

Fourth Sunday in Advent

23rd December 2018

The child to be born will be holy and he will be called **SON OF GOD**



Christmas Mass Schedule



St Finian's Rivervalley
Christmas Eve 6.30pm and 10pm
Christmas Day 10.00am and 11.30am.
St Stephen's Day to New Year's Day the
weekday morning Mass will be at 11am.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven
Christmas Eve 7.00pm
Christmas Day 11.00am
St. Stephen's Day onwards Mass will be
at 1pm.
We wish you and your family every
peace and blessing this Christmas

A Sad Christmas for Ireland



Just 7 months from the removal of constitutional protection for the unborn children of Ireland, the politicians have already passed a permissive abortion law, cruelly refusing even to ensure pain relief for babies killed in late term abortions. Similarly loose grounds for abortion in England have led to 1 in 5 pregnancies ending in the death of the baby.

"Every one of us has a right to life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. The direct and intentional taking of human life at any stage is gravely wrong and can never be justified. Women's lives, and the lives of their unborn children, are precious, valued and always deserving of protection. Any law which suggests otherwise would have no moral force. In good conscience it cannot be supported and would have to be resisted." (All the Bishops of Ireland).
Abortion is an injustice against innocent, defenseless human beings and is a grave moral evil. For this reason procuring an abortion incurs automatic excommunication,

cutting oneself off from Communion with Christ and the Church.

Restoration to Communion requires sincere repentance, confession and absolution.

What can you do?
SUPPORT!

Do all you can to help and support women who face crisis pregnancies. Contribute to Gianna Care who provide practical help to women.
RESIST!

Show solidarity with medical and other staff who refuse to cooperate with evil.

SHARE!

Take time to deepen your understanding of our faith and share with others the reasons why we see God in every person! Build a culture of life.

JOIN!

We will be establishing a pro-life group in the parish in the New Year. Please think about joining.

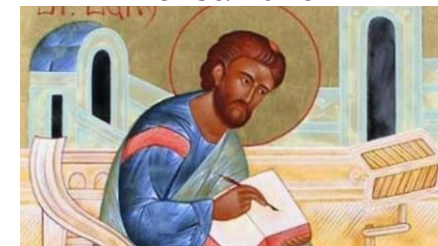
PRAY!

Ask Almighty God to protect unborn children, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, patroness of the unborn.

THANK YOU!

A big Thank you to everyone in both churches for supporting all fundraising throughout the year. It is from your kind contributions that your church can be of great service to everyone. Well done to the winners of the Christmas Hampers. We look forward in the New Year to more gatherings that will offer support and friendship to all.

An Introduction to the Gospel of St. Luke



**Six classes running on six Fridays
Beginning on Friday, January 11th**

**Classes are from 10.30am to 12.00pm
(Including tea and coffee!)
Venue – the Oratory, St. Finian's Church, River Valley**

Each class will include discussion and an audio-visual presentation from renowned theologian, Frances Hogan

**Classes are prepared and directed by Ann Murtagh
Contact Ann at 087 054 4882 for further information**

**Parish Office
The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday January 2nd.
Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.**

