



*O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses this weekend 2/3 December. This year has been very challenging for our conference with an increase of almost 50% in requests for assistance with food, fuel, education costs, household bills and goods. The rise in the cost of living and consequent increase in requests has led to a significant growth in expenditure by the conference. We are very appreciative of the consistent and very generous support of the parishioners each month as this enables us to respond to all requests. Thank you most sincerely for your financial support and encouragement throughout the year. We wish each of you and your family a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

COLLECTION BASKETS AT WEEKEND MASSES: We intend to resume the practice of passing the baskets through the seats for the Offertory Collection each weekend and for the Diocesan Needs Collection twice each month. We need some volunteers to help ensure that this runs smoothly from this weekend, 2/3 December. If you are in a position to help, please have a word with Margaret, our Sacristan, and let her know your usual Mass time.

LIGHT UP A MEMORY: Remember your loved ones this Christmas by sponsoring a light on the Milford Care Centre *Light Up a Memory* tree. The official ceremony to mark the lighting of the tree will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians, Castletroy (just past Milford Care Centre entrance) today, Sunday, 3 December at 4.00pm.

VILLIERS FESTIVE MARKET: on 8th December We warmly invite you to join us as we host our Festive Market at Villiers School, North Circular Road on Friday 8th Dec. from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Stroll through the stalls, sipping a hot chocolate, listening to festive music, whilst picking up some gifts from seasoned and new market stall holders. Entry is free. Donations welcomed for the International Red Cross. We are looking forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces, as we head into the Christmas season.

HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS: Don't forget to come along for tea / coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesdays. Our thanks to Marion and her team.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on **Friday**, 8 December and it is a Holy Day of obligation. The Vigil Mass is **Thursday** at **6.00 pm** and Masses on 8 December are at **10.00 am** and **11.30 am**.

A SEASON OF OPPORTUNITIES, a series of Advent talks at **Glenstal Abbey**, each Sunday up to Christmas. This Sunday 3 December '*Stay Awake, Stay Alive*' with **Columba McCann OSB**. The talks take place at 4.30pm in the Library followed by refreshments and Vespers at 6pm. Donation €20 Email:events@glenstal.com or call 061-621005

FAMILY MASS: It is lovely to see so many families at our monthly Family Mass. Our December Family Mass is Sunday 10 December at 11.30am. Those who have agreed to help to lead prayers are asked to come early please. Don't forget to come to the Parish Centre for Tea and chat afterwards.

RENEWAL OF LITURGY GROUP: The Parish Liturgy Group consists of clergy, religious and members of the laity who meet regularly to discuss and to create liturgies that nourish people spiritually and facilitate a more full and active participation in our Sunday Eucharist and in Special Events. We hope to renew the membership at this time and we extend an invitation to any parishioner who would like to participate in our work. If you are interested in joining the Liturgy Group, please leave your name and contact details in the Sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 2nd	18:00	
Sun 3rd	10:00 11:30	Denis McMahon(A) Gertrude Hayes (A)
Mon 4th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 5th	10:00	Zena & Micheál Gilbourne (A) James Doyle (Rec. Dec.)
Wed 6th	10:00	Deceased Members of the Cosgrave Family
Thurs 7th	10:00 18:00	Eileen Dormer (Rec. Dec.) Martin Phelan (A)
Fri 8th	10:00 11:30	David O'Meara (A) Peggy Hurley Hampshire (A)
Sat 9th	18:00	Humphrey Murphy (A) Henry Morris (A) & deceased members of the Morris Family Jackie & Brid Gore (A) Liam O'Leary (A) Fiona O'Leary (A)
Sun 10th	10:00 11:30	Dermot Walsh (A) Hilary & Eileen Loughnane (A) Rosaleen & Michael Casey (A) Ann & Paddy O'Sullivan (A)