Parish Notices

27th December 2020
3rd January 2021

We Remember Our Deceased Family & Friends:

Recently Deceased: Justas Mikelevicius,

Month's Mind: Pam McDowell,

Anniv: Sr. Mary Philomena, Terence McKee, Jim Cochrane, Sam Thompson, David Jenner, Brian Gilbraith, Pat Liggett, Kathleen Vance, John Quail, Patrick Taggart, James Taggart, Mary Anne Craig, Carmel Coffey, Tommy McManus, Genevieve Walsh, Margaret B McGrady, Geraldine Blanchette, Charles McGrady, Bobby Hanna, Susan & James Mills, Willie & Nora Mills, The Mills Family, Eugene Simons,

We also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Canon John Murphy, Canon Eamon McEnaney, Fr. Liam Mullan, Fr. Hubert Rooney, Canon George O'Hanlon, His Eminence Cahal B. Cardinal Daily,

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Mass Intentions: All of the following Masses will also be available online at churchmedia.tv or on the parish Facebook page:

Saturday 2nd January, 5.30pm: 1st Anniv: Alice Hanna,

Sunday 3rd January, 12pm: Months Mind: Pam McDowell,

Monday 4th January, 7:30pm: Ria Laverty, Cormac Wylie,

Wednesday 6th January, 7:30pm: Clare Taggart, Catherine McLeigh,

Saturday 9th January, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Emily Russell

Please note: There will be no evening Masses from Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January 2021 Inclusive. The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 4th January. For Emergencies only please ring 07841101678.

Holy Land Christmas Appeal: The Christmas season is approaching, and Bethlehem's hotel rooms would normally be full by now. The city would be looking forward to over a million tourists and pilgrims coming to visit the Church of the Nativity and enjoying the unique experience of Christmas in the Holy Land. But this year, the hotels are empty and the streets are silent. For the families living in Bethlehem, and in tourist sites across the Holy Land, it's a disaster. 80% of Bethlehem's residents depend on tourism for their daily bread. They are the artisans who make souvenirs, the shop workers who sell them, the taxi drivers, tour guides and photographers who look after the pilgrims.
It seemed like a stable source of income. Nobody could have predicted the 2020 pandemic, or that this total collapse of tourism would last until Christmas. The whole of the Holy Land is now suffering from a lack of visitors that is set to continue deep into 2021.

The Christians of the Holy Land are blessed in one way: they have a worldwide family of brothers and sisters who have always been ready to stand with them through tough times.
Would you remember the poorest in Bethlehem this Christmas?
As your thoughts turn to Bethlehem this Christmas time, would you remember the Christians who have lost everything this year, and send a gift to get them through?

You can donate to this over the 26th / 27th December weekend by using the box at the front of the sanctuary named 'HolyLand'.

The Russell Gaelic Union would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas. This week's lotto numbers were 7-8-10-21. There was no Jackpot winner. Three people matched three numbers. Next weeks jackpot is £2600. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK

SVDP Christmas Appeal 2020: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the SVDP appeal. You can still donate by leaving a donation in the parish office or in the box at the sanctuary of the church or give it to any of the priests in the church.

Five Saturdays for Ireland: Archbishop Martin has asked that as we start the new Church year, we devote the first 5 Saturdays to prayer for Ireland. The Mass on Saturday 2nd January 2021 and on the following four first Saturdays in February, March, April & May will focus on this prayer request.

We are aware that many cannot attend the Church because of Covid restrictions – All the Masses are live streamed via the parish webcam.

If you want to participate at home, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary offering the Joyful Mysteries for the protection of Family & Youth, The Sorrowful Mysteries for the Conversion of Sinners and the Glorious Mysteries for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Mass Schedule

Normal 'Sunday Masses' on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th December

St. Stephen's Day Masses are the same as the usual Saturday Masses – 10am & 5.30pm

There will be no evening Mass in the Parish during the week of Monday 28th – Friday 1st January 2021

Morning Mass as normal Monday – Friday, 9.30am

-Mass for the Feast of The Holy Innocents, 28th December at 9.30am

Parents/Family Members are invited to join us for Mass on Monday 28th December for the Feast of The Holy Innocents. During this Mass, we remember all children and their bereaved families.

If you wish to have flowers placed at the crib in memory of your child, please leave them at the end of your seat as you leave the Church – we will gather all the flowers and arrange them around the crib once the church is empty.

New Year's Day, (Which is also World Day of Peace and Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God) – Mass at 12 Noon Only

Feast of The Epiphany, Wednesday 6th January: 9.30am & 7.30pm

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Funerals and Weddings: From December 26th, the numbers attending Funerals and Weddings is restricted to 25. This is NOT a Parish Decision, but a N.I. Executive one. Names of those attending must be given to the Priest or the Steward before a Funeral or Wedding.