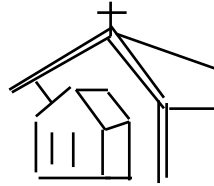


GLANMIRE PARISH

2nd December, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent



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

It is a Holyday of obligation.

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Saturday 10 am Vigil 6 pm Sunday 9.00, 10.30; 12.00	Saturday 11 am 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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Season of Advent

Time flies along and here we are again at the beginning of Advent, the season that is a preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But it is much more than preparing for Christmas. It picks up our experience of waiting in hope. We wait for answers from God, for greater closeness in prayer, for an end to injustice and war, for recovery from illness, for the bright vision of God to replace the darkness of faith. Christmas will celebrate Jesus being born among us. Advent relates to Jesus still in the womb. While we wait, we celebrate a season of hope.

The First Sunday of Advent

Priest: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

Reader: Our hope is in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

Priest: We light the first candle today to remind us that Jesus is our hope and the hope of the world.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit.

All: Let us pray – O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us, we pray that you may send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us, so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation may be pleasing to you both now and forever more. Amen.

Rosary at the Grotto on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist Rota available in the sacristy.

Volunteers required for the cleaning of St Michael's Church after 11 am Mass on Saturday. Volunteers also required for new cleaning team once a month in St Joseph's Church. Contact Peter 087 9082242.

The 27th Annual Toy Mass will take place on Sun Dec 9th in St Joseph's Church, Springhill at 12 noon. Please bring a toy wrapped and marked for either 'boy or girl'. All toys received at toy mass help Santa to distribute toys within our community. If you are finding life difficult with regard to above please contact Fr Newman in the strictest confidence. We would also advise you to come early as the church fills very quickly. We will have stewards in the car park to assist you. We hope you will come and join us and hear some favourite Christmas songs and prayers. Thank you. Toy Mass Group.

East Cork Choral Society will perform Handel's Messiah at Ascension Church, Gurrabraher this evening at 8 pm. Adm. €20. All proceeds will be donated to Gurrabraher Church Roof Appeal.

The 2019 Offertory Collection envelopes can be collected from the quiet room after all masses today.

Sr Mary Gallagher would like to thank you for your generous response to her mission appeal last weekend. The total amount donated was €3,170.

2nd Collection today will be taken up for The World Meeting of Families.

The Christmas St. Vincent de Paul collection is next weekend 8th/9th Dec. Thank you for your wonderful generosity throughout the year.

Offertory	25 th Nov	St Joseph's	€1,246	St Michael's	€204	€1,450
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