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ST. TERESA’S PARISH, DONORE AVENUE

**Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

6pm (Sat) Eileen Costello (A)  
 John Raymond (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
 Michelle Curtis (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
 Kevin and Marie Fahy (RIP)

10.30am: William Foran (A)  
 Christina Foran (A)  
 Joseph Peacock (29<sup>th</sup> A)

12.00pm: Joseph and Monica Mc Glone and  
 Christina McGuire (RIP)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00am: Eileen Lattimore (rec dec)  
 Noreen O’Boyle (rec dec)

6.00pm:

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

10.00am: Special Intention  
 6.00pm: Parishioners & Friends of St  
 Teresa’s Parish.  
 9.00pm: Parishioners & Friends of St  
 Teresa’s Parish.

**CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF OUR  
 LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am: Parishioners & Friends of St  
 Teresa’s Parish.  
 10.30am: Parishioners & Friends of St  
 Teresa’s Parish.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

10.00am: Christine Shannon (26<sup>th</sup> A)  
 The Duffy Family especially  
 remembering Molly, Larry and Anne  
 The Connolly & McGinn families

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> ST JOHN, APOSTLE**

10.00am: Altar list of the dead  
 Breda Dooley (7<sup>th</sup> A)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> THE HOLY INNOCENTS.**

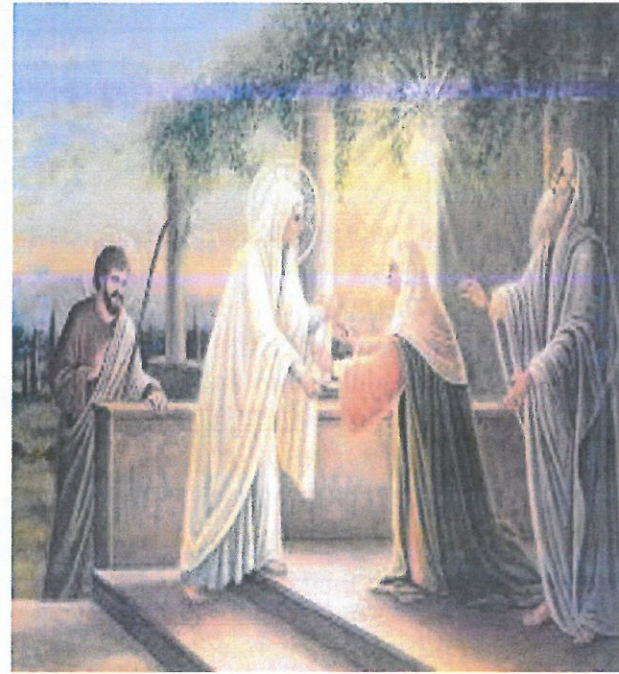
10.00am: Brenda Farrell and Bill Farrell (A)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
 OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

6.00pm: Tom Dunphy (25 A)

10.30am: Ned Aherne (7<sup>th</sup> A)

12 noon: The Intentions of Philip, Anne &  
 Family



**Collections for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 2024**

First collection: €135  
 Share collection: €140  
 Parish Envelopes: €735

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

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Ministers of the Word**

6.00pm Vigil: Catherine McSweeney  
 10.30am: Helen Bennett  
 12.00pm: Michael MacUaidh

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.00 Vigil: Lorraine O’Donoghue/  
 Geraldine Harrington  
 10.30am: Lily Curtis / Marie Byrne  
 12.00pm: Margaret Gibney

**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)*

**CHRISTMAS PLANNER:** Times for all the services from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 can be found in the Parish Advent and Christmas Planner. There are copies available on the church tables.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** “Get the last of your Christmas Cards”. in aid of the Marist Missions €5 per pack

**Parish Calendar 2025** is available this weekend. Cost €5. The charge is just to cover the cost.

**CHRISTMAS SHOP – THE PARISH SHOP** is open this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM MASS.....CALLING ALL CHILDREN:** Like last year we will have singing and Nativity Scene by children as part of the Christmas Eve Mass. We invite children to volunteer to take part. Jenny and Josh will be returning as musical directors. **Contact Sam Byrne at: 086 367 2640**

**Today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 12pm mass:** the 35<sup>th</sup> Donore Scouts will present the Bethlehem Peace candle & hampers and will also sing at mass. They will have a cup of tea afterwards prior to going to Grafton Street for some carol singing.

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Donelan of the S C Rd. whose funeral took place on Saturday. May he rest in peace

**PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH**

- ✚ **ROSARY** after morning Mass.
- ✚ **NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:** Monday during the 10am Mass and 6pm on Monday.
- ✚ **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION:** Every Thursday from 3-4pm.

**Dates for the Diary:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30pm: **Liturgy Committee Meeting**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm **Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 7pm: **Finance Committee Meeting**  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 6pm **Parish Partnership Meeting.**

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**

The three stained glass windows in the side altar to St Joseph have now all been removed, repaired, restored and returned. The three of them were totally dismantled, all lead replaced, broken glass replaced and then reassembled with new strengthening bars and ties. It is a wonderful job and a credit to the workmanship of the craftsmen/women in Abbey Stained Glass Studios in Kilmainham. It is also a great credit to the parishioners and friends of St Teresa’s whose consistent donations over the years enabled the finances of the parish to meet the cost. Please feel free to come closer and have a look – mind the step – use the handrail!

**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://mcn.live/Camera/st-therese-of-the-child-jesus>

**HYMNS FOR ADVENT**

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

**CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATION.**

Thank you to all who arranged and delivered all the Advent & Christmas services: Advent Retreat in Killinard Portarlinton, Lay Led Liturgy of the Word and Communion Services on Thursdays; The Partnership Reconciliation Service in Rialto Parish; “We are Family” LGBT+ Carol Service; Hallelujah Christmas Concert and Scoil Treasa Naofa Carol Service. We look forward now to the celebration of the Nativity in the next day or so. A big thank you also to the army of church cleaners, decorators and flower arrangers who have presented the church, in such a beautiful fashion for the celebration of Christmas.....as they do all year round. We wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

**BETHLEHEM.....**

As we contemplate the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, we cannot ignore the reality of our world today, especially in the Holy Land where conflict and strife persist. If Joseph and Mary were to undertake this journey in such turbulent times, it would undoubtedly be filled with immense challenges and uncertainties. In the midst of war, the path to Bethlehem would likely be riddled with danger and hardship. Joseph and Mary would encounter obstacles, fear, and the harsh realities of conflict. They would navigate through territories marked by division, seeking safety and refuge for themselves and their unborn child.

We, too, in our own troubled world, can draw inspiration from the difficult journeys faced by our holy ancestors. We can recognize that even in the midst of strife, the presence of God remains. Times of conflict call us to hold fast to our faith, to extend love and compassion to those affected by violence, and to tirelessly work towards peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Let us remember that the true journey to Bethlehem is not simply a physical one, but a journey of the heart—a journey towards encountering the Christ child who brings hope and salvation to all. Regardless of the circumstances that surround us, whether in times of peace or amidst conflict, let us fix our eyes upon the manger in Bethlehem and find peace in the knowledge that Christ’s light still shines in the darkest corners of our world.

May God grant His peace to the Holy Land and to all places ravaged by conflict, and may He guide us as we strive to be bearers of His peace in our own lives and communities.

Peace be with you all.  
 Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ. Pray for us.

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