

# **GLANMIRE PARISH**



18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church		
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am			
Wednesday Liturgy of the Word 10 am			
Christmas Eve 4 pm Vigil 6 pm and 9 pm	7.30 pm		
Christmas Day 9 am, 10.30 am & 12.00	Sunday 9.30 am		

## Confessions 12 to 1 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Christmas Eve.

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 7.30 pm -8.30 pm. Adoration in the Parish Centre Friday 10.30 am -6 pm. Fr Pat Fogarty P.P. 021 4866307 Fr Pat Nugent Tel. 087 0518239

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#### **Christmas Greetings**

## "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah: 9:1)

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of the birth of Christ this Christmas, the Gospel invites us to take time to reflect on the great mystery of this Holy Night when God became one of us. The feast of Christmas is a celebration of God's love for us made manifest in the humanity of Jesus. He brought a message of justice, love, hope and peace and treated all people with respect and compassion. We are called to do the same.

Christmas is a time when we look back over the past year and as we do so we are conscious that God's loving care comes to us through the kindness and generosity of family, friends and neighbours. We thank God and we thank you for the visible signs of His love for us in the goodness and genuine concern of so many people in our community.

As we ponder on the great mystery of the birth of Christ, we welcome all who have come to live among us during the year especially those who have had to flee their homeland because of violence and war. As we direct our hearts and minds in anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Christ, we pray that the Prince of Peace will touch the hearts of all people so that our troubled world may come to know what it is to live in peace and harmony.

Céad míle fáilte to all who are home for Christmas. We remember in prayer all who are away from home and family. We extend our prayerful good wishes to those who are suffering from ill health at home, in hospital or in nursing homes. We are very conscious of absent friends at this time of year and we ask God's Holy Spirit to comfort all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Finally on behalf of Fr Pat Nugent, Fr Martin Barry and myself we thank you sincerely for your welcome, prayers, support and generosity throughout the year and our prayer for each one of you is that the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of Christ's love be with you this Christmas and remain with you always. Nollaig Shona faoi shíocháin daoibh go léir. Fr Pat Fogarty

#### Christmas Triduum of Masses.

Christmas Triduum of Masses will take place in St Joseph's Church at 10 am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of December. Christmas Triduum Mass Bouquets are available after mass and from the office. 3 cards for €10.

Christmas collection next weekend is for the priests of the parish.

## 2023 Envelopes for the Offertory Collection.

Envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the church after all masses this weekend. We would encourage anyone who is contributing weekly to the offertory collection basket and paying tax to consider taking a box of envelopes as the parish would benefit greatly from the tax you have already paid. Under the tax relief scheme if you donate €250 to the offertory collection which is the minimum requirement by Revenue the parish can obtain a refund from Revenue after the end of the tax year of .45 cent for every euro donated. Thank you.

	Off 11th Dec	St Joseph's	€1,446	St Michael's	€84	Total €1,530		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend is for the painting fund.								