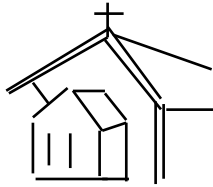


# GLANMIRE PARISH

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Christmas Eve Crib Ceremony 4 pm Christmas Eve 6.00 pm & 9.00 pm Christmas Day 9.00, 10.30; 12.00 St Stephen's Day 10.00 am Wed – Friday 10.00 am	Christmas Eve 7.30 pm Christmas Day 10.00 am  Thursday & Friday 9.20 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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Appreciating those who work and volunteer in the parish.

As we set out on a new year with hope, I want to express sincere thanks to everyone associated with Glanmire Parish.

I thank the Pastoral Assembly (Peter Falvey, chair and Claire Gibson, secretary) who work unceasingly to keep the parish going from day-to-day. The prayer and liturgical life of the parish is greatly enhanced by their efforts.

The Finance Group (Donal Cashman, chair and John Ryan, secretary) maintains a keen watch on parish finances. With special skills, they oversee church repairs and maintenance as well as developing new projects. In the past year, Pat Kelliher has overseen the construction of the new Parish

Centre to his considerable credit. Eileen McCarthy, parish secretary, deserves special recognition. She is not only an efficient and skilled secretary but also a kind and helpful face of the church in Glanmire. The sacristans, Ollie Hayes and John Kelleher are devoted and faithful to their respective churches. I thank the church collectors who week-in, week-out are present to insure the offerings are safely and competently banked. Similarly, the Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are committed, respectful and well prepared. We are blessed and well served by such fine Ministers. Child-safeguarding is a relatively new role in parish life and I thank the Parish Representatives for their committed service to the tasks and confidential demand of this work.

Those who sing pray twice and so I especially thank our choirs, organists, cantors, musicians and soloists. Special thanks to Maeve Ann O'Brien who led the choir for the past year and a very warm welcome to the new Choir Director, Mary Walsh. Prayer and veneration are at the heart of the church and many people use the churches to pray every day. Special word of thanks to those who facilitate prayer, Adoration, and sacramental support. The Baptism Teams deserve special mention for the excellent preparation they offer to young parents. People like to see the churches looking well and spotlessly clean. The Altar-societies and church cleaners do an outstanding job in both churches in Glanmire and I thank them. Altar-servers make a beautiful contribution to our liturgies and Masses. I thank them and their parents for the commitment and self-sacrifice involved.

There are many people who work in the community to maintain Catholic and church structures. They are too numerous and disperse to mention them all but I must mention those serving on School Boards of Managements, Vincent de Paul volunteers, Sacramental Preparation personnel especially the teachers, and Grotto and Pilgrimage workers.

To all who helped around our churches in any and various ways and to all who support the parish by their presence and contributions – my sincere thanks. May the peace, love and serenity of the divine infant descend upon you and remain with you forever and ever.

Parking will be available in Glanmire GAA grounds for the 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Support the priest of our parish

The proceeds of the collection at Christmas Day Masses goes to support our priests. Thank you for your generosity.

Sarsfields Poc Fada St Stephens Day 10.30 am from O'Connell Group, New Line. All welcome