

Blessing of the Advent Wreath in your Home

This blessing might be used for the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath on the Sundays of Advent. All make the Sign of the Cross:

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A member of the family says the following blessing while another lights the candles on the Advent Wreath.

**Lord God,
as we light the candles of this wreath
let your blessing come upon us
and upon all whom we hold dear.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Your ever-loving care
for us and for the whole world.
May it remind us of Christ, *Emmanuel*
who showed us that *God is with us*.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

This blessing can be prayed when the Christmas tree has been put up and decorated.

+In the name of the Father...

A member of the family turns on the lights of the tree and the blessing is then said:

Lord God,

**let your blessing come upon us
as we turn on the lights on this tree.
May the twinkling lights, coloured
balls and home made ornaments
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts
knowing that You are ever-close to us
and to all who need your loving care
and tender presence.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing of the Crib in the Home

This blessing can be prayed after the crib is put in place in the home.

+ In the name of the Father...

**Lord God, bless all
who look upon this manger.**

**May it remind us of the words of
the Angels to the Shepherds:**

**'Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news that will cause
great joy for all the people...
a Saviour has been born.'**

**May it remind us that in the midst
of our tiredness, our struggling,
our uncertainties and our fears,
God draws close to his people.**

**We ask this prayer through Christ,
our Lord. Amen.**

ADVENT MASSES

**Sunday Masses
at 11.30am & 7pm**

**Monday to Saturday
Masses at 10am
*No Mass on Wednesdays***

**Wednesdays of Advent
*Service of Word with Holy
Communion at 10am***



The Oblates Church

Inchicore Parish

Mary Immaculate

ADVENT 2020 - *Patient Waiting, Hope-Filled Longing*

Advent... time of waiting and hoping...

We hear the words and wonder,

how did this time come around again so quickly?

But this time we have a greater experience of waiting...

waiting for the 6 o'clock news; waiting for the latest NPHET figures; waiting for the test results; waiting for better news; waiting our turn in the queue; waiting, even longing for that much needed hug from a loved one...

This year we know how to do waiting!

We've learnt that waiting is not just doing nothing

- waiting is anxiety; worry; concern;
longing; hoping... above all hoping.

At Advent we remember a story of waiting;
a story of our waiting... and God's:

Mary was anxious and waited and hoped.

Joseph was perplexed and waited and hoped.

Elizabeth had waited and waited and she hardly dared to hope of having a child in her older years. But she knew with God all things are possible.

God too, in a sense, waited:

Would she say yes? Would he agree? Would it all go well?

In the darkest part of the year, in our weariness with the pandemic and restrictions, Advent comes as a beacon of hope.

Hope



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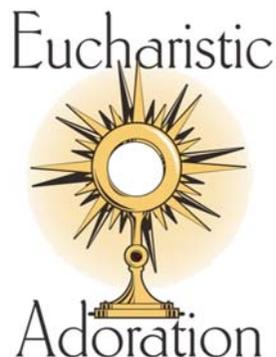
THE INCHICORE PARISH TEAM like to assure all of our prayers for you and for your loved ones. We pray for God's protection and blessing upon those who continue to keep schools, shops and essential services open and active for us. We keep in prayer our caregivers and those whose work takes them out of their homes and their safety bubbles.

*Fr Paul, Mirela, Fr Tony, Joanne,
Br Frank, Fr Dominik, Philip & Fr Leo*

WEDNESDAYS OF ADVENT

2pm—5pm

During the Exposition some members of the Parish Team are available for a chat, to give a blessing, requests of prayers for you or for someone you are concerned about, or simply to be seen by another person for a moment and know that you have a listening ear.



RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Reconciliation is what God does.

Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do.

Sacrament of Confession available on Wednesdays 2pm-5pm and on Saturdays after the 10am Mass.

COMMUNION TO SICK / HOUSEBOUND

We are very conscious of parishioners who are sick or housebound in our parish and we pray for your intentions regularly. The priests or ministers of Communion can bring communion to those who request (with PPE and Covid-19 protocols in place). We can also facilitate a family member to take Communion to their sick or housebound relative or neighbour in the parish. Please contact the Parish Office 01 453 4408 between 10am—1pm Monday to Friday.

“Advent is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that God came down toward us.”

Pope Francis Advent 2020



CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASSES

At Christmas we love to welcome any and all to Mass, but this year given the situation of Pandemic, we need to limit the numbers and ensure we can all worship safely. This year we are introducing a **ticketed entry** into Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Thursday 24th Dec., Christmas EVE: Masses at 7.00pm & 9.00pm

Friday 25th Dec., Christmas DAY: Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am

Tickets (free) will be available in the church

before Mass on the following on days:

Saturday, 12th December from 9.15am—10am

Sunday 13th December from 10.45am—11.30am & 6.15pm-7pm

Tickets will be necessary in order for admission to all Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

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www.churchservices.tv/maryimmaculateoblates

PLEASE NOTE: *The Bishops of Ireland have dispensed us from the obligation to attend Christmas Mass. Therefore, those who wish to attend a Christmas Mass and receive Holy Communion can also do so by going to Mass during the Christmas Octave (26th December to 1st January).*



We are an Advent people...

May our waiting, our vulnerability, our dependence, our need and our emptiness this Advent make us ready to receive the God who comes, to love and cherish us, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all our days...

...for what else could Love do?