



The Parish of St Anne and St Joseph
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1st Sunday in Advent
2nd December 2018
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Masses this coming week

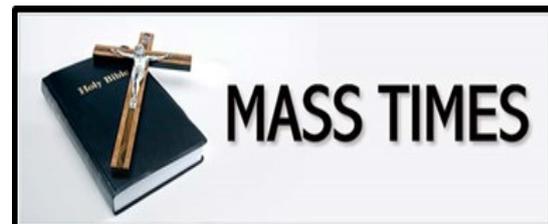
Monday 3rd December, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's
 Tuesday 4th December, Requiem Mass for Maureen Dickinson at 10.00am in St Anne's.
 Wednesday 5th December, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's
 Thursday 6th December, Mass at 9.15am in St Joseph's
 Friday 7th December, Mass at 9.15am in St Anne's
 Saturday 8th December, Mass at 9.00am in St Anne's

Sunday Mass at St Anne's

Saturday 8th December, Vigil Mass at 5.30pm
 Sunday 9th December, Mass at 11.00am

Sunday Mass at St Joseph's

Sunday, 9th December, Mass at 9.00am



No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, 8th December in St Joseph's
The Sacrament of Confession

NO Saturday Morning Confession on 8th December, in St Joseph's
 Saturday Evening Confession, 8th December, 4.30pm - 5.15pm in St Anne's

Sick of the parish:- Olive Farrell, Kieran Gallagher, Trudy Barker, Margaret Coyne, Paul Cain, Monica Cain, Eileen Wilkinson, Martin Moxham, Kathleen Lord, Joyce Duckett, Maureen Griffin, Gemma Epstein, Judith Peacock, Tony and Mona Daly, Assunta Christiano, Margaret Holmes and Barbara Livingston.

Anniversaries:- Frank Grimshaw, John Kennedy, John Marsden, Louise Whitcombe, Terry McAuley, John O, Neil and Michele Galizia,

Lately Dead:- Maureen Dickinson, Nellie Holden, Audrey Losardo, Phyllis Taylor, Cliff Astin and Cathie Ruston.

Other Masses:- 4 Masses for Special Intentions, Mass for Olive Gaynor, Mass for two 80th Birthdays, Mass for the Holy Souls, Mass for Fiona Martin and Mass for the deceased members of the Havlin and Logue Families.



Christmas Fayre

Final preparations are almost complete for our Christmas Fayre which takes place next Sunday, 9th December after the 9am Mass, in the Hall at St Joseph's. If you haven't had chance to take a bag yet, please take one from the back of the church and kindly bring some goods back for sale at this year's Fayre. There are also raffle tickets available at the back of church. Our two Fayres are really important fundraising events in the life of the Parish and they help enormously in keeping both churches up and running. We each have a responsibility for, and an ownership of our Parish, so each one of us must do our bit to make sure our Parish is viable into the future. So I would like to encourage every parishioner to give their support. As always we need to call upon the "Bakers of the Parish" to provide goods for our cake sale. This is always a very popular stall and often the first to sell up!! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, if you are able to bake for the event. We have lots of stalls and there will be something for everyone on the day. This year, there will be a variety of children's activities on the stage and Father Christmas will be waiting in his grotto to meet all the children who are at the Fayre!
Please do come along and support our Fayre next weekend.



Funeral

We offer our prayers to the family of Maureen Dickinson who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Maureen will be on Tuesday, 4th December at 10.00am in St Anne's
May she rest in peace.

Christmas Masses

This is advanced notice of the Christmas Mass times in the Parish. Last year, we had the early Christmas Eve Mass at St Joseph's and the Midnight Mass at St Anne's, so this year, there will be a Christmas Eve Mass at 7pm in St Anne's, Mass at Midnight in St Joseph's, then Mass at 9am on Christmas morning in St Joseph's and 11am in St Anne's.



School Advent Christingle

This Monday, 3rd December, the children from our Primary School, St Anne's and St Joseph's, will lead an Advent Christingle Service in the Primary School beginning at 2.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along and join our children in prayer and song.
Please support this event.

IN IT TO WIN IT!!! WEEK 10

Saturday Night's winning number was
10: **Sonia Regan**

Wednesday Night's winning number was
38: **Elaine Richards**

Once again it is time to collect the lottery for the
next 10 weeks!
Thank you to all those who support our weekly lottery.



Friendship Club Christmas Meal

The Friendship Christmas meal will be on
Wednesday, 5th December in Root's Restaurant.
Please arrive at 12.30pm for the meal to be
served at 1pm. Entertainment will be provided
by the Ukulele Orchestra. It should be a great
afternoon.



Advent Family Mass

Advent Family Mass this Sunday 2nd December, at
11.00am. If you enjoy singing, please come and sit
with us at the front of church.



APF — Red Mission Boxes

If you have a mission box at home that needs to
be emptied, please bring it to church, or
alternately if you wish the box to be collected
please contact Frank Bradshaw on 01254 399422



Thank you to all those who generously support the Missions

Piety Stalls

The Piety stalls in both of our Parish Churches
are now stocked with Christmas cards,
Advent calendars, 2019 Diaries and many beautiful
Christmas items. Please have a look at the stalls before you
leave church.



Date for your Diary

Christmas Celebration on Sunday, 16th December,
at 2pm in St Joseph's Hall.
Nativity — Carols — Refreshments

Advent Prayers

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always,
and particularly this Advent time.

God of majesty and power
Who spoke and this world was
Who breathed and this world lived
Who counts the hairs upon our head
Who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts
Who loves us more than we deserve
How can we not bring today
Our sacrifice of praise?
For in the child at Bethlehem
Lies the promise of intimacy
With a Saviour who would die even for me
And the promise of an eternity
In which to praise you more each day
God of promise we praise your name. **Amen**

This is Advent, a season of promise. In our worship we
prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable in
Bethlehem, and remind ourselves that this child will become the Saviour of the World who will return again in
power and glory to draw all of his children together with songs of everlasting praise. The promise of the baby is
also the promise of eternal life to all who believe.



Novena Prayers for the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day 8th December

Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were pleasing in the sight of God from the first moment of your conception, in the
womb of your mother, Saint Anne. You were chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the
teaching of Holy Mother the Church that in the first instant of your conception, by the singular grace and privilege
of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race and your beloved Son, you were
preserved from all stain of original sin. I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace He bestowed upon you
as I honour your Immaculate Conception. Look, graciously upon me as I implore this special favour (*Mention your
request*).

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from your throne in Heaven turn your eyes of pity upon me. Filled
with confidence in your goodness and power, I beg you to help me in this journey of life, which is so full of dangers
for my soul. I entrust myself entirely to you, that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but always live a
humble and pure life. I consecrate myself to you forever, for my only desire is to love your Divine Son Jesus. Mary
since none of your devout servants has ever perished, may I too, be saved. **Amen**