



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5TH DECEMBER 2021

Mass available on live streaming on Parish website:
www.parishofathy.ie & on radio 107.9fm.



READINGS

1st reading: Baruch 5:1-9
PSALM: Psalm 125
2nd reading:
 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Advent Prayer

Let us pray:
 God, Holy One,
 everlasting and full of mercy,
 in you we place all our trust.
 In times of distress, open our
 heart to true life and joy
 in believing that we have new
 courage and be sources of
 encouragement to all we
 meet. Amen.
www.tarsus.ie

Newsletter

Please bring newsletter
 home or see it posted on
 parish website
www.parishofathy.ie

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Doyle, Clonkeen, Carlow Road
Robert McCann, Grayslands
Adrian O'Meara, Ardreigh Athy
Rita Delaney, Clonmullion
Darby DeCoursey McDonald, Carlow Rd.

Saturday 6pm Vigil:

Month's mind: Derry Matthiaa nee May
Anniversaries: Eilish O'Neill, Canice Bergin,
 Elizabeth & Barney Doyle, Sara & John Davis, Patrick
 Bolger, Winnie Doolan, Dora Waters, Maureen
 Brennan, Andrew & Bridget O'Brien, Dick Norris,
 Hugh McDonnell (6th A), Kathleen Cusack, May &
 Paddy Byrne, Bernadette, John, Paddy Joe, Eileen &
 Christina Byrne, Tucker Carbery, Steffan Clarke, Mick
 Maher, Mary & Ned Perse, Eugene Joseph Dempsey,
 Nano & Eddie Holt, Jack & Margaret Murphy, Brendan
 Murphy, Mary & Jim O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Nonie
 Heatherley
Birthday Remembrance: Noel Forde (90th B.)

9 am Barrowhouse: Thomas & Elizabeth Dunne,
 Mathew & Eileen Kelly, Peggy & Tom Phelan

10.30 am Anne Horgan, Bridget 'Biddy' Doyle, Dec.
 mem. of Doyle family, Anne Browne (2nd A), George
 & Patrick Aldridge, Angela Gallagher, Andrew &
 Bridget O'Brien, Dick Norris, Dec. mem. of Loughman
 & Keogh families, Patrick Tierney, Sean Fitzgerald,
 Aidan Crowe, Paddy & Jamie Kavanagh, Mag & Pat
 Roche, Bridie & Johnny Maloney, J.J. Leonard, Keith
 Wright McCarthy, Nano & Eddie Holt,, Jack &
 Margaret Murphy, Brendan Murphy, Mary & Jim
 O'Mara, John Kilfeather, Nonie Heatherley,
 Thanksgiving, **Birthday Remembrance:** John Dalton

12.00 noon Recently Deceased:

Patrick & Marie Brennan, Canada
Month's mind: Joe Wright
Anniversaries: Bridget (Biddy) Doyle, Dec. mem. of
 Doyle family, Anne Browne, Angela Gallagher,
 Margaret McCann, George Higginson, Mary Mullin,
 Dick Norris, Kathleen Cusack, Mick Perse, Bobby
 Mahon, Christina Byrne, Kaite Mitchell Byrne, Paul
 Perse, Charlie & Kate Sourke,
Birthday Remembrance: Tom Heskin

Mon: 9.30 am: Anne Browne, Tom & Winnie
 Doolan, Dora & Jimmy Waters, Special Intention,
 Donors Intention

Tues: 9.30 am: George Aldridge Jnr. Kathleen,
 Tony & Imelda Halpin, Dec. mem. of Doolan & Flinter
 fam's, Tom & Jean Donohue, Kevin & Eileen
 Fingleton, Dec. mem. of Philips Fingleton fam's. Betty
 & Pat Easton, Betty & Paddy Brennan, Dec. mem. of
 Brennan & Bambrick fam.'s, Tony Byrne, Jimmy
 Bradbury

Holy Day Feast of Immaculate Conception

Wednes: 9.30 am Mick & Agnes Murphy, Emmet
 Corcoran, Dan & Elizabeth Flinter, Nuala Callaghan,
 Joseph Bastable, Edith & Zoltan Zinn Collis, Margaret
 'Peg' Moran., Karen Keogh (1st Anniv)

Wednes: 7.30 pm: Peg Moran, Karen Keogh
Thurs: 9.30 am: Special Intention, Neddy & Kathleen
 Delahunt, Margaret & Donal Kennedy, Kathleen
 'Kitty' Foley, Patrick Murtagh (Birthday)

Fri: 9.30 am: Fintan Lalor, Davey & Mikey Harris,
 Nellie O'Neill (2nd A), Bridie Foy, Ann & James
 Mulhall, Catriona Flood, Dan & Catriona Donaghy,
 Special Intention

CHURCH NOTICES

Weekend Mass times:

Athy Church: Saturday 6 pm Vigil, Sunday 10.30 am & 12
 noon **Barrowhouse:** 9 am

Weekday Mass in Athy parish is at 9.30 am preceded at 9
 am with
 rosary.

Wednesday next is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
 and is a Holy Day. Mass in the Parish Church is at **9.30 am &**
7.30 pm. Vigil Mass in Crookstown on Tuesday evening at
 7pm. Mass in Moone on Wednes. at 11 am.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection will take place the
 weekend of **11th/12th December** during all Masses.

Please give generously.

For those who may not be able to attend Mass there are SVP
 donation envelopes in the Church and Parish Office and can be
 dropped into Parish Office before Christmas.

Collections weekend:

P. Dev. €1,393 comprising of €550 annuals & €843 weekly
 Common €830 Share €475

Thanks to all who contributed.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to have
 your deceased relatives
 remembered on the
Christmas Day Altar List
 Please contact the Parish Office
 by
 Tuesday 21st December, 4pm.
 Names will be displayed at side
 of the Altar in Church.

PARISH OFFICE /SHOP

Christmas stock

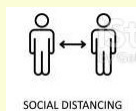
2022 Church Art & Messenger
 calendars, Children's Advent
 calendars,
 Christmas cards including from
 Divine Word Missionaries,
 nativity sets, Christmas Mass
 Bouquets, candles and
 Christmas gifts

Please;

-Wear face masks.

**-Hand sanitise
on entering the church**

-Respect social distancing



Covid 19 Update

From the 22nd Oct. the Government have eased restrictions in relation to Religious services.

However the Parish Team have decided to keep restrictions in place for the safety of our parishioners.

We are keeping the Church at half capacity by cornering off every second seat.

We ask that as you enter the Church that you continue to use the hand sanitizer provided and maintain social distancing.

It is important that we are kept safe and feel comfortable

ALONE

have 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, 8 am-8 pm.
Phone 0818222024

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

Children's Corner

Leaflets are available on tables at back of the Church. Have fun with working out puzzles and enjoy the little stories.



WHATSAPP ADVENT INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Would you like to receive a short inspirational thought each day of Advent? Each day you will receive, by WhatsApp, a picture with an inspirational thought, just a sentence or two, to aid in our praying through Advent in preparation for Christmas. To receive the daily inspirations all you have to do is

WhatsApp:
"Join Advent Group" to 085-7162852. You will then receive a link, click on the link and that's it, you're done.

MAGAZINES

Sacred Heart Messenger,
Pioneer magazines & St Martin
magazines available from the
Parish Office.
2022 magazines subscriptions
now due



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Monday - 2.15pm - 4 pm,
Tue - Wednes.: 9.30 - 1.30 & 2 - 4pm.
Thur. & Fri 9.30 - 1.30 pm.
Sat. 10.30 am - 1 pm

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th December at 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

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Holy Hour

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



takes place in St. Michael's
Church each Tuesday from
2:00pm-3:00pm.

Holy Hour in Barrowhouse Church
every Tuesday 7 to 8 pm.
Spend an hour in prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament.

All welcome

COMMON & SHARE FUND

If you are making a contribution to the Share and Common fund and would like your contribution included in your contribution receipt at the end of the year, You can use the Share/Common Fund envelopes provided in the church and Parish Office.

Please write your name and address or your parish Ref env. no. Share & Common Contributions can be used to reach the €250 yearly total for the charity tax relief on donations scheme.

Thanks for your contributions

THIS CHURCH WEEK;

The **second Sunday of Advent** gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus**, and ready ourselves for his second coming. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future will bring.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, also called Immaculate Conception Day, **celebrates the belief in the sinless lifespan and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**, celebrated on Dec 8th.