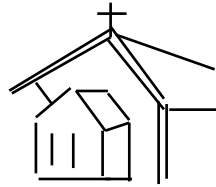


GLANMIRE PARISH

29th November, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon - Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Saturday Devotions 9.45; Mass 10 am Saturday (Vigil) 6pm	
Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10pm.
St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

Fr John Newman Tel.087. 2485684, Fr John Heinhold Tel.087 1689292.
Parish website: www.glanmireparish.ie/
Parish office open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 10 am to 1 pm. Tel:4820654

Watch the Road

Several years ago a bus driver in Kerry reached an unusual record. In 23 years he had driven his bus over 1, 000,000 miles without having a single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: "Watch the road."

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: "*Be vigilant at all times,*" "*Stand erect,*" "*Raise your heads,*" "*Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy.*" This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life.

We must remain watchful, tuning up our souls so that there will be no false notes there when the Lord comes. Advent's prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help prepare us, so that Christ will find a grand welcome when he comes to our inn at Christmas; a warm bed in our heart's manger; a family of love and peace at home; a Church buoyed by our commitment; a world renewed by our prayer, charity and witness.

Advent reminds us not to forget our Christian calling to holiness of life and witness, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Prayer

is the key to authentic witness and being ready when he comes, as the gospel says: "Stay awake, praying all the time." (Luke 21:36). "Watch the road!"

ENCOUNTERING MERCY

As we prepare for the Year of Mercy we are hosting three sessions on the theme of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke on Mon's 30th Nov, 7th Dec & 14th Dec. Coffee from 10:30am session from 10:45am to 12noon.
Venue: Pastoral Dev. Office, Ballyphehane. Tel: Sr Karen 021 4537601.

Toy Mass: The 23rd Annual Toy Mass will take place on Dec 6th at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church, Springhill. This year, the need is as great as ever, please wrap and mark toys for either 'boy/girl'. This is a very expensive time for many people. Please contact either of the priests in strictest confidence if help is needed. We hope you will come and join us in this celebration and we encourage you to come early where the stewards will guide you in the car park and the church. Looking forward to seeing you on Dec 6th. St Joseph's Junior Group.

15 th Nov	St Joseph's	€1,559	St Michael's	€277	€1,836
2 nd Collection	St Joseph's	€ 684	St Michael's	€204	€ 888
22 nd Nov.	St Joseph's	€1,400	St Michael's	€296	€1,696

Upper Glanmire Community Association AGM, will be held at 8pm, on Monday, November 30th, Upper Glanmire Community Centre. All welcome.

Upper Glanmire Community Association with White's Cross GAA, Community Clean-Up, Sat Dec 5th 10-12.30. Meet at the Community Centre. Wear high-vis and gloves. Refreshments after. Enquiries: 086 382 4405.

Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary - First Friday/First Sat. Vigil of Adoration & Reparation C.U.H. Hospital Chapel Dec 4th/5th. Rosary 9 pm, First Fri Mass 9.30 pm. First Sat. Mass (Fri midnight). Come for all or part of the night. All welcome.

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat at Newbridge College from Fri 18th to Sun 20th Dec. There will be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the country. Booking is essential. For more information see www.youth2000.ie, Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or Tel: 01. 6753690.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 2nd of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Tivoli.

Glanmire Community College hamper appeal for St Vincent de Paul continues up to Fri. 18th Dec. Staff and students in G.C. C. will be bringing in non perishable food items for hampers for the St Vincent de Paul in the area. Any parishioner or business who would like to support this venture can bring any donations into the main school office any time during the school day or contact Padraic Kelleher or Siobhán Quinn (school chaplain), telephone 021-4822377, thanks in advance.