

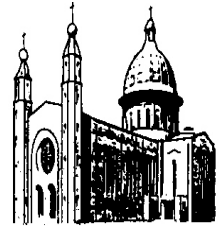
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**Bulletin 24th
December, 2023
4th Sunday of
Advent**

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil
6.15pm

Sunday
9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri
9.30am
Saturdays: 10 am

Holydays
As announced.

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16th/17th
December

Offertory:

€2536

Shrines:

€465

PARISH BULLETIN

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Full of Grace

I often compare Advent to a jigsaw puzzle; you see a lot of pieces and you try to make sense of them. Some of the pieces are warnings or messages, there's talk of a promise, then there's voices and figures appearing. Soon enough they form the beginnings of a story, and a story that does not seem to have an ending.

We first hear that people have waited and waited for a sign of liberation from years of being lost, no voices have been heard for years to help them find their way. Now they are told to be awake and that all the waiting was to lead to a promise fulfilled. Soon that promise has a voice, a man called John, who said he was the voice, and a witness to the light. So far, so good. But what will be the end of this be, where does it lead?

More pieces appear, there's talk of a birth. And so we go back in time again. We hear the story of Samson's birth, he who represents strength for the chosen people in the wilderness. Then there's the birth of John, the voice and the witness. Finally there's talk of another birth, and with it, another piece of the jigsaw: it will be Bethlehem, the city of David.

The two last figures, we have read this week: Joseph the Man of Dreams, a direct descendant of David, and Mary, the final figure of the puzzle as we see today. The Angel greets her as 'full of grace', a moment of an extraordinary message. The whole idea of heaven and earth come together at that moment 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you'. Grace is the free gift from God, and she was chosen from all women, she was given the fullness of grace

All the pieces are now in place, like all such puzzles, we put them together ourselves.

A blessed Season from Father Tom, our neighbour Father Dan and myself.

Fr. Donal.



Christmas Collection

The collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is one of only two church collections taken up for the Priest's income in the year, the other being Easter. All other church collections are for the maintenance of the parish. We thank you in advance.

PARISH NOTICES:

Weekly Collection Envelopes 2024:

There are still a lot of boxes in the Sacristy to be collected **! Please collect your box**, as soon as possible, so that they can be used for the first weekend in January 2024.

Parish App:

Check out our APP to learn how various Christmas traditions came to be. Use the link above.

Mass Intentions for Week 23rd to the 30th December, 2023

Saturday, 23rd December	- 6.15pm - (1) Ann Gowing (2) Gerry Harrington
Sunday, 24th December	- 9.00am - Ann Carroll and Julie Murphy
	- 11.00am - (1) Sr. Elizabeth O'Connell (2) John & Nora Healy
	- 6.15pm - People of Parish
	- 9.00pm - People of Parish
Monday, 25th December	- 9.00am, 11.00am & 12.30pm - People of Parish
Tuesday, 26th December	- 9.30am - Mary Ann Meade
Wednesday, 27th December	- 9.30am - Joe Browne
Thursday, 28th December	- 9.30am - (1) Nan Lehane (2) Eileen & Breffni O'Sullivan
Friday, 29th December	- 9.30am - (1) Mary Bresnihan (2) Paddy O'Herlihy