Parish Notices

12th / 13th December 2020

We Remember Our Deceased Family & Friends:

Recently Deceased: Brigid Martin, Emily Russell, Maura Megahey, Patrick Sheridan (Saul), Terry Sharvin (Kilclief),

Month's Mind: Siobain Robinson,

Anniv: Jim Mullan, Eddie Watters, Brigid & Gerard Blaney, Kathleen Wallis, Thomas Smyth, Florence McNeill, Henry McNeill, Jerome McCabe, Jean & Frank Connolly, Thomas Perry, Sheila Perry, Danny Perry, Darren Perry, Martin Perry,

We also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Fr. Gerard Brady, Msgr. William B Tumelty, Fr. George McLaverty (DPK), Fr. David Morgan, Fr. Peter Forde,

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

Monday 14th December, 7.30pm: Margaret Whinnery, Sarah-Jane Digney, Rosie Mulholland, Paul Straney, Jean & Michael Hamilton,

Wednesday 16th December, Jerome McCabe, Sandra Hillen, Frank, Kathleen & Frances Fitzsimons, Colm Fay, Mary McCann, Deceased Members of the McConvey Family,

7.30pm: **Friday 18th December, 7.30pm**: Month's Mind: Pat Crowe, Anniv: Winnie & Charles Reid, Terence Walsh, Terry Richie,

Saturday 19th December, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Eileen McCormick,

Sunday 20th December, 12 Noon: Month's Mind: Teresa Magee,

Lockdown Restrictions Ending: The current Lockdown ended at **midnight on Thursday 10th December**. The Mass on Friday 11th December at 9:30am has since been opened to the public.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday 18th December from 11:00am to 4:00pm with confessions at 3:00pm and Benediction at 3:50pm. It will resume again on 8th January 2021.

Bambinelli Sunday: Today we can have our figurines of Baby Jesus blessed, to remind us of the wonderful gift that God our Father gives us in Christ Jesus. We encourage each family to bring the blessed figurine home and to wrap it in Christmas paper and place it under the tree, to be opened as the first gift on Christmas Day to remind us of the reason for the season. When the figurine of the Baby Jesus is placed in the crib, your family might pray together: **Heavenly Father, we thank You that You love us so much that You gave us your only Son, Jesus, as a most precious gift. We ask you to bless this crib that we have prepared. Let it remind us of your presence with us in all the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of our human lives. We thank You for the gifts we are about to receive; let them remind us of the gift You gave us; Jesus, your Son, who became one of us and taught us to be fully human. Help us to be generous like You. Help us to follow the example of Jesus in all we do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Advent Penitential Service: Sunday 20th December at 5:00pm to 5:30pm. This will be an online service of prayer, scripture and music to help us prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ.

SVDP Christmas Appeal 2020: The Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will take place at the Masses this weekend on 12 & 13 December. Sadly because of the current restrictions this will not be a Church door collection

but there will be a box on the Altar step where any donation can be left. Donations may also be given to the clergy or left at the Parish office during working hours.

We in the Society never fail to be amazed at the generosity of parishioners, businesses, schools and groups in the area and indeed the donations we receive around now not only help with the extra requests for help at this particular time, but enables us to provide assistance to local families and individuals throughout the year.

As you will be aware this year in particular has been particularly difficult for many families. Your ongoing support helps us tackle poverty in all its forms and we have been able to assist many families with the basic essentials – food, heating, furniture, clothing, school uniforms etc. etc.

We are as ever grateful for any contribution you can make and thanks to all who have continued to make donations even in the absence of the "Red Box" Church door collections. (Can we remind anyone who is a tax-payer that donations can be increased by 25p for each £1 donated by using the Gift Aid envelopes which are available at the Parish Office.)

Thank you for your support and prayers and we wish all of you a safe, happy & Peaceful Christmas.

Bereavement Candles: Candles lit in memory of loved ones during the Bereavement Mass are still available from the Parish Office for collection – please ring in advance of calling.