

**THE PARISH TEAM:**

Fr. David Corrigan SM, Ms. Sam Byrne Pastoral Assistant, Fr. John O’Gara SM, Fr. John Hannan SM  
 St. Teresa’s Parish House, 78A Donore Avenue, Dublin 8. Phone: 01- 4542425 RCN 20016166  
 WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.donoreavenueparish.ie](http://www.donoreavenueparish.ie) Email: [info@donoreavenueparish.ie](mailto:info@donoreavenueparish.ie);  
 Facebook: [Teresa Parish Donore Avenue](https://www.facebook.com/TeresaParishDonoreAvenue)

ST. TERESA’S PARISH, DONORE AVENUE

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus,**

**Mary and Joseph**

6pm (Sat) Tom Dunphy (25 A)  
 Bridget Warren (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
 Christopher and Paul Warren (A)

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

12.00pm: The Intentions of Philip, Anne & Family

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas**

10.00am: Intentions of:  
 Nòra O’Malley, Barkley and  
 Mary O’Malley, Moire and Michael  
 McGinley and Mossy Clabby

6.00pm: Gerard & Christina Moorhouse and  
 all the deceased member of the  
 Moorhouse family.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas**

10.00am: Matthew O’Reilly (32<sup>nd</sup> A)  
 6.00pm: The Parishioners and Friends of St  
 Teresa’s Parish

**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 – MARY THE**

**MOTHER OF GOD**

10.00am: Mary Byrne (Birth Rem)  
 Mass for the sick

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Epiphany**

10.00am: Margaret and James O’Dowd  
 Maura and Larry Keegan  
 3.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 and confession

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Epiphany**

10.00am: Shared mass – deceased  
 Mathew Keville (birth. rem)

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Before Epiphany**

10.00am: Javier Leonor Del Pozo (Birth Rem)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Christmas**

6.00pm: Anthony O’Hanlon (1<sup>st</sup> A),  
 Paul Brady (11<sup>th</sup> A)  
 Barry McCormick (RIP)

10.30am: Jimmy and Elizabeth (Betty) Silk (A)  
 Patricia Quinn (A)

12 noon: Annie Cleary (rec. dec.)  
 Sylvia McGrane (A)



**Collections for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 December 2024**

First collection: €210  
 Share collection: €115  
 Parish Envelopes: €1010

**Collections for Christmas Eve & Day**

First Collection: €315  
 Share Collection: €285

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

**Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Ministers of the Word**

6.00pm Vigil: Helen Sweeney  
 10.30am: Kay and Noel Clarke  
 12.00pm: Mairead Molloy

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.00 Vigil: Breda Whelan/  
 Catherine Waldron  
 10.30am: Sr. Maura/Aine Moloney  
 12.00pm: Breda O’Hara/Alice Blake

**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)*

**...AND A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND BLESSED NEW YEAR FOR 2025!**

Whatever this new brings, we will be in the hands of God and rely on each other’s support, encouragement and prayer. Please God 2025 will be a year of abundant blessing for us all.

**THANK YOU – FROM THE PARISH TEAM**

- for your commitment & witness to your faith..
- for your commitment and participation in this parish ...
- for the sharing and the giving of your gifts & talents...
- for your presence to others in need...
- for all your kindnesses, so much under the radar, to each other...
- for your kindness & support to us in so many ways over the Christmas period.

*David, John, Sam & John*

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January in the parish house.

**PRAYER IN OUR CHURCH**

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

**Dates for the Diary:**

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Donore Scouts raised approx €3,000 for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, through carol singing in Grafton Street and local pubs.

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

**CHURCH OPENING HOURS**

- ✚ During the longer dark evenings of winter, the church will normally close at 4pm. So the opening hours are now:
- ✚ 9am – 6.30pm (Monday)
- ✚ 9am – 4.00pm (Tues – Fri.),
- ✚ 9am – 7.00pm on Saturday
- ✚ 9am – 1.00pm on Sunday.

**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-terese-of-the-child-jesus>

**HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

As for Christmas Day on the separate hymn sheet.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2025** remain available on the tables in the church and will do until the new year. Cost €5. The charge is just to cover the cost.

**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.**

**THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

**A HOLY YEAR OF HOPE: DECEMBER 2024 – DECEMBER 2025.**

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis, opened the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica. The holy doors of the other three Papal Basilicas – St John Lateran, St Mary Major & St Paul Outside-the-Walls – were also opened. This marked the start of a Jubilee Year. In keeping with Church tradition a holy year is celebrated every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their lives.

PARISH OF DONORE AVENUE - NEWS & INFORMATION