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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- Parish Church: Vigil 6.30pm (Sat.) 10.00am & 12 Noon.
- Carmelite Friary: 8.30am & 11am.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

- Parish Church: Mon and Tues: 8.30am. Wed, Thurs, Fri: NO MASS
- Carmelite Friary: Mon – Fri: 7.30am & 10.00am.

SATURDAY MASS TIMES

- Parish Church: 11.00am.
- Carmelite Friary: 10.00am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Parish Church: Mondays from 9am to 1pm. Tuesdays from 9am to 8pm.

CONFESSIONS

- Parish Church: Saturdays after 11.00am and 6.30pm Masses.
- Carmelite Friary: Saturdays 10.30am & 3.30pm.

☰ READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10. Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, R/ cf v 7. Rm 15:4-9. Mt 3:1-12.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

SERVICE OF HEALING AND LIGHT:

Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church

O HOLY NIGHT CHRISTMAS

CONCERT: Sunday 8th December at 8.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church. Proceeds to local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday

16th December at 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church.

CAROL SERVICE (Combined

Choirs): Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Friary Church

PRAYER WHEN LIGHTING 1st ADVENT CANDLE

“Oh God, as light comes from this candle may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming”.



ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers:

**Joan O’Connell,
Tony Harrington,
Patrick and Margaret O’Sullivan,
Joan Butler,
Edward Hunt,
Sheila and John Corcoran,
Jerry and Babs Collins,
Michael Corcoran,
Matt Murphy,
Kitty Dorney,
Miah O’Brien,
Frank Kiernan.**

May they rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MASS

The Masses for young people preparing for Confirmation will take place next weekend (7th/ 8th December):

Summercove & Scoil Naomh Eltin:
Sat. 7th December at the 6.30pm Mass.
Dunderrow N.S.:
Sun. 8th December at the 10am Mass.



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St. John the Baptist & The Carmelite Friary

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Fr. Robert writes...

ADVENT: A TIME TO PREPARE TO MAKE A FRESH START



This Sunday, 1st December, we begin a new Church year; we begin the season of Advent. It is an opportunity to make a fresh start. Where are we going to find words of hope, encouragement, forgiveness, healing, mercy? One place where we can find these words is in celebrating the season of Advent.

The culture of our time makes us fast-forward to the celebration of Christmas partying. The purpose of Advent is to prepare slowly for the Feast of Christ. Advent cannot be hurried because it is about waiting for the birth of a child and everyone knows that babies arrive when they arrive, in their own good time. The baby has to grow steadily in the nourishing darkness and safety of the mother’s womb until it is ready to be born. Waiting is essential work: if it is curtailed for some reason – if the baby is born before it is fully developed, if the seed is dug from the earth before it has put out shoots strong enough to grow – damage is done.

Waiting – Looking forward in hope

Advent is a time for waiting. We find this difficult. It is counter-cultural, yet there is a huge value in it. When we wait with expectant faith, look forward in hope to celebrate Christmas, Christ will be born in our hearts. He is the story of where our hope begins and ends. He will **empower** us and give us the ability to start again when things go wrong.

PARISH OFFICE

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ADVENT RETREAT DAY

'Hope' for Advent with Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap in the Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road from 10am-5pm on **Saturday 14th Dec**. Donation only.

Booking essential.

Email eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994.

O HOLY NIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Kinsale.



Sunday 8th December at 8pm in St. John the Baptist church. Guests include Emma Nash (soprano), Eoin Leahy (baritone), Margaret Collins (mezzo), supported by the chorus and orchestra of Opera Cork, under the baton of musical director Frank Buckley. Organist Vincent McCarthy will also add to this evening of wonderful music. This concert is now an annual event and really not to be missed. Tickets €15 are available from Boland Crafts and the Boathouse Gallery.

OBITUARY

Kevin Foran

The death took place, unexpectedly at his home in Dublin, on 18th November 2019 of **Kevin Foran**. Kevin (late of Aer Lingus), dearly loved son of Terry and Gerard, Ardcarraig and dear brother of Sean and the late Alan.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Peter and the burial was to St. Eltin's cemetery.

We extend sincere sympathy to Kevin's parents, brother, grandmother, uncles, aunts, dear friend Tanya, work colleagues, relatives and many friends.

May he rest in peace.

KINSALE GAA LOTTO

Jackpot numbers: 18, 30, 34.

Jackpot €1,500. No winner.

Runners up:

€50 Connie Kiely;

€30 Liam O'Shea;

€20 Michael Twohig.

KARA

Kinsale Active Retired Association

Meeting on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 2.15pm in the Temperance Hall for exercise followed by film "Rosie" written by Roddy Doyle about a family who become homeless. All welcome.

EVENING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Anam Cara, the organization that supports bereaved parents, is holding a parent evening on **Wednesday 4th December** at 7.20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

GALA CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

By Eileen O'Brien AOIFA in aid of Enable Ireland. **Wednesday 4th December** at 7.30pm in The Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway. Tickets are €15 and are available at the door. Tea/coffee and mince pie included. Call Trudy on 0876868333 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting on **Tuesday 3rd December** at 10.40am in the Sacristy.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to the family of Denis Maidment who died recently in Wales. May he rest in peace.

SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

This Service will take place in the Parish Church on **Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm**. The Service will consist of readings, hymns and prayers. The night will be for all who have known the pain of grief and loss.

SACRED SPACE PRAYER BOOK

The 16th edition of this popular prayer and reflection book is now out. It is available at the back of the church after weekend Masses and can also be bought from the parish office at a cost of €10.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

A special meeting of the Parish Safeguarding Representatives John Thuillier, Helen Kiely, Angela O'Sullivan and Fr. Robert took place at the Parochial House on Tuesday 5th November.

- Bishop Fintan Gavin has requested a safeguarding review by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland.
- The 2019 Parish Safeguarding Audit has been completed and sent to the diocese of Cork and Ross.

The next meeting of the safeguarding representatives will be on Tuesday 10th December

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Are you interested in the Word of God? There are currently two Bible study groups that meet weekly, for one hour, in the upper Sacristy of St. John the Baptist church. Wednesday mornings from 10.45am and Sunday evenings from 8pm. Both groups are ecumenical and guests are always welcome. Come along for call 087 6775126 for information.

AFTERNOON OF CHRISTIAN REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Padley Quiet Garden, the garden of Sally and David Simpson, Kilbrittain, (www.quietgarden.org) will hold an afternoon of Christian reflection and meditation on **Sunday 15th December** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards. Please wear warm clothes! The theme will be "In the Bleak Mid-Winter". To book a place please email padleyquietgarden@gmail.com or text 0868255015

BALLYMARTLE CHRISTMAS MAGIC

Christmas flower demonstration by Jane Morgan of fab Flowers, Carrigaline, will be held on **Wednesday 11th December** at the Community Hall, Riverstick at 8pm. €10 including tea and home baking. All welcome on the night.

CORK SIMON COMMUNITY

One day sale of original paintings on **Sunday 1st December** from 11am to 4pm in the Rochestown Park Hotel. All paintings only €50 each! All proceeds going directly to Cork Simon Community. All paintings donated by the artists.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 6th December after 10.00am Mass until 7.00pm in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen, Cork. Guided Holy Hour from 6 – 7pm. On the date of Little Nellie's First Communion praying through her intercession for a renewed love of Jesus present in the Eucharist. May her love of Jesus inspire parents to pass on the gift of faith to their children.