

This Sunday we begin a new season in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Today, we begin the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. One message and set of values will come to us from the media and the shops. We will be told that we will have to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas, as if such a thing exists. We will be told and sold the idea that unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trappings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This most definitely is 'fake news.' However there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely is 'Good News!'

The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope.

Recent Baptisms

Welcome to the Christian Community.

Zara O'Donoghue Woodland
Rian O'Donoghue



We offer our sympathies to the families and loved ones of the recently deceased.

James O'Callaghan RIP

Colin O'Dwyer RIP

Split the Pot

Congratulations to **Jacqueline Lillis** winner of last weekend's draw. (20/11).



During Advent, there will be a series of evenings based on "Advent Stations". Each night will consist of a scripture reading, a reflection, some sharing and a short prayer service. The evening will conclude with a cup of tea and a chat.

Evening: Friday Time: 7.00pm Venue: St. John's Parish Centre, behind Cathedral House.

Friday 2 December; The Angel of the Lord appears to Mary. **Friday 9 December;** Mary goes to Elizabeth.

Friday 16 December; Joseph's Dream. **Friday 23 December;** The Journey to Bethlehem.

All are welcome to attend and if you are willing to volunteer to help with the organising of the evenings, please contact any of the Priests of the Parish, Kieran or the office at 061 414624.

Month of the Holy Souls

As we approach the end of November, Holy Souls envelopes with list of the deceased to be included in our masses can be handed into Kieran in the Sacristy

The Cathedral Shop

is open Monday —Saturday 10.30am to 1pm.

Now offering Christmas Cards & Christmas Candles . We also have a selection of Cribs and other Christmas Gifts.





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