

## Parish Newsletter Sunday 17th December 2023

Each week in Advent we light a candle on the Advent Wreath, the first week the candle represented hope, the second week the candle represented peace and this week we light the lighter coloured candle representing joy.

### Prayer for Lighting the Third Candle - Joy:

"Loving God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, whose birth on earth we are about to celebrate. Amen."



## Notices

**Advent Stations (short reflection on third week of Advent)** will continue this Wednesday evening directly after the 5.45pm mass.

### **Twelve Cribs of Christmas:**

This booklet is available at the back of the Cathedral and is for families who may wish to use the days of Christmas to view some of the cribs of Limerick. Each stop has a focal point and a specific prayer.



### **Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is back in its full capacity for 2024, bringing a full team of workers and assisted pilgrims. If you know someone (family member, neighbour, friend etc) who would like to travel as part of our assisted pilgrim section please let them know. Christmas may even be an opportunity for people to give a gift of a trip to Lourdes to a family member. Further information available from Limerick Diocesan Office on 061-350000.

### **Weekly Contribution Envelopes**

Boxes of weekly envelopes are now available for collection in the sacristy.

If you would like to take a box of envelopes please contact Kieran in the sacristy.

We thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

### Priests of the Parish

Canon Gerard Garrett  
Fr Frank O'Connor  
Fr Leo McDonnell  
Canon John Daly

### Parish Office

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### Mass Times

Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm  
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil  
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

### St Anthony's Novena

Tues 10am & 5.45pm.

### Holy Days

Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm  
Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

### Confessions

Saturday 10.30am

### Baptisms

Saturday 4.30pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Takes place each Friday  
4.30pm to 5.30pm.

### Cathedral Shop

Open Mon - Sat  
10.30am to 1pm.  
Wide selection of  
Christmas cards and gift  
ideas available.



### Split the Pot

Congratulations to  
**Helen Stewart**  
Winner of last weekends  
draw 10/12

## Veritas Encourages Shopping for Meaningful Gifts this Christmas

At Veritas you will find beautifully illustrated children's books that will entertain but also fill our hearts, nativity sets, Advent candles, memorial gifts, thoughtful cards, beautiful Christmas decorations, and much more.

Visit Veritas stores in Dublin Abbey Street, Blanchardstown, Tallaght, Cork, Limerick, Letterkenny, Derry, and Newry—or shop online at veritas.ie

## Christmas Mass Times and Confessions

### Monday 18th to Saturday 22nd December

10am & 5.45pm (Mon – Fri)

Confession after each Mass

Saturday 10am

Confession after Mass

6pm (vigil)

### Sunday 24th December

8am, 10.30am and 12 noon

### Christmas Masses

5pm and 7pm

### Christmas Day 25th December

8am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

## Christmas Week 26th to 29th December

10am - No evening Mass

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Mass times resume as normal

### Recently Deceased:

We offer our sympathies to the families and loved ones of  
**Bernadette Keogh RIP**  
**Charlie Hannon RIP**

May their gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

