

## THE PARISH TEAM:

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday OF ADVENT**

6.00 pm (Sat): John Raymond (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Barry Duggan (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Rose Duggan (10<sup>th</sup> A)  
Sean Foran (A and Birth. Mass)  
Carmel Cunningham (MM)  
Maureen O'Sullivan (A)

10.30 am: Joseph and Monica McGlone  
Carmel Connell (nee Kelly)  
Michael Connell  
Kathleen Kelly (Birth Rem)

12.00 pm: Joseph Peacock (28<sup>th</sup> A)  
Deceased members of St Teresa's Senior Club

6PM: HALLELUJAH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am: Ena (Edith) Salmon  
6.00pm: Mollie and Brenda Farrell (A)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am: Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service  
6PM: RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am: Mass for the sick

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

10.00 am: Michelle Curtis (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
3-4 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession  
6PM: SCOIL TREASA NAOFA CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00 am: Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00am: Paddy and Joan Frawley  
Veronica Motherway (A)  
Moira (3<sup>rd</sup> A) & Ned Slattery

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

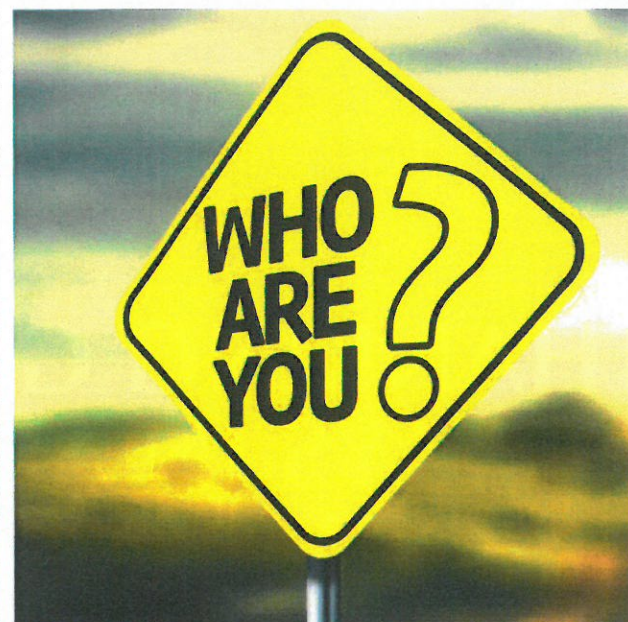
6.00 pm (Sat): Margaret Crowe  
Deceased members of St Teresa's Senior Club  
Eileen Costello (A)

10.30 am: Michelle Curtis (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
Artis Kronbergs (22<sup>nd</sup> A)

12.00 PM: NO MASS

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

6pm: Parishioners and friends of St Teresa  
9pm: Parishioners and friends of St Teresa's  
Remembering: Ned Aherne, Peter Lee, Ned Bowes,

**Collections December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

FIRST COLLECTION: €240.00  
St Vincent De Paul: €2180  
ENVELOPES: €1147.00

**Thank You!**  
**Your generosity to all the collections**  
**is greatly appreciated.**

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:**

Donations to the Dublin Diocese first collection and share collection can be left in the safe in the middle of the church. You can also use the envelopes marked First and Share collections. There is also the tap machine for card payments.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023****Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.00 pm: Alice O'Connell/Tom McKenna  
10.30 am: Sr. Eleanor/Michael O'Reilly  
12.00 PM: NO MASS

**Ministers of the Word**

6.00 pm: Catherine McSweeney  
10.30 am: Angela Moylan  
12.00 pm: Mairead Molloy

**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](http://www.donoreavenueparish.ie)**

**HYMNS FOR ADVENT: COLOUR TABS**

Opening: 503 O Come Emmanuel  
Offertory: 505 O Comfort my people  
Communion: 376 Here I am Lord  
Recessional: 439 Christ be our light.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm: Hallelujah Christmas Concert.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm: Parish Partnership Reconciliation Service.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council meeting

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** in aid of the Marist Missions are available this weekend. €5 for a pack of five cards.

**THE PARISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES PLANNER** is available this weekend. There is one for everyone in the congregation, so you are very welcome to take it home with you.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2024** – is available this weekend. Price €5 just to cover the costs. A big thank you to Michael O'Reilly for all his expert design work.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please keep in your prayer Kay (Catherine) McGowan late of Oscar Square and Ann Ray late of Donore Avenue, along with their families.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED**

Congratulations to the family of Monroe Stephanie Merrigan from Maryland, who was baptised into the Catholic Church on Saturday.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD** New rotas for the Ministers of the Eucharist & Ministers of the Word are available on the table at the sacristy door.

**PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH**

- ✚ **ROSARY** after morning Mass.
- ✚ **NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:** Monday during the 10am Mass
- ✚ **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION:** Every Thursday from 3-4pm.

**CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL**

Poster and letter on the notice board. Flyers on the tables. Donations can be made by means of the QR code on the poster or by means of the envelopes on the tables.

**PARISH WEBCAM**

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

**ALL DETAILS OF ADVENT SERVICES CAN BE FOUND IN THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE PLANNER**

**ADVENT**

**On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm  
RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Our advent reconciliation service will take place in St Teresa's this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm. All welcome.

**LAY LED SERVICES**

Next Tuesday of Advent the 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Lay Led Advent Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at 10am

**ADVENT REFLECTION GOSPEL SESSIONS**

On Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Advent Reflection Gospel Sessions continue in the parish house at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to reflect on & discuss the forthcoming Sunday gospel.

**PEACE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM, FOOD HAMPERS AND SCOUTS**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12oclock mass, the 35<sup>th</sup> Donore Scouts will present the Peace light of Bethlehem. They will also present food hampers to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, which were collected by the members of the scouts.

**POINSETTIA**

Poinsettia is a popular Christmas plant native to Mexico that has become a symbol of holiday celebrations worldwide. The plant is often referred to as the "Flower of the Holy Night" or the "Star of Bethlehem" in Christian tradition. It is believed to symbolise the birth of Jesus and his sacrifice for humanity. The plant's vibrant red leaves represent the blood of Christ, while its green foliage symbolises everlasting life. A Mexican legend tells of a girl who could only offer weeds as a gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve, and the poinsettia is interpreted as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.

In light of the above, we invite anyone who would like, to present a Poinsettia for placing in front of a shrine or the main altar for Christmas. And while being very grateful for all contributions, let there be no pressure on this.

**CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATION.**

A big thank you to the army of church cleaners and decorators who have presented the church in all its parts, in such a beautiful fashion for the celebration of Christmas.....as they do all year round.