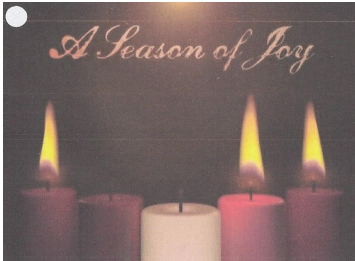


**Sunday 15th December 2019**

**Parish Newsletter**



***Advent Week 3 Joy***

Heavenly Father, fill my heart with the fresh wonder of what that first Christmas means for me today. Thank you that today or in the future, any need I have can be encompassed by You, Jesus. Let joy flood into my soul as I lean on You to be my Wonderful Counselor, my Mighty God, my Everlasting Father, and my Prince of Peace! Help me to look with expectation to what You will do in my life and fill me with Your joy! In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

***Planned-Giving Envelope System***

We have come to that time of year again when we distribute the boxes of weekly envelopes to those registered for them. Here in St. John's we have several ways of raising funds to run the parish. Firstly we have the Basket Collections and then we have the weekly envelope collection. In the box of envelopes there are several different colour envelopes, The white envelope is your weekly contribution, you just put your contribution in the envelope and then place it in the basket. The difference in putting your contribution in the basket and using the envelope is that the envelope contribution is recorded for a particular person and if they contribute €250 or more in the year then the parish may be entitled to a tax refund from Revenue. The person has to be either paying PAYE either from employment or a pension or be self employed. The only requirement is that you register for the box and a number will be assigned to you. There are also yellow, blue and green envelopes in the box for other collections. Any other collections taken up will also go towards making up the €250 once it is going toward an Irish organisation ie Dues collection, Diocesan Needs etc. Any contribution to collections that are spent overseas are not included in the revenue system. A yearly contribution of €250 is a weekly contribution of approx. €5. The parish will benefit from the revenue refund and this will help with the ever increasing running costs of our beautiful Cathedral. Envelope are available from this weekend if you are a registered person or if you would like to register. Thank You again for your ongoing and continued support.

***Maranatha Prayer Ministry***

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Christmas Healing Retreat at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle at 2.30pm through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Joseph Mary, Monks of Moyross, Limerick on Sunday 15th December Mass at 5pm.

***Diocesan Needs Collection***

Next month's collection will take place 11th and 12th January 2020.

***Novena to St. Anthony***

Every Tuesday at the 10am and 5.45pm Mass.

***Milford Care Centre***

The rescheduled illumination of the Milford Hospice Light up a Memory Tree is to take place on Sunday 15th December at 6pm.

***Trócaire Gift of Love Christmas Appeal.***

When you buy a Trócaire Gift of Love, your money goes to the developing world buying life-changing gifts for people who really need them as well as funding critical work in Trócaire's justice, resource rights and women's empowerment programmes. The gifts will be on sale after all masses this weekend the 14th and 15th December. For any further information contact Kieran in St John's Cathedral Sacristy, buy a Trócaire Gift of Love this Christmas.



***The winner of the last draw is***

***Gary Doyle***

### **Christmas Mass Times & Confessions**

#### **Sunday 22nd December**

Mass times as Normal

Confessions at 8.30am — 9am 10.45am—11.45am  
6pm – 7pm

#### **Monday 23rd December**

Mass times as Normal

#### **Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**

Morning Mass 10am

Children's Mass 4pm

Carols begin at 6.30pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 7pm

#### **Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

Mass 8am, 10.30am (Youth Choir) 12 noon (Senior Choir)  
No Evening Mass

#### **Thursday 26th - Friday 27th December**

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

#### **Saturday 28th December**

Mass 10am, Vigil Mass 6pm

#### **Sunday 29th December**

Mass 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon & 7pm

#### **Monday 30th December - Wednesday 1st January**

Mass 10am. No Evening Mass

#### **Thursday 2nd January**

Mass times resume as normal

### ***The Giving Tree- Be a Secret Santa with the Society of St Vincent de Paul.***

Society of St Vincent de Paul provides help to thousands of families at Christmas, which include gift vouchers, toys for small children, gifts for young people as well as gifts for older adults. Choose a tag from the tree and bring back an unwrapped gift to the Cathedral, these gifts will be delivered to SVP and then they will be distributed by a network of local SVP volunteers. This will be our second year here at St Johns Cathedral supporting SVP with many of you giving generously to such a worthy cause. This year's Giving Tree will be in place from Monday 2nd December until Sunday 15th December. Contact Kieran in St Johns Cathedral.



### ***Baptisms in the Cathedral***

We extend our congratulations to the family and friends of Baby Scarlett Rose Collins, Scarlett Rose Pavlovicova - Freeman on their recent baptism in the Cathedral.

### ***Sympathies***

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Peter Ford Rip, Claire Noonan Rip, David Payne Rip, Christina Sheehan Rip, Christina Ryan Rip.

### ***Annual Carol Service***

Mary Immaculate College Annual Carol Service is on Tuesday Dec 17th at 7.30pm in St Joseph Church.

### ***Scripture Sharing***

Scripture Reading will continue each Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Presbytery.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### ***Saturday 14th***

10am Philomena & Son Patrick Collopy.

6pm Mary Kenihan, Bernard & Baby Zack McCarthy, Dawn Casey,  
John & Breda McCarthy, Thomas Moore.

#### ***Sunday 15th***

8am Ursula & John Noonan. 10.30am James O'Flynn, Eileen Loughran,  
Anna & Husband Don Rose. 12 noon Griffin Family, William Doyle, Eamon O'Flynn.  
7pm Mary & Jim Walsh, Gerry McKeon, John Fahy, Maura Casey, Joseph Reddan.

#### ***Monday 16th***

10am Holy Souls. 5.45pm Nora Sheedy, Tony Quilty.

#### ***Tuesday 17th***

10am Gerard McNamara, O'Connell & Danaher Families, David Mahon - Birth Rem.  
5.45pm Ann O'Connor - Birth Rem, William Doyle, Diarmuid Delaney,  
Henry O'Connor - Month's Mind.

#### ***Wednesday 18th***

10am Aidan Power - Birth Rem. 5.45pm Madge Lee, Bridget Cronin.

#### ***Thursday 19th***

10am Bridget Williams (Av) Thomas Williams. 5.45pm Maise Kennedy.

#### ***Friday 20th***

10am Patrick Wallace. 5.45pm Peggy McGrath, Stephen & Bridget Torpey.

#### ***Saturday 21st***

10am Hannon & Ford Families.

6pm Bridget & Alison Hurley, Ted & Mary Hickey, Phil & Jimmy O'Flynn,  
Michael, Rose & Margaret McNamara, Peggy Whelan, Thomas Marsh,  
Chrissie Duhig—Birth Rem, Brian Gorman - Birth Rem.

#### ***Sunday 22nd***

8am O' Neill Family. 10.30am James & Mary Frawley, Jim Rochford & Ned Chambers,  
Paschel O'Brien 12 noon Nash Family, Breda Neville.  
7pm John Sheehan, Patricia Flynn, Patrick Connerty, Rita Mullins.