

Christians today are asked to become innkeepers

Fr Peter McVerry told the story of a homeless young person whom he knew well and who said to him: Peter, the thing about homelessness is that nobody cares. The young person subsequently took his own life. Journeying to no purpose, journeying with no outcome, journeying with no trusted companionship all too often fill the waking hours of those rejected and stigmatized today whether by rural or by urban poverty and alienation. More and more people in today's Ireland didn't expect that by seeking asylum they would end up in Direct Provision; that by falling behind in mortgage payments and lapsing into rent arrears they would end up in emergency accommodation; that by going on to the streets to live they might indeed die on the streets. For more and more people, the gradient annually becomes harder to climb and the sense of purpose fades.

The infant Jesus and his parents Mary and Joseph made a number of journeys – to Bethlehem and then to Egypt. The innkeeper in Bethlehem was willing both to compromise and to improvise. Not least at Christmas, Christians today are asked to become innkeepers. They are required to compromise and to improvise. They are invited to follow the light of humanity and of dignity and to make connections of grace and generosity with people just like themselves who have found that their journey has led them to Direct Provision, to chronic rent arrears, to emergency accommodation and to rough sleeping.

*A Reflection on Advent and Christmas by
Archbishop Michael Jackson*

The Parishes in the Pastoral Area are hoping with your help to support the *Dublin Simon Community* once again this year in our **Advent Winter Wollies Appeal** from 1st– 15th December. Simon needs **NEW** Socks, underwear, gloves, hats, scarves & fleece jackets **only**.



Download this calendar from your parish website.

Mary Immaculate (01 4534408): www.oblateparishinchicore.ie

Our Lady of the Wayside (01 4501040): www.olwbluebellparish.ie

St Michael's (01 4531660): www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie



Epiphany Gifts

If you received a gift that you do not want or need, you can *re-gift* your gift by bringing unwanted presents to your church on 6th January and they will be passed on to *Crosscare*, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, who will redistribute them to homeless people in the city.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mary Immaculate, Inchicore: Confessions

Saturdays 10.30am-11am

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation:

Sunday, 22nd December at all Masses

Our Lady of the Wayside, Bluebell: Confessions

Saturdays 9.30am-10am Mass and before 6pm-6.30pm

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd December at all Masses

St Michael's, Inchicore:

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th December at all Masses

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Inchicore - Bluebell Pastoral Area

Advent & Nativity Calendar 2019



Advent is about learning to wait.

It is about not having to know exactly what is coming tomorrow, only that whatever it is, something difficult, or something uplifting, it is a sign of the work of God alive in us.

We are becoming as we go.

We learn in Advent to stay in the present, knowing that only the present well lived can possibly lead us to the fullness of life.

Sr Joan Chittister OSB

MARY IMMACULATE

ADVENT MEDITATION: Mondays 10.30am-11.30am
with Br Frank Flanagan, House of Retreat.

First Sunday of Advent (1st Dec) Mass 11:30am & 7pm.

Tues 3rd Dec: Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing
at 6pm at Goldensoles, Tyrconnell Rd

Second Sunday of Advent (8th Dec): 11:30am & 7pm.
Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection this weekend.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Monday 9th December):
Masses: 7am, 10am & 7pm (Holy Day)

Third Sunday of Advent (15th Dec): Mass at 11.30am &
7pm. (*The 11:30am mass will be a 'Do This In Memory'
Mass for First Communion Candidates and Family.*)

Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál "CAROL SERVICE"
Thurs 19th Dec, 7.30pm in the church. *No 7pm mass.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent (22nd Dec): 11:30am & 7pm.
Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated at all Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE: (Tuesday 24th Dec) 7am, 10am
Indian Community Christmas Vigil Mass: 5:30pm.
Christmas Vigil Mass: 9.00pm
starting with **Carols at 8.30pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY: (Wednesday 25th Dec)
Mass at **11:00am only** (*No evening mass*)

St Stephen's Day: (Thurs 26th Dec) Mass at 11am.

Fri 27th Dec: Mass at 10am. No evening mass.

Sat 28th Dec: Mass at 11am.

Feast of the Holy Family (Sun 29th Dec): 11:30am & 7pm

Mon 30th Dec: Mass 10am. **Tues 31st Dec:** Mass 10am.
Indian Community Mass+Devotions (31st Dec) 8:30pm.

Wed 1st January: Mary the Mother of God
- **World Day of Peace**, Mass at 11am

Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan: Mass 10am

Sat 4th Mass 11am. **Sun 5th:** Mass 11:30 & 7pm.

EPIPHANY (Mon 6th January): Mass 7am, 10am & 7pm.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Thurs 28th Nov: Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing at
6pm beside Bluebell Luas stop.

Sat 30th Nov: Ecumenical Memorial Service in
Memorial Garden in Bluebell, 4pm

First Sunday of Advent: (1st Dec): Vigil on Saturday
6.30pm *with Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree Blessing;*
8.30am, 11am *for First Holy Communion Candidates*

Fri. 6th Dec: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (*First
Friday*) from 10am - 1pm [*also First Friday Sick' Visit*]

Second Sunday of Advent: (8th Dec):
Vigil 6.30pm; 8.30am & 11am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mon 9th Dec: Mass 10am
Third Sunday of Advent (15th Dec): Vigil 6.30pm;
8.30am and 11am Mass for *Confirmation Candidates*

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Tuesday 17th Dec at 7pm

Christmas Visit for the sick and housebound:
(20th Dec - from 11am onwards) - *if you know of
anyone who wish priest' visit, please, let us know!*

Fourth Sunday of Advent (22nd Dec): Vigil 6.30pm;
8.30am, 11am. **Sacrament of Reconciliation
celebrated at all Masses Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Dec.**

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th Dec: Singing **Christmas Carols**
with Folk Group and Adult Choir at 7.30pm
Christmas Vigil Mass at 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (25th Dec): Masses: 8.30am, 11am

St Stephen's Day: (26th Dec): Mass at 10am

Fri 27th, Sat 28th, Mon 30th, Tue 31st Dec: Mass at 10am

Sun. 29th Dec: Feast of the Holy Family

Wed 1st January: Mary Mother of God Mass at 10am

Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan: Mass at 10am

Sun 5th Jan: Second Sunday of Christmas Masses
6.30pm; 8.30am, 11am

EPIPHANY (Mon 6th January): Mass 10am

ST. MICHAEL'S

A short time for **QUIET PRAYER & REFLECTION** on
Tuesday mornings of Advent in the church following the
10am Mass, beginning 3rd Dec.

Half-Hour **MEDITATION/CENTERING PRAYER** with
Pádraigín 12noon and 6.30pm Thursday 5th/ 12th / 19th
December in de Mazenod Centre. *Drop in and Breathe!*

First Sunday of Advent (1st Dec.) Masses: Vigil on Sat
6.30pm, 9am & 11am (Family Mass)

Second Sunday of Advent (8th Dec): Masses as on First
Sunday. *St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Mon. 9th Dec): Mass 10am

Mon 9th Dec: Lighting of the Tree of Remembrance
6pm in St Michael's Community Centre

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE:
Wed. 11th Dec at 12noon in the church.

**Thurs. 12th December: WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS OF THE
EUCARIST** 7.30pm in the de Mazenod Centre with
Peter Siney. (*Oblate Pastoral Area Event*)

Third Sunday of Advent (15th Dec.): Masses as on First
Sunday. **Sac. Reconciliation celebrated at all Mass**

PARISH FESTIVAL OF CAROLS: Sun 15th Dec at 7.00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent (22nd Dec) Masses as on First
Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tues. 24th Dec.)
Christmas Vigil Mass at 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wed. 25th Dec): Masses: 9am & 11am

Feast of St Stephen (Thurs. 26th Dec): Mass at 10am

Feast of the Holy Family (Sun 29th Dec) Masses as on
First Sunday of Advent

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (World Day of Peace):
Tues. 1st Jan Mass: 10am.

EPIPHANY (Mon. 6th January) Mass: 10am