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Sun 16th December 2012
Advent Week 3 (C)

Advent Preparation

You don't have to buy anything. You don't have to do anything difficult. The kit below shows you how to build a spiritual crib in your heart for Christ. Read the thought indicated about Christ's first crib. Practice it during the day and make your heart a worthy crib for Christ on Christmas Day.

16th THE OX—Lead the ox to the crib. Obey cheerfully without making excuses and without asking "Why". *I will obey for love of You, Jesus.*

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17th THE DONKEY—Bring the donkey to the crib. Offer to the Divine Infant your bodily strength; use it in the service of others. *Jesus, accept my service of love. I offer it for those who do not love You.*

18th GIFTS—Gather some presents for the Divine Infant and his Blessed Mother. Give alms for the poor and say an extra decade of the rosary. *Come, Jesus, to accept my gifts and to take possession of my heart.*

19th LAMBS—Strive to bring some little lambs, meek and patient. Do not murmur nor complain. *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Yours.*

20th SHEPHERDS—See how the shepherds pay homage to our new born King. Imitate their watchfulness; stress in your speech and thoughts the idea that Christmas is important because Jesus will be born again in you. *Jesus, teach me to love You above all things.*

21st THE KEY—Provide the stable with a key to keep out thieves. Exclude from your heart every sinful thought, every rash judgment. *Dear Jesus, close my heart to all that hurts You.*

22nd ANGELS—Invite the angels to adore God with you. Cheerfully obey the inspirations of your guardian angel and of your conscience. *Holy Guardian Angel, never let me forget that you are with me always.*

(By Fr. Vidal Banazek, OFM)

Income: Parish Dev.: €2,211; SVP: €6,490 & €744 BH. Many thanks.

Do this in Memory is celebrated today at the 10 & 10.30am Masses with our First Communion children.

GLORIA: The Gloria is a very old prayer of praise and thanksgiving. The first few lines will sound famil-

iar because it was the song sung by the angels when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We do not pray the Gloria during Advent and Lent.

Parish Admin: Envelope Collectors/Distributors are reminded to collect their **Christmas Timetables & Due envelopes** which are now available from behind the high Altar.

Christmas Day Altar List of the Dead: Could you please contact the Parish Office, preferably by Saturday, with names of your Deceased Relatives and Friends to be included.

Parish Shop: Christmas Mass bouquets, Christmas cards in Aid of *Pioneer Association, Divine Word, Mouth & Foot Artists* are on sale. Also crib figures, candles and Children's Christmas books and gifts.

Advent Penitential Service takes place here on Thu 20th at 7.30pm.

Advent Preparation: Lectio Divina on Wed 19th at 9.45am & 7.30pm in baptistery; *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* with Rosary on Saturday 22nd Dec from 11.30am – 12 noon.

Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended after Thu 21st and will resume again Mon Jan 7th because of the busyness of the season. It will end on Thu 21st at the earlier time of 1pm because of the shortage of volunteers to keep watch with Our Lord. Perhaps you could consider for a New Year's resolution to sign up for an hour either Mon 10-5pm or Thu 10-8pm to help continue the current timetable. Church discipline requires that two be present at all times to ensure proper security for the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Ecumenical Carols Service will be held at St Michael's Church of Ireland at 7.30pm on Sunday 23rd Dec. All are warmly invited.

Other Events In Brief: *DUBLIN ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS* diary is posted on the noticeboard. *ATHY MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY* are having their 20th presentation of 'While Shepherds Watched' in the Dominican Church, Athy on Thu 20th at 8pm – proceeds will benefit the SVP. Tickets from 'The Gem', 'Winkles' and a limited supply on the door - €5 each, families €15. Wine reception in the Hall afterwards. *ATHY GFC* bingo

every Sunday til Christmas at 3pm in GAA hall. To support underage sports development. *CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR* at Mount St Mary's Resource Centre opposite back of Perry's every Thu morning in Dec from 8.30am onwards.

MASS SCHEDULE

Recently Deceased: *Mick Murphy*, formerly of the Forge, Rheban, who died in Canada; *Zoltan Zinn Collis*, Shamrock Drive; *Joseph Aldridge*, St. Joseph's Tce. Upr.

Saturday 7pm

Month's Mind: Declan Cardiff, Ena May, Johnny Wall

Anniversaries: Bridget Morrissey, Niall Dunne, Jack Brogan, James Rowan, Michael & Rosanna Reddy, Terry Dallan, Joe McNamara, Ellen Bastable, Dolores Connell, Peter Fleming, Kitty & John Mulhall, Johnny Mulhall, Frederick & Brigid Darling, Deceased Members of Darling Family.

Sunday

8.30 am: Lar Curtis

10 am Barrowhouse:

Edward Whelan (11th Anniversary)

10.30 am Share Mass

Recently Deceased: Rosie Byrne, Joseph Aldridge, Andrew O'Keeffe, Bernie Farrell, Paddy Confrey, Zoltan Zinn Collis.

Anniversaries: Michael & Annie Dooley, Billy Stewart, Maura McCauley, Noel Lawler, Joseph & Julia Martin, William Kelly, Kitty & John Mulhall, Johnny Mulhall, Eileen O'Neill, James & Catherine Mulhall, Olive Newton, Paddy Casey, Patrick Murphy.

12 Noon:

Monday 9.15am: Bernie Doyle

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Niall Dunne (11th Anniversary)

Wed 9.15am:

Mary Ellen & Brigid Flanagan

Thur 9.15am:

John & Isobelle Donnelly

Friday 9.15am:

Michael Eustace (9th Anniversary)

Saturday 11am: