


<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Our Church of 75 Years</b></p> <p><b>1950 – 2025</b></p>		<p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Our Parish of 60 Years</b></p> <p><b>1964 – 2024</b></p>
<b>Weekly Newsletter</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>21 December 2025</b>

### From Advent to Christmas

This weekend, we light all of the coloured candles on the **Advent Wreath**, as we symbolise God's eternal love for us and our own preparations for Christmas.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we also light the white candle, symbolising the **Birth of Christ** in our midst.

As we pray together, we include family members who are away from home this Christmas and whose names we have written on cards on the **Remembrance Tree**.

Please remember your contribution for **Diocesan Needs** this weekend with the Offertory Collection.

We welcome families of the children who are preparing for **First Communion in 2026**; JFK Boys on Saturday at 6:00 pm; Salesian Girls on Sunday at 10:00 am.

Having enjoyed our last **Wednesday Gathering** for this year, we thank Ann and her team for this hospitality in the Parish Centre and we look forward to more in January.

Next weekend, on Sunday 28 Dec, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### Here He is ...

On a recent Thursday evening, I sat in the company of the boys and their teachers and their parents as our local primary school J.F.K. staged a nativity pageant.

Christmas Works. Every year, we have the same prayers, same readings, same rituals; we hear the same story; we see the same homemade costumes and props. But it doesn't pall. It's always fresh. The voices of the boys were clear and meaningful and quite touching.

As we get older, that's a great comfort. I'm not so jaded that I can't be moved. "For there is a Child born to us, a Son given to us". That dreary Thursday night in December, as if for the first time, those words resonated.

The Roman emperor issues a decree, his officials busy about, people take to the roads to be registered, a young couple among them. They come to the noisy overcrowded village, the pubs and the BandB's are full. There is just a standing, and there it happens. "A Child born to us, a Son given to us".

And we turn aside, and there He is. Here He is. Everything is reframed. An embodiment of hope.

Desmond McAuliffe P.P.

NOLLAIG SHONA AGUS NOLLAIG NA OFA DAOIBH GO LÉIR.  
GUIMÍS BEANNACHTAÍ ÍOSA OIRAIBH AR FAD.

### Christmas Services

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all Masses from December 20 to 24.

Wed 24 Dec Christmas Eve: Mass at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Thur 25 Dec Christmas Day: Mass at 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Mon 22, Tues 23 & Fri 26 Dec: Mass at 10:00 am.

### Parish News & Events

This Newsletter will not be published for next weekend 28 December. Please refer to Notices and Events on the parish website for current items, which may be of interest. We also have a recording of the Mass of Commemoration.

**Mass Readings** may always be accessed from our parish website. See the heading on the homepage with links to readings of the day and readings of the next Sunday.

### Christmas Dues Envelopes

Dues envelopes have been distributed to homes in the parish including a card with Christmas Wishes and an Invitation to all to join in our Christmas Celebrations. If you did not get one, check in church as there may be a few bundles left. Individual envelopes are also available.

Please remember that, if you are contributing by cheque, all cheques for the Clergy should be made payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish' and those for the Sacristan payable to 'Margaret Clifford'. Thank you for your support.

### Mass Intentions

Sat 20 Dec	18:00	Angela Geary (MM); Barry Stokes & Stokes Family; Josie & Seamus Morris (A)
Sun 21 Dec	10:00	Gerry McKeon (A)
	11:30	Tom Clohessy (A); William Hogan (A)
Mon 22 Dec	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 23 Dec	10:00	Seán Ryan (A); Michael O'Farrell (A)
Wed 24 Dec	16:00	Seán Ryan (A)
	18:00	
Sat 27 Dec	18:00	Humphrey Murphy (A); James & Patricia Irwin (A); Paddy Madden (A)
Sun 28 Dec	10:00	
	11:30	Eamon Beston (A); Mary O'Rourke (A); John Clifford (Rem); Clifford & O'Rourke Families
Mon 29 Dec	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 30 Dec	10:00	Ann O'Brien (A)