)
Sean Murray (A)
Dorothy & Thomas Hogan (A)

Thursday 23rd December 2021

10am John Storey (13th A)
Alec Anderson RIP
Carmel Anderson RIP
Florence Kelly RIP
Noirín Maher (6th A)
Mary & Thomas Watson (A)
Laurence Watson (A)
Richard & Tom O'Brien (A)
Sean Flynn (13th A)
Tom & Kathleen Mongey (A)
William, Annie & Deirdre Concannon.
Wally Davis (35th A)
Christy Boylan RIP
Margaret Whelan RIP
Sean Murray RIP
Brother Patrick Collins RIP
Deceased Members of the Murray Family.
John & Simon Priestley (A)

Friday 24th December 2021

No 10am Mass

5pm Mass Bouquet Intentions
7pm Mass Bouquet Intentions

Saturday 25th December 2021

10am Mass Bouquet Intentions
12noon Mass Bouquet Intentions

Sunday 26th December 2021

10am Mass Bouquet Intentions
12noon Mass Bouquet Intentions

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS

Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available through the Parish Office and Parish Shop. All our Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for the intentions of those included in the Christmas Mass Bouquets. Thank You.

Christmas Dues Envelopes

The Christmas Dues envelopes along with a Christmas card and a parish information calendar for 2022 are in the process of being delivered throughout the Parish. The Christmas Dues envelope can be returned at your convenience to either of the large safes in the church, through the parish office or at any of the weekend Masses. We ask that all cheques for Christmas Dues are made payable to 'Church of the Good Shepherd'.

It is also possible to donate to the Christmas Dues online through our parish website:

www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie and click on the 'Donate' button. You will find Christmas Dues and then follow the instructions. The Christmas, along with Easter and Summer Dues is for the support of the priests of the parish and diocese, and the sick and retired priests of the Dublin Diocese. Thank you again for your ongoing and generous

Ministers of the Word

Friday Dec 24th

5pm Paul Ruane
7pm William McAuliffe

Saturday Dec 25th

10am Colette Wall
12noon Billy Campbell

Sunday Dec 26th

10am Colette Wall
12noon Billy Campbell

Ministers of the Eucharist

Friday Dec 24th

5pm Margaret McEvoy
7pm Mary Walsh

Saturday Dec 25th

10am Jim Boland
12noon Valerie Somers

Sunday Dec 26th

10am Moya Nulty
12noon Mary Walsh



Donations of red poinsettia plants for the decoration of the Altar, Crib and Church over Christmas and Epiphany would be very much appreciated. They can be left in the Church in the area beside the baptism font.

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday December 24th until Tuesday January 4th 2021

PARISH LOTTO Jackpot €15,000

A special Christmas Draw will take place on Monday December 20th. Envelopes must be received by 7pm on Sunday 19th December 2021 to be included in the draw. The Parish Lotto is a small but important source of revenue for our parish community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our players and the volunteers who manage the weekly draw on behalf of the Parish. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church at €2 each or three for €5. All envelopes will be included in two €25 Lucky Dip draws if the Jackpot isn't won.

For this Christmas draw there will be 2 Extra €25 Lucky Dip Draws and 2 Super Valu hampers will be included for all who enter. Thank You for your support.

Numbers from last week were;

12 ♦ 13 ♦ 17 ♦ 27

Please note there will be no Lotto draw on Monday December 27th

Financial Corner Weekly Collections

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| 1st Collection | €920 |
| 2nd Collection | €453.02 |
| Family Offering Envelopes | €750 |
| Shrines | €585.14 |
| Parish Lotto | €339 |

Thank You for your support.

Thank You for your continued generosity and support.

Christmas 2021 Timetable

All Masses and services will be subject to change at short notice on further advice from Government and Health Authorities. Full protective measures remain in place for all attending Masses. We will do our very best to try and accommodate the increased numbers that traditionally attend Mass at Christmas whilst keeping everyone safe. Attendance at all Masses over Christmas will be on a first come first served basis. It will be necessary to close the doors of the church once capacity is reached in order to avoid overcrowding. A safe capacity in our church is 300 people which is approximately 75% of the church's total capacity. We have been advised that people should be spread out as much as possible in all churches and places of worship. **If you have any symptoms of Covid 19 you should not attend Mass for your own safety and the safety of others.** If you are anxious about attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please remember the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted. You can attend any Mass until January 6th as a Christmas Mass. Alternatively you can view all Masses on our Parish webcam at www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie/web-cam/

Thank you for your continued understanding.

Mass Times

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| Friday December 24 th | Christmas Eve:* | Masses at 5pm & 7pm |
| Saturday December 25 th | Christmas Day | Masses at 10am & 12 noon |
| Sunday December 26 th | | Masses 10am & 12 noon |
| Monday December 27 th | | Mass in Rathfarnham at 11am |
| Tuesday December 28 th | | Mass 10am |
| Wednesday December 29 th | | Mass 10am |
| Thursday December 30 th | | Mass 10am |
| Friday December 31 st | | Mass 10am |
| Saturday January 1 st | | Mass 5pm |
| Sunday January 2 nd | | Masses at 10am & 12 noon |
| Monday January 3 rd | | Mass in Rathfarnham at 11am. |

*Please note there will be no 10am Mass on Christmas Eve.

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The following pastoral arrangements remain in place in the Parish of Good Shepherd until further notice:

At present, there is no limit on the numbers attending Masses and services. However, we do invite people to continue to adhere to all the safety measure before, during and after all Masses in order to keep people safe. Please ensure you continue to wear a face covering and sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Please continue to use the marked entrance and exit doors. As the church needs to be well ventilated at all times the exit doors will remain open during Masses. We will do our best to make sure the church is warm and comfortable.

The present arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Music at our Masses will continue to be provided by our Cantors and Organist with all protective measures in place. The Offertory procession and sign of peace will remain omitted. Further updates will be published as the need arises.

Mass times:

Tuesday to Friday 10am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 10am and 12 noon.

Holy Days 10am.

These times will be reviewed on an on going basis and may change at short notice.

Baptisms: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism must follow all protective measures Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday January 8th and the 1st Saturday of February, March and April at 10am. Please contact the Parish Office for any queries or further information.

The Parish Office opens on Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

You can contact the parish office at 01 2984 642 or email info@goodshepherdchurchtown.ie.

The Church will be open daily from 9am to 7pm.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains closed until further notice.

The Parish Centre remains closed for meetings and gatherings (except for essential services) until further notice.

No collections will be taken up at weekend Masses. Weekly donations to the 1st & 2nd collections, Family Offering, and donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the secure safes in the church. Alternatively you can contribute to these collections by clicking the 'Donate' button at the top of the parish website <https://www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie/> and follow the instructions. A donation box will be placed at the exit points of the church after weekend Masses to facilitate any contributions you may wish to make. Thank You for your ongoing support and generosity.

The Parish Lotto Draw takes place each Monday at 9.30am. (Except Bank Holidays where the draw will take place on a Tuesday at 9.30am).

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BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is '*Be Still*'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry. www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry

ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies.

Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need.

We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011

Support Services

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**