

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3RD DECEMBER 2017**



We are still awaiting the final coming of our Judge and Saviour Jesus Christ, and Advent is a yearly reminder and opportunity to do spiritual "housecleaning". It is an invitation to take stock of our relationships with the Lord and with one another, to confess our sins, to reform our lives, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, which might break in on us at any moment. Thus, one of the dominant voices we hear in the Advent readings is John the Baptist's as he cries his Reform your lives!

"The Reign of God is at hand... Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path"

(Matt. 3:2-3)

Many of the Advent daily scripture texts and meditations are oriented to help us to respond to this call.

**25th Nov /26th Nov
For the running of our parish**

Envelope Collection: €690
Standing Orders: €370

The above are the ONLY collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

Collections for outside the parish

Common Fund: €665
(First collection)

Share €570
(second Collection)

THANK YOU!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass Thursday 7th December at 7pm in St. Finian's. Mass Friday 8th December at 10am. Our Lady Queen of Heaven Mass at 1pm on Friday 8th December.

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Our Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available to buy. This is a lovely gift to give to anyone for Christmas. They can be purchased in the office and the sacristy.

The Justice and Peace group invite you



to a film and chat on issues of social and moral debate during the course of the coming year. Our first film is titled: **12 Angry Men** and for those of you who have seen it I am sure you will agree that it is well worth a second run!

Date: Monday 4 December 2017
Venue: The Oratory, St Finian's Parish Church
Time: 20h00 (8 pm)

New Altar Servers and Ministers of the Eucharist

The commissioning of all new Altar Servers will take place on Sunday 10th December at the 10am Mass. The commissioning of all new Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Sunday the 10th December at the 11.30am Mass.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist

The Pre-Christmas meeting for all Ministers of the Word and Eucharist will take place on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Oratory. There will be a short video followed by Benediction. The Christmas roster will be arranged on this night.



Mon 4th
Mathew Mathews (11th AN)

Tues 5th
Special Intention

Wed 6th
Alice & Patrick Slane (AN)
Margaret & Patrick Stenson (AN)

Thurs 7th
Ann Purtil (RD)
Margaret (Claire) Duffy (RD)

Elya Augustine (3rd AN)
Vigil Special Intention

Friday 8th
Hannon O' Gorman (AN)
Nancy Duffy (1st AN)

Saturday 9th
11am Special Intention
Vigil

6.30pm
Gary Emmett (5th AN)

Sunday 10th
10am Michael Dowd (1st AN)
11.30am Kathleen Heffernan (AN)



**Baptisms on the following
Sundays at 12.30pm
Dec 10th**

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual
Christmas collection will
replace the Share collection
next weekend.**