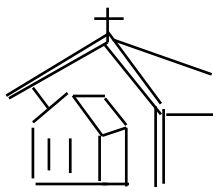


GLANMIRE PARISH

3rd December 2017

1st Sunday of Advent



Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of obligation

| St Joseph's Church | St Michael's Church |
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| Mon –Thurs. 10.00 am Friday 8 th December 10 am & 7.30 pm | Thursday 9.20 am Friday 11 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

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Getting Advent Right

Many years ago, the then Bishop of Ferns Brendan Comiskey wrote a Pastoral Letter which he entitled *Advent: 'Lost Season' in Church Year*. 'Advent,' he claims, 'lingers on only in the liturgy of the Christian church and on the fringes of its life.' The primary focus of Advent is on the coming of Christ which lies in the future. Unless we appreciate this, we won't be in tune with the scripture and prayers during the first three weeks of Advent. It's simply confusing to describe Advent as the time during which we prepare for Christmas. For most of Advent the primary focus is not on Christmas. It's on the future, final coming of Christ, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only from 17th December does the focus shift: then we begin an immediate preparation for the feast of Christmas. A "Lost Season"? If we resolve to keep Advent, to filter out, insofar as it's possible, all the Christmas stuff, then we stand some chance of staying in the spirit of Advent which is distinctive and rich in

meaning in its own right. The secret of a happy Christmas is getting Advent right. A good Advent makes for a happier Christmas.

We have a few areas left if someone would kindly volunteer to deliver the Autumn dues envelopes: Ballincrokig, Glyntown Close & Heights, Knocknahorgan, Pouladown. Envelopes can be collected from the office.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross has introduced Child Friendly safeguarding leaflets and a poster, which can be found in the church porches. The Church has a sacred obligation to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected in a manner consistent with their central place in the life of the Church.

A parish child safeguarding meeting will be held in St Joseph's Church early in the new year at which the current protocols for creating safe environments will be outlined.

Rosary at the Grotto: The usual monthly Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30 pm.

The 26th Annual Toy Mass will take place on Sunday next in St Joseph's Church at 12. Please bring a toy, wrapped and marked either 'boy or girl'. All toys collected help Santa to distribute toys within our community. If you are finding life difficult with regard to the above please contact Fr Newman in the strictest confidence. We would advise you to come early as the church fills up very quickly. We will have stewards in the car park to assist you. Toy Mass Group

The St Vincent De Paul Christmas collection is next weekend 9th/10th Dec.

Christmas in the Cathedral Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne (North Cathedral)

Fr Liam Lawton in concert supported by the Cathedral Parish Choir Thursday 7th December 8 pm. Tickets €20 available from North Cathedral, Pro Musica and James Nolan Butchers, Shandon Street.

Veritas and the Pastoral Development Office invite all parishioners to join with them for the launch of the book "55 Ways to Connect with Families in your Parish" by Sr Karen Kent today at 4pm in Saint Columba's Church, Douglas beginning with a time of Advent Prayer based on the book. All are welcome.

Advent Retreat Saturday 9th December with Fr Mike Burgess OFM CAP in the Sisters of Bon Secours Convent. eavopost@gmail.com or call Ann Marie 087 2209994.

Aonach na Nollag *Christmas Market* today from 10.00 am to 5.30 pm Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil, Dunkettle. Family Fun Day. Bígí Linn.

