

**Church of the Holy Child  
Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Masses for Christmas Eve -6.00p.m.  
Night Mass for Christmas -9.00p.m.

**Christmas Day Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

*No Evening Mass on Christmas Day*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
10.00am.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday 1st January 2023**

10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

**Monday – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January -10.00a.m.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany  
Holy Day of Obligation**

9.15a.m.

Please note no 11.15a.m. Mass



**Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball  
Christmas Eve Sat, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.00p.m. Night Mass for Christmas

**Christmas Day Sun 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
10.00a.m. Mass

**Sunday, 1st January 2023**

10.00a.m. Mass

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Feast of the  
Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation**

10.00a.m. Mass

**Christmas Reconciliation Service  
at 7.00p.m.**

Kilmore West -  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> December

Beaumont -  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December

Holy Child -  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> December



**PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY**



**NEWSLETTER**



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**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**11th December 2022**

*John the Baptist is a major figure in the Christian tradition of whom Jesus said "there has arisen no one greater."*

We have reached the Third Sunday of Advent and Christmas is rapidly approaching. In our Gospel today, Jesus clearly identifies John the Baptist with the arrival of the Messiah: "He [John the Baptist] is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you."

John the Baptist is a major figure in the Christian tradition of whom Jesus himself said in our Gospel from St. Matthew today "among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist." This is quite an endorsement and unique in the New Testament. This gives John a very significant place in the history of salvation.

And, of course, Jesus began his own ministry by being a follower of John as he was baptised by him in the



River Jordan. The ministry of Jesus began when his cousin was no longer able to function as he was imprisoned by Herod.

Advent invites us to open our lives to the coming of Jesus

at Christmas. There was never a time in the history of the church where the gifts of the faithful were more needed.

John is one of the great figures of Advent as he prepares us for the arrival of Jesus. The manner in which St. Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as an historic moment. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. And is also what Jesus is asking of each and every one of us this Advent. John the Baptist is one of three



**PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

Combined Parish Choirs & Folk Group  
directed by Kathryn Browne

Present the first Carol Service since Covid

**11th December 2022 at 7.30p.m.**

in the Church of the Holy Child. All Welcome



**Recently Deceased:**

We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ.

Sylvester Kelly  
Dorothy O'Reilly  
Laurence McKeon

*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*



**Special Collection this Weekend**

**for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Annual Christmas Appeal takes place this weekend **10th & 11th December.**

It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Please give what you can.

great Advent figures that we can reflect on in the coming weeks. The others are Isaiah, the great foreteller of Jesus from the Hebrew scriptures, and Our Lady whose journey faith at this time of year perfectly encapsulates the true meaning of Advent.

Mary was the one who had to wait for the birth of her son. It could not be rushed. It had to happen in God's time. We all sometimes have to wait for the right time for things to happen. Mary shows us, by her example, that she was prepared to wait, unsure of what plans God may have had in store for her. But nonetheless she trusted in divine providence that all would be well and that God would give her grace for the challenges to come.

I was queuing in a shopping on Saturday and there was a young boy and his parents ahead of me in the queue. He ran forward with a board game but his parents told him to wait as he would be getting plenty of similar items at Christmas. In a world where we have lost the sense of anticipation, Advent invites us to pause, to take a breath as it were and perhaps to stand back from the craziness of getting ready for Christmas for a short while.

As our Second Reading from Letter to St James reminds us:  
*"Now be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart."*

Perhaps that could be a challenge for us all in the week ahead: to take a small amount of "time out" to appreciate and enjoy this very special time of the year. Whether it's a walk at our nearby coastline or in the National Botanic Gardens or perhaps a few minutes of quiet time in a convenient church or oratory. Speaking about the graces of Advent last Sunday, Pope Francis said: *"Let us remember one thing: with Jesus, there is always the possibility of beginning again. It's never too late. There is always the possibility to begin again. Be courageous. He is near to us, and this is the time of conversion. There is always the possibility of taking a step forward. He is waiting for us and never gets tired of us. He never gets tired!"*

Let us bring this message of Advent hope into the week ahead.  
*Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes*

**We welcome in Baptism:**

Sam Niall O'Hanlon Taylor  
 Rian Emmett Connolly

*May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.*



**Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child**

Sat 10th Dec	7.00p.m.	Frances O'Byrne – 1st Anniversary Deceased members of the Flanagan, Sheridan, McCann, Robertson, Keaney, Connelly Families – R.I.P.
Sun 11th Dec	10.00	Mary Gilligan,, Ronald Downey – Month's Mind Maureen O'Beara – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Mary Gray – 1st Anniversary Gary Emmett, Sean O'Reilly – Anniversaries Florence Farren, Daniel Kearns – Anniversaries
Mon 12th Tues 13th Dec & Wed 14th Dec	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs 15th Dec	9.15a.m.	Gerry McCarthy – Anniversary
Fri 16th Dec	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Sat 17th Dec	7.00p.m.	Betty Kelleher – 1st Anniversary Elizabeth Goggins, Joan Boyle – Anniversaries Joan & George Casey – Anniversaries Maureen & Tomás Holt – Anniversaries
	10.30a.m.	Leslie Brooks – Month's Mind Pauline McEvoy – 1st Anniversary John Killeen – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Eileen Fynes – 1st Anniversary Elizabeth (Lily) McDonagh – 1st Anniversary Charlie Cunningham – Remembrance Annie Gibbons – Anniversary Tony Marmion – Anniversary Catherine & Michael McLoughlin – Anniversaries
<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>		
Sun 11th Dec	10.00a.m.	Maura Barry – Anniversary
Wed 14th Dec	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 18th Dec	10.00a.m.	Patrick (Patsy) Caul, - Anniversary Kathleen & Jackie Timmons- Anniversaries Martha Carrigan -Anniversary husband Joe Carrigan- Remembrance

**Church Shop**

Christmas Cards, Mass Bouquets, Candles, Diaries, Church Art Calendars now on sale.



**Parish Mailing** -We are looking for people to help with the delivery of the Family Envelope Boxes. If you are available and are willing to help please call into the Parish Office in Holy Child to collect the envelopes. The Parish Office is open Mon to Fri from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. We would really appreciate your help with these deliveries. Many thanks.

