

*We remember with Love and Affection those who have gone to God recently including -
and all those with Month's Minds and Anniversaries occur including —*

PARISH NEWS



December 31st 2017 Holy Family

OUR PARISH MOTTO: "CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"

Vigil	Sat 31st.		
	5.30pm	Una Flaherty (Lenaboy Gds—Month's Mind) Therese Cunningham (A); Mary Thornton (A); Martin & Ellen Kearney (A) Oliver Sammon (A); Ml. Croker (B.. day Rem.)	G.J.
	Sun 9.30am	Special Intention	E.B.
	11am	Tom O'Dea (A); Victor Hurley (B. day Rem.) Ciss & Martin Lardiner (R.I.P.) Brigid. & Martin Patten; Bernard & Sabina McCarthy & Dec. members of their families.	G.J.
	12.30pm	Denis Byrne (A); Caroline & Christopher Barnwell (A) Stan & Margaret O'Reilly (A)	G.J.
	6pm	Special Intention	G.J.
Monday 1st Jan	10am	Laura Thornton (A); Martin & Peggy Doyle (A) Dec. Members of Donelan & Tansey Families	G.J
Tuesday 2nd	10 am	Joseph Cooke (A), Billy Kelly (A); Louise Martin (A)	G.J
Wednesday 3rd	10am	Private Intention (A)	MSC
Thursday 4th	10am	Annie & James Henry (A)	G.J.
Friday 5th	10am	Maria, Dan, Jack, Joe Greaney (R.I.P) (A). Margaret & Mattie McGann (A)	GJ
Saturday 6th Jan.	10am	Harry Begley (Devon Pk.) - Month's Mind Bernadette Hayes (A)	G.J.

Next Weekend

Jan. 6-7	Sat 5.30 pm	Kathleen & Jimmy McNamara (A) Richard Kinneen (A) Michael & Noreen Fitzgerald (A).
	9:30	Private Intention (A)
	11am	Private Intention
	12:30	Eddie Rice (A); Joe O'Boyle (A),
	6pm.	Special Intention



Does the "typical" family really exist? Families come in so many shapes and sizes and there is nothing "typical" about them. Our family of origin, our family of association, the family of our church, the family of humanity and the family of creation are all different types of families. Even our work and school associations are often referred to as "families." They vary in expression and style as much as human beings vary one to the other. As much as we are different, our families are different. All require tolerance, patience and respect. We are more connected to each other and to all of creation than we think. We are hard-wired to be connected with God, one another and our world. We cannot be our best selves in isolation.

The Holy Family was not typical either. They were much different than many of the families of the day and certainly unique in its expression and makeup as well. They faced challenges and struggles as we face challenges and struggles.

God never promised an easy life. As we ponder the Holy Family today they can point to some valuable lessons we often forget. They teach us to look for God in our families as they are; not seeking to change them or mould them into what we want or need them to be, but to accept them, graces, imperfections and all. God is present to the often messy expressions of our families.

This coming Summer Pope Francis has initiated a special Conference in Dublin to look at the concept of Family. Everyone deserves a respected place in our closer more intimate families, in the family of humanity, and in the family of creation. Pope Francis tells us in his encyclical [Laudato Si](#): "When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected."

New Year Resolutions - 2018

Everybody falls now and again — it happens and it is part of the human condition. However if we are to make progress, we must not stay down, the trick is to get up again and keep going — otherwise as the fella says, "We'll never get anywhere !".

Our crib will be in place for another week and we invite people to drop in during the week and kneel for a few minutes before the child in the manger and ponder God joining the human race.

Jesus came to show us how to live on earth, to bring salvation and to deify our species. He came to bring human nature home to God — "He came to lift up all things to himself, to restore unity to creation ..." etc. The child in the manger comes to teach us dependence on God, a fact that frees us from what makes being human difficult. Like the three kings we come to pay homage and to worship, not to "coo" over him. We are indeed Blest !

I was thinking !!

Dear Fellow Traveller,

The key to successful ageing is to pay as little attention to it as possible. It's important to put a "Twinkle" in your "Wrinkle" Don't let growing older get you down—it's too hard to get back up ! Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age, sometimes age just shows up all by itself. Don't worry avoiding about avoiding temptation—as you grow older, it starts to avoid You. Age is a question of mind over matter; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter. Growing old is mandatory; - growing up is optional. They say that age is all in your mind; that the trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body. The brain forgets much, but the lower back remembers everything. You can live to be a hundred if you give up all things that that make you want to live to be a hundred. You know your getting old when a doctor not a Garda is telling you to slow down. Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice-cream to reach your hips. Wrinkles merely indicate where the smiles have been. So put a "Twinkle in your Wrinkle" and give Life a go as best you can !



We wish everyone a A Very Happy Healthy and Fruitful 2018 .
- G.J.



January 6th - next Saturday. Feast of the Epiphany.
Mass at 10am & 5:30p.m.

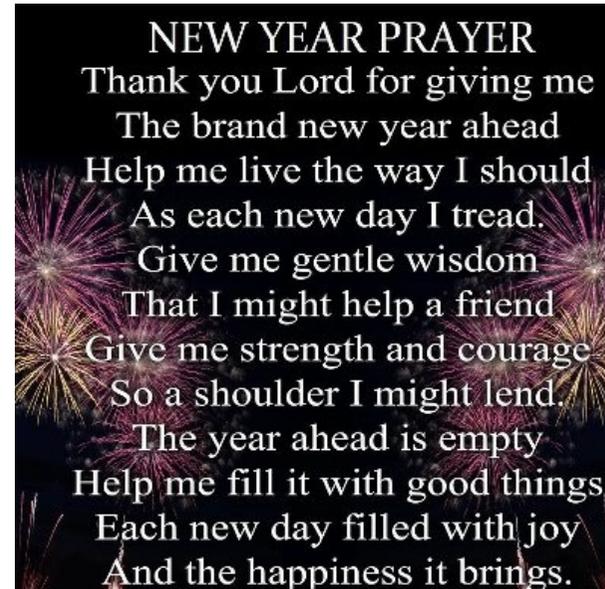
Adoration resumes: Monday January 8th.

Weekday Mass Mon-Sat: 10am only .
(No 7:30pm for a few weeks)
Alternative Evening Mass : 7:30pm in Claddagh

Big thank you to all who dropped in Christmas Dues to help support the running of the parish.

St Vincent de Paul Society give a huge "Thank You" to all who donated to their door to door collection. Peoples response has been terrific this year, even though things are tight.

Parish Office: Re-Opens Tuesday -
usual opening hours 9:30- 4.30pm(Lunch 1-2)



MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30am, 11am,
12:30pm, 6pm.

WEEKDAYS:

Mon — Fri.: 10am,
Sat.: 10am & 5:30pm

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ALTAR SERVERS NEW TEAMS

ADORATION

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon - Fri: 10:30am — 7:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 7- 7:30 pm
Saturday: following 10am Mass

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays 9:45am - except Bank Holidays.
Week 1 of the Breviary.

Teams for

January

Holy Communion

5:30 pm

Ann White
Marie O'Connor
Billy Hyland

9:30 am

Suzette Liddy
Mary O'Mahoney
Ann O'Connor
Sr Angela

11:00 am Ann Flanagan

Mgt. McLoughlin
Ray McGuire
Mary Nee
Val McNicholas
Bridie Sullivan

12.30pm

Maura Grealish
Colette Whelan
Peggy Breslin
Sr. Ml. Noone
Grace Lyden

6:00pm

STEWARDS

5.30 pm Tony O Connor

9.30 am Tom Maguire
Noel Carr

11:00am Ml. Flanagan

12.30pm

Hugh Kavanagh
Peadar Burke

6:00 pm Brendan Reid
Barry Mitchell