

CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY LEIXLIP CO. KILDARE

6th DEC. 2015

CHURCH MASS TIMES:-

Weekdays 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30, 9.45, 11, 12.15p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Fr. John McNamara, Adm. 6245597

Fr. Karl Fortune, C.C. 6243718

Fr. Eladius Mutunzi 6244568

MONDAY/FRIDAY 10 – 1 p.m. `PHONE/FAX 6243673

OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE `PHONE 6245169

Website: www.ohn.ie e.mail:leixlip.parish@ohn.ie.

Adoration of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:-

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.. &

7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Weekdays

Monday – Friday

(FRIDAY NIGHT to 9 P.M)



God's promises to us are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect goodness which Christ produces in us.

CROSSCARE – FOOD APPEAL: hundreds of people in our communities are in urgent need of help. For the past number of months, the Crosscare Food Bank has not been able to keep up with demand for food from people in need all over the Dublin Archdiocese. The Food Bank gives food to services for homeless people and young people, to local community food banks and charities. In response to this growing need, we are asking you to bring non-perishable food items to your local church. Please give what you can. Crosscare will ensure it is received by those most in need at this time. Suggested items for donation: Pasta/Rice, Fruit Juice, Tea/Coffee, Soup, Sugar, Biscuits, Tinned meat/fish. Tinned veg/fruit, Powdered milk & Hygiene Products/ For more information please contact Valerie Cummins 8365040. vcummins@crosscare.ie
Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the church this weekend AND next weekend 12/13th December

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Tuesday 8th Of December

– A Holyday Of Obligation: Masses at 7.30 p.m. (Vigil Monday evening) 7.25, 9.45, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS APPEAL – The Annual Collection on behalf of the Leixlip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will take place during all Masses next weekend 12/13th December. **It will replace the usual SHARE Collection.** A member of the conference will speak at all Masses to explain the work of VDP in assisting fellow parishioners who are in need. Please be as generous as you can because a significant number of people are relying on your generosity over this Christmas and winter period. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing and generous support for the Society not just at this time but throughout the year.

Parish “Christmas Masses” Cards - Now Available

Bringing Christ Back Into Christmas

Inscription inside – “Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Our Lady’s Nativity Church Leixlip will be offered for all your intentions, remembering family and friends living and deceased”. All offerings received for these Masses will go to Bro. Kevin’s Capuchin Day Centre for the homeless and The Jack & Jill Foundation
Not just a Christmas Card – A Parish Christmas Card

CEREMONY OF LIGHT, PEACE & HOPE 2015: The Peace Light of Bethlehem distributed throughout the world at Christmas is a gift for all to receive at this very special time of year. It is also a symbolic gift of turning any darkness in our lives into light. Join us in finding a space of peace, calm and reflection with a great sense of community spirit, hope and comfort on **Sunday 20th December at 2.30 p.m. in Church of Our Lady’s Nativity, Leixlip** and receive the Peace Light of Bethlehem as we ‘Walk in the Light’ to Confey Cemetery, stopping for a short prayer in St. Mary’s Church, Main St & St. Charles Borromeo, Confey.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 13TH DECEMBER - AT ALL MASSES

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children and their families bring their baby Jesus figures (Bambinelli) from the crib in their homes to St. Peter’s Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. **This year our Parish will celebrate “Bambinelli Sunday” at all Masses next weekend. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass to be blessed.** Following the blessing, take your “bambinelli” home, place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens this Christmas, when together you place your baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME - Sunday the 13th December, the 9.45a.m., 11 a.m. and 12.15p.m. Masses will be part of the Do This in Memory programme. The 9.45a.m. Mass is for the children and their families of Scoil Eóin Phóil. The 11.00 a.m. is for the children and their families of 2nd Class in Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Mhuire and the 12.15p.m. Mass is for the children and their families of 2nd Class in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh.

ENVELOPE COLLECTORS/HELPERS – The Parish Maintenance & Development Boxes for the year 2016 are available this weekend (behind the Altar) for distribution, before Christmas please.

We take this opportunity to thank all our Envelope Collectors and Helpers for their continued help and assistance to the parish over the year.

ST. JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY – PRAYER OUTREACH FOR VOCATIONS: The Special Chalice to be made available to households in the parish for one week will be used in the celebration of all Masses on Saturday/Sunday 9th & 10th January 2016. The chalice will be brought to the first household on Friday, 15th January. Parishioners interested in receiving the Chalice should contact the Parish Office at 6243673 and leave your name and address.

LEIXLIP/CONFHEY/MAYNOOTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 6TH – 11TH JUNE 2016 - €735.00 pps with FULL BOARD in HOTEL SOLITUDE under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. John McNamara.– Booking Deposit of €200 pp – non refundable. A single room has a supplement of €35 extra per night. Early booking is essential as places are limited. Phone Kay/Bernadette – Parish Office at 6243673.



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A SPECIAL INVITATION is extended to everyone, without exception, to come and join us for our **Combined Cell on Tuesday December 8th at 8.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre.** Fr. John will present the teaching, which will have an Advent theme. Light refreshments after.

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS "Meeting in homes to share the joys and expectations that are present in each person's heart, your Cells are a genuine experience of Evangelization that is very similar to what happened in the early days of the church" (Pope Francis, Sept 5th 2015)
The final cell meetings of 2015 will be as usual in the homes on Tues. 21st /Wed 22nd Dec. (choice of morning or evening). For further details please contact: Bridie 086.3807917, Donal 086.4472605, Dan 083.1290657. Men's Group: Dave 6244635, Morning Groups: Mary 087.6205435, Maura 087.4141706 Young Adult Group: Sinead 086.3663760. Email: leixlipparishcells@gmail.com website: www.leixlipparishcells.com

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SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER – Second Sunday Of Advent

8.30 May Lynch (A) & also remembering her husband Joe & son Brian.
9.45 Benny Brady (A) & John & Mary Lannery (A)
11 a.m. Leisha Conway (A) & Joanne Kearney 2nd (A) & John Sheehan (A) & his wife Sheila
12.15 Patsy Hoare 1st (A)
7.30 Mary Kate Jordan (A) & Annie & George Mulcahy (A)

MONDAY 7th DECEMBER - Memorial Of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Of The Church

9.30 John Kelly (A) & Margaret Kelly – remembrance & Helen Morrison 1st (A)
7.30 p.m. Joseph Parle (A) & Kathleen & John Byrne (A) (Vigil Mass for Holyday)

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER - Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception Of The Bvm – Holyday Day Of Obligation

7.25 a.m. Michelle McGuinness (A) & also remembering her dad Chris.
9.45 Sally Callanan (A) & James Mathew (A)
11 Alice Conroy – remembrance & Katie Lowe (A)
7.30 p.m. Patricia Sullivan (A)

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER

9.30 Mass for the people of the parish and all who worship in our church.

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

9.30 Brendan Ardiffe (A) & also remembering his wife Pat.

FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER –

9.30 Mary & Peter Gaffney (A) & Patrick Hogan (A) & also remembering his wife Margaret.

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER -

10 a.m. Annie & Mick Le'Strange (A) & remembering their son Liam.
6 p.m. Daithi Heffernan (A) & Patrick Kennedy (A & Noel Murray (A)

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

8.30 James & Elizabeth Behan & deceased members of the Behan Family.
9.45 Catherine (Dolly) Thompson (A) & Francis Gallagher (A) & also remembering his wife Mary
11.00 Leonard & Feeney Families incl. deceased members -remembrance & Bridget & Paddy Galvin & deceased members of their families – remembrance
12.15 Peter McGlynn (A) and also remembering his mother Mary (A)
7.30 p.m. Kevin O'Neill (A) & Kathleen & Michael O'Keefe (A)

SANCTUARY LIGHT: is lit this week for a special intention

The Gospel Readings for the coming Week:

MON: LK.5:17-26	TUES: LK.1:26-38
WED: MT.11:28-30	THUR: MT.11:11-15
FRI: MT.11:16-19	SAT: MT.17:6-10-13
SUN: LK.3:10-18.	

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The First Collection last weekend was €1,895.00. This collection is for priests in our own parish, and for priests in poorer parishes, have special appointments, and are on sabbatical and who are sick or retired. The collection for SHARE last weekend €1,435.00 The Collection for Parish Maintenance/Development (envelopes) last weekend was €1,068.72. Thank you for your continued support.



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COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS.

TODAY - ANNUAL CAKE & QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC SALE after All Masses In Our Lady's Parish Centre
Including MONSTER RAFFLE In Aid of

CENACALO COMMUNITY (Drug Rehabilitation through Work and Prayer - & Funded Solely by Voluntary Contributions)

Do Drop in to buy some homemade cakes, good quality bric-a-brac & of course your Raffle ticket

All proceeds go to Cenacalo Community Ireland

LEIXLIP HISTORY CLUB - ANNUAL MEMORABILIA NIGHT IN LEIXLIP LIBRARY ON TUESDAY 8th

DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.15PM. You are invited to bring along any bits and pieces with a historical significance. Once again, the objects need not be of Leixlip or Kildare origin. All welcome so do come along and have a look.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

13th Annual Christmas Coffee Morning in 18 Rockingham Ave, next Friday, 11th Dec. from 9 am to 2 pm, in aid of the Lourdes Invalid Fund. Major Raffle on the day Prizes include - GNS Fitness Voucher Massage/Reflexology Treatment, GE Sports & Holistic Therapies Tickets to *Jack and the Beanstalk* Pantomime in the Helix (courtesy of Claire Tighe's Theatrework and much more. All Welcome Last year's Coffee Morning raised €3,500 for this worthy cause. Your support is very much appreciated.. Fiona Holmes (086 – 8228225)

THE COUNTY KILDARE ORCHESTRA, WITH ST. MARY'S CHOIR, MAYNOOTH, Will Perform Its Christmas Concert In our Church On Saturday next

12th December At 8pm. The programme includes Rossini's Overture from The Barber of Seville, 'Jupiter' from The Planets, by Holst, incl. much loved carols, including Oh, Holy Night and The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Tickets: €12. For more information phone 086-8955787 or see: www.countykildareorchestra.ie.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL – St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maynooth - December, 11th, 12th, 13th,

Preview Friday 11th At 8 P.M. Open Saturday 11 – 6 p.m. & Sunday 2 – 5 p.m. Teas, Crafts & Raffle in Boy's School all weekend. Admission €10 including tea/cake. There will also be a Carol Service at 8 p.m. on the Sunday.

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY GOSPEL CHOIR PRESENTS

'A Beacon in The Night' Featuring Sinead White and 'The Good Hands' St Mary's church, Maynooth Wednesday 9th Dec, 8pm - Doors at 7:30 Tickets €5, €3 for students All proceeds go to Temple St Hospital.

AU PAIR (FEMALE) available for work with children in the Leixlip area. References supplied non-smoker. Please email Marta at martajaramado@hotmail.com if interested.

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 14th of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dominics Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

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Over 50? Need to get active? **FITLINE** has the answer. And it's **FREE**. For full information freephone Go For Life on 1800 303 545