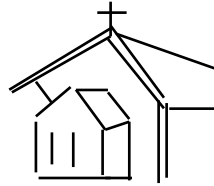


GLANMIRE PARISH

27th November 2016

1st Sunday of Advent



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Mon. Fri 10.00 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
1 st Saturday Dev. 9.45; Mass 10 am Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Mon night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10 pm.

St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm Friday in St Joseph's Church.

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First Sunday of Advent: New Beginnings

In his letter, *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis encouraged us all to remember what we have to be joyful about, as followers of Christ. Advent would be an excellent time to take his message to heart and maybe even make a new beginning in our Catholic lives. Now is the time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to come more fully into our lives and lead us on. We begin Advent feeling the need for his coming. Our first reading puts this need into words, "We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind." The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene, these past few weeks. Isaiah proposes whirling leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives. But he also calls us to look for

a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray with fervour this Advent, "Come, Lord Jesus," and make our own the words of the psalm, "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people.

Christmas Timetable

<u>St Joseph's Church</u>	<u>St Michael's Church</u>
Christmas Eve Crib Service 4 pm. Christmas Eve 6.00 pm; 9.00 pm. Christmas Day 9.00, 10.30; 12 Noon St Stephen's Day 10.00 am	Christmas Eve 7.30 pm Christmas Day 10.00 am St Stephen's Day 11.00 am

Child Safeguarding. Public meeting in the church on Tuesday 29th Nov at 8 pm. The meeting is designed for adults who have involvement with children in Church related activities. All welcome.

Anyone willing to join a Rota to clean the church on a regular basis please contact Fr John Newman P.P. 087-2485684.

Vincent's shop – Hazelwood Shopping Centre, Glanmire (Supporting St Vincent de Paul) has a customer /supporter 'Appreciation Event' from 11am to 2 pm on Thursday 1st December – all welcome.

Local SVP fundraiser, Sat 3rd Dec from 9 pm in The Widows Bar, Glanmire Village - No admission charge, many spot prizes and sandwiches - all welcome.

Off 20 th Nov.	St Joseph's	€1,232	St Michael's	€291	Total €1,523
2 nd Collection	St Joseph's	€ 709	St Michael's	€164	Total € 873

2017 Envelopes will be available for collection in the 'quiet room' at the back of the church after all masses next weekend.

The 25th Annual Toy Mass will take place on Sun Dec 4th at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church. This year, the need is as great as ever and we would ask you to bring a toy, wrapped, and clearly marked suitable for 'boy/girl'. Everything donated is distributed locally. If you are finding life difficult at the moment and we can help in this regard, please contact Fr John Newman in the strictest confidence. As you are aware work is being done in the car park at the moment so space is very

limited. We would encourage you to park in the surrounding areas but we will have car park attendants to assist you. Come as early as possible. St Josephs Junior Group.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork to Mostar (40 mins from Medjugorje) 31st May to 7th June 2017. Spiritual Director Fr Seán Corkery. Cost €619 if paid in full before 8th Dec. Full price of €719 after that date. €200 deposit secures place. Contact Seán O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380. Pilgrimage organized through JWT.

Aonach na Nollag - Christmas Market will be held in Gaelscoil Ui Drisceoil, Dunkettle, on **Sunday 4th December** between 10am and 5.30pm. Family fun and games all day including Santa's grotto, gift stalls, arts and crafts, cake stands, tea and coffee, stocking fillers, festive DJ and great prizes on the Wheel of Fortune.

Enable Ireland present "*A Christmas Chorus*" in the City Hall on Wed 7th December at 7.30pm. Six Primary School choirs and 1 adult choir will perform in what promises to be a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols and Songs. The Monophonics Children's choir and The Sonatinas adult choir, both local to the Glounthaune/Glanmire area will be 2 of the participating choirs. Tickets available in the Enable Ireland Shops on Oliver Plunkett St. and North Main St. and in the Lavanagh Centre, Ballintemple (021-4294423). Compere on the night is Red FM's KC. All proceeds go to Enable Ireland Children's Services in Cork.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 7th of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.