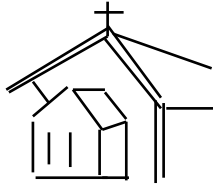


GLANMIRE PARISH

27th December, 2015



The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon. Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
1 st Sat. Devotion 9.45 Mass 10 am	
Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm.

Adoration Fri 1st January, 2016 10.30 am to 6 pm.

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 Tuesday 5th January 10 am to 1 pm. Tel:4820654

Thanks, and to the future we go

Last Sunday, at the “Do This in Memory” mass for the First Communion children the reflection was Clement Moore’s “A visit from St Nicholas”:

‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there. ...

It was a while since I had heard that poem. It brought me back to my own Christmas as a child and how I had hoped that St Nicholas soon would be there. He never failed to show up!

Now, we are moving on; New Year and 2016 are just around the corner. I want to wish everyone deep peace, health, and well-being in the year ahead. But before we move on, I want to say a word of thanks to everyone in Glanmire Parish.

St Paul said to his early Christians that welcome was to be their special mark. Now, I thank everyone who showed such welcome to me. Welcome comes in all shapes and sizes. It's there in the smile and handshake, in the “come in” and in the “how are you.”

I thank everyone for your encouragement. There was a time when

priests almost lived apart from people and certainly didn't need encouragement. How times have changed. Now an encouraging word and a “well done” and a “that can't have been easy” are huge supports. I find such generosity very uplifting.

Many, many people help out in the running of the parish. Everyone, in some way or other, belongs to and makes the parish. But there are people who go the extra mile, get involved and attend to some task or other. I thank you and without you the parish would be a much duller place.

Prayer is at the heart of our parish. We Christians surround everything we do with prayer and love and God. We don't claim any credit for it; it's the way we are. I see and give thanks for the many people in this place who are committed to prayer and Christian living. You are an inspiration.

In Ireland, priests are paid directly by parishioners. Irish people continue to support their priests, especially those who work at parish level. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported Fr John and myself throughout this past year. Your support to us personally comes through the Parish Dues, Christmas and Easter Offerings and generous stipends for the sacraments. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

So, to the future we go: *tous pour un, un pour tous* (all for one, one for all). Let's hope it will be a year of blessing for us all. I expect the Holy One will pass by and will not disappoint!

- John Newman, parish priest.

Wedding: Congratulations to Vincent O'Brien and Rosanne O'Callaghan, Copper Valley Heights who were married recently.

The Alliance of The Two Hearts New Year's Eve Mini Vigil. Ring in the New Year in prayer Thursday 31st December Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown. Rosary 9 pm. New Year's Eve Mass at Midnight.

First Friday & First Saturday Vigil of Adoration & Reparation January 1st Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown. 9pm Rosary, 1st Fri Mass 9.30 pm, 1st Sat Mass midnight. Come for all or part of the night.

20 th Dec	St Joseph's	€1,572	St Michael's	€370	Total €1,942
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