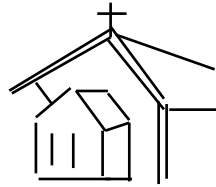


GLANMIRE PARISH

6th December, 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent



Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on church holydays

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon.Wed. Thurs & Fri 10.00 am Tuesday 11am & 7. 30 pm	Tuesday 10 am Thursday & Friday 9.20 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

Advent

The weeks of Advent gives us all an opportunity to respond to God's call to salvation.

Our responses to God's call to salvation are not merely to be verbal, but must also be expressed in our way of life. We must cross the valley of isolation by offering or accepting forgiveness. We must tear down the mountain of prejudice by opening our hearts to see the dignity of others. We must straighten paths of indifference by recommitting ourselves to engaging in Gospel values. The story of our salvation is scripted by how we respond to God's call. Right now, in our time!

Over the coming weeks of Advent let's take the opportunities given;

On the 8th December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary marks the beginning of the **Year of Mercy**. Attend mass on the day – 10am St. Michael's Upper Glanmire, or at 11am St. Joseph's Springhill, or at 7.30pm St. Joseph's Springhill.

On Sunday 13th to Wednesday the 16th of December there will be Advent penance services held in our pastoral area. Attend the sacrament of penance – 7.30pm on Sunday 13th in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Carrig Na Bhfear or at 7.30pm on Monday 14th in St. Joseph's Church Springhill, Glanmire or at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Watergrasshill or at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th in the Sacred Heart Church, Glounthaune.

Attend one of the Carol Services/Concerts to be held in the parish in the days running up to Christmas. On Tuesday 15th in St. Joseph's Church Springhill, Glanmire by the pupils of New Inn Primary School or on Wednesday 16th in St. Joseph's Church Springhill, Glanmire by Cór Geal & Friends or on Sunday 20th in St. Mary and All Saints, Church of Ireland, Church hill, Glanmire by the Local Choirs or on Monday 21st in St. Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire by the pupils of St. Michael's Primary School.

ENCOUNTERING MERCY

We are continuing our sessions on the theme of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke on Monday 7th Dec & Monday 14th Dec. Coffee from 10.30am session from 10.45am to 12noon. Venue: Pastoral Dev. Office, Ballyphehane. Tel: Sr Karen 021 4537601.

Opening of Holy Door – the Jubilee Year of Mercy

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with Bishop Buckley as he opens the Holy Door in our Diocese for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This will take place on Saturday 12th December at 6:30pm Mass at Saint Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

Death: Sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Ellen McCarthy, St Joseph's View who died on Nov. 26th

Glanmire Community College hamper appeal for St Vincent de Paul continues up to Fri. 18th Dec. Non perishable donations can be delivered to the office any time during the school day or contact Padraic Kelleher or Siobhán Quinn (school chaplain), tel: 021-4822377, thanks in advance.

St Vincent de Paul collection Sat 12th Dec/Sun 13th Dec.

Samuel is a group for young adults (18-35) open to listening to the Word of God and putting into action in their lives. For more information email samuelgroupcork@yahoo.ie or call 086 7857955.

2016 Offertory envelopes will be available after all masses next weekend. 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. Booking is essential. For more information see www.youth2000.ie, Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or Tel: 01. 6753690.