

THE PARISH TEAM:

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Sunday 12th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

06.30 pm: Mary and Des O'Connor (A)

Other anniversaries: Viktorija (MM) from Lithuania and her husband Kazimieras

10.00 am: Laurence and Eileen O'Toole (A)

11.00 am: Mary McQuaide

12.30 pm: Seamus and Mary Dunne (A)

Jack O'Connor (12th A)

Ada O'Connor (13th A)

Monday 13th St. Lucy

10.00 am: Margaret and Paul Byrne (A)

7.30 pm: John and Paul Humphrey (A)

Tuesday 14th – St. John of the Cross

10.00 am: Richard Tisdall RIP

7.30 pm: Christine Long RIP

Wednesday 15th

10.00 am: Mass for the Sick

7.30 pm: Advent Reflection Service

Thursday 16th

10.00 am: Christine Long RIP

7.30 pm: Richard Tisdall RIP

Friday 17th

10.00 am: Altar List of the Dead

7.30 pm: Pat Woodnutt (5th A)

Saturday 18th

10.00 am: Lily Wotton (A)

Sunday 19th – 4th Sunday of Advent

06.30 pm: Joseph and Monica McGlone (A)

10.00 am: Kathleen O'Connell (Rec. Dec.)

11.00 am: Joseph Peacock (26th A)

Ann Barrett (16th A)

Paddy Barrett (15th A)

12.30 pm: Richard Tisdall (MM)

3rd Sunday of Advent

On the third Sunday of Advent, the Pink candle is lit. This candle represents **JOY**: the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

Collections 5th December 2021

FIRST COLLECTION:	€250
SHARE COLLECTION	€240
ENVELOPES:	€ 1215

Your generosity and support to all collections is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: are holding a *church collection today* to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. This will replace the share collection. This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season

Ministers of the Word Rota19th December 2021

06.30 pm:	Stuart Dunne
10.00 am:	Kay and Noel Clarke
11.00 am:	Deirdre Kinahan
12.30 pm:	Jean Fitzpatrick

Ministers of the Eucharist Rota19th December 2021

06.30 pm:	Breda McKenna
10.00 am:	Sr. Eleanor
11.00 am:	Pauline Bresnan
12.30 pm:	Sharon Hicks

NOTICES: All notices for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin should be submitted in writing no later than *Thursday 1pm* to the Parish House or Sacristy. *The newsletter can be read on line at www.donoreavenueparish.ie*

HEALTH AND SAFETY: - following last weeks updated Covid-19 guidance, Religious Services in Places of Worship are unchanged regarding capacity, with all other protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation.

Guidance

- Church Premises should be well ventilated.
- Hand sanitiser to be used coming in and going out.
- Separate entry and exit routes.
- Face masks should be worn.
- Congregations should be encouraged to spread out as much as possible when attending Places of Worship.
- Those experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms should not attend services.
- There is no need to move from your place in order to receive communion.
- Please refrain from kneeling on the seat in front of you, if there is someone seated there.

Christmas 2021: advance notice

Christmas masses this year will be at 6pm & 9pm on Christmas Eve and at 8am, 9.30am and 11am on Christmas Day. In order to ensure that all masses are managed carefully and safely within the requirements of the Covid 19 measures the numbers attending for any mass will be limited to 145. Like last year we are adding an early morning "Shepherds Mass" at 8am to facilitate early risers. As always, stewards will be available at all masses. There will be more information on this in next week's newsletter.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Today is *Bambinelli Sunday* and it is a custom instituted by St John Paul II during his Papacy. On the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday), children and their families travel to St. Peter's Square and bring with them figures of baby Jesus – the Bambinelli – from their family Crib. After the Angelus the Pope blesses both the children and the figurines. Today, in many churches throughout the world the tradition continues and figurines of the Baby Jesus will be blessed. Because we forgot to announce it last week, we therefore have the blessing of the figures of the Baby Jesus during the masses next Sunday 19th December.

SCOUTS – FUNDRAISER FOR Vincent de Paul Society

The Donore Avenue Scouts (the 35th) have supported the local conferences of St Vincent de Paul through and annual carol singing event for over 40 years. Like last year, because of the Covid pandemic they are unable to hold a live event. This year they are hold an on-line "Christmas Greeting" with carols, sings and laughs at 8pm on Friday 17th December. You can join it and contribute at <http://www.facebook.com/35scouts>. All donations go towards the work of the local branches of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

PARISH WEBCAM

There is live streaming of church services in this church. It can be accessed on our website: www.donoreavenueparish.ie or through <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Wednesday 15th December at 7.30 pm** Advent Reflection Service
- **Tuesday 21st December at 7.30 pm** Advent Reconciliation Service
- **Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 6.30 pm** Liturgy Meeting
- **Monday 24th January 2022 at 8pm** Parish Pastoral Meeting

MOMENTS OF SPECIAL PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH

Rosary: after morning Mass.

Novena of the Miraculous Medal: Monday during the 10am and 7.30pm Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday after the 10am Mass for a short while.

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: Thursday from 3-4pm

Preparing the way for the Lord - ADVENT

Advent Reflection Service: Join us for a prayer service reflecting on the themes of Advent on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30 pm.

Advent Reconciliation Service: Our Advent Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual confession will take place on Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm.

Advent Wreath – Each candle highlighting our journey through the Sundays of Advent

Advent Jesse Tree – with the symbols each week that take us on a journey through the Scripture Stories up to the Birth of Jesus.

The Nativity Journey - This year here in St. Teresa's we remember Mary and Joseph as they made their way through foreign lands. Each week that passes the figurines will travel around the church on the windowsills symbolising the long arduous journey undertaken by them before finally reaching Bethlehem. We too will celebrate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem at the end of our Advent journey on Christmas Day.

THE PARISH SHOP - The Christmas shop is open each weekend. There are still Christmas items for sale, along with the Christmas cards for the Marist Missions. Mass Cards and mass bookings are also available.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: today we welcome into our faith community Anna O'Duffy, who was recently baptised in here in St. Teresa's church. Please keep Anna and her family in your prayers.

CONFESSION IN THE PARISH:

On **Thursday** of each week from 3-4pm there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, along with the opportunity for individual confession and reconciliation in the confession room at the back of the church.

SYNODAL PATHWAY – ANIMATORS & TRAINING

Our two parish animators for the Synodal Pathway are Deirdre Kinahan and Sam Byrne. Both attended the on-line animator training last week. More information on this in the new year.