

CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY LEIXLIP CO. KILDARE

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.

Confessions: Saturdays: after 10 a.m. Mass & after 6.00 p.m. Vigil

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20TH NOVEMBER 2016

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)

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD – for the coming year is open. Envelopes/Offerings can be left in the Sacristy, or in the Parish Office or in the box provided at the Altar during the month of November. Additional envelopes are available on the window sills in the church

ANNUAL PARISH TABLE QUIZ – it's that time of year again !!! – our Annual Table Quiz will take place on **Friday 25th November at 8.30 p.m in St. Mary's GAA Club Green Lane.** This will be a fun night for both young and not so young!. Last year's event was a great success and we again look forward to another great night. If you would like to sponsor a round or donate a raffle prize, please call into the Parish Office. Our Quiz Master is as usual the one and only Don McCarthy.

PARISH CELL MEETINGS – This is an invitation to everyone, without exception, to a cell meeting, in a home near you. (morning or evening and for all age groups). Next Meeting dates are Nov. 29th & Dec. 13th For full details contact: Bridie 086.3807917 or email: leixlipparishcells@gmail.com See also parish cells website: www.leixlipparishcells.com

THE MAGNIFICAT, THE CURATES DIARY AND THE MESSENGER for December are available in the parish shop

Parish "Christmas Masses" Cards – Available this Sunday *Bringing Christ Back Into Christmas*

Following the take up in recent years of our "Christmas Masses Christmas Cards" we urge you to continue on the road of making Christ the real focus point of Christmas. For us Christian that's what it's all about. The Inscription inside the card reads –

"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 help families in Haiti**

affected by the recent Devastating Hurricane Disaster. Not just a Christmas Card – A Parish Masses Christmas Card

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE DONATIONS: We take this opportunity to **thank all our parishioners** who contribute so **generously** each year to our Parish Development & Maintenance Fund, either through your weekly envelope, standing order or direct payment. If you were in a position to contribute €250 or more and have not signed a **"Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and other Approved Bodies"** **CHY3 form** in recent years, we ask you to consider doing so ASAP as this scheme has benefitted our parish by an extra €30,000, on average, per year at no extra cost to the contributor. If you are not contributing to the parish at present and wish to do so please contact the Parish Office at 6243673.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY (SJYPS) – Extends sincere thanks to all those parishioners who took part in our **"Prayer Chalice For Vocations"** initiative over the past year. We ask that all parishioner continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood as, **"No Priests -No Eucharist"**. As **POPE FRANCIS** points out **"Vocations Are Born In Prayer And Only In Prayer Can They Persevere And Bear Fruit "**

Our next Monthly Meeting – will be held in the Parish Centre, on Wednesday 30th November from 10 – 11 a.m. All welcome.

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – Solemnity Of Our Lord

Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe.

6 p.m. Mary Kelly (A) & Brenda Cullen-Byrne 1st (A) & Pauline O'Reilly (A)

8.30 Kathleen Quinn – Birthday Remembrance

9.45 Tom McGiff (A) & Patrick & Grace Grealis & Anthony & Nora McGinty (A)

11 Rory Neville (A) & Roisin Conway (A)

12.15 Larry Heffernan 1st (A)

7.30 Peggy Mulcahy (A)

MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER – Memorial Of The

Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Thomas & Mary Carroll (A)

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER – Memorial Of St. Cecilia,

Virgin & Martyr

9.30 Margaret Kelly 2nd (A)

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER – Memorial Of St.

Columban, Abbot & Missionary

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

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER - Memorial Of Ss Andrew

Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

9.30 Sonny Dempsey (A) & Mary Cawley (A) & also remembering her husband Mike.

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

9.30 Jane Gleeson (A) & remembering her husband James. & also remembering Pauline O'Reilly & remembering Pat & Brendan Ardifff..

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER –

10 a.m Pat Farrell A) & Maura Stephenson - remembrance

6 p.m. Jimmy Holmes (A) & Patrick & Catherine O'Sullivan(A) & Richard Whelan Birthday Remembrance.

SUNDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER – 1st Sunday Of Advent

8.30 Special Intention – Clare McGrath

9.45 Tom & Mary Brosnan (A) & Thomas & Margaret Mannion (A)

11 John Cronolly 20th (A) & Phyllis Mayock (A)

12.15 David Ryan – month's mind

7.30 Matt & Bridget Brangan (A) & Matt & Helen Fitzpatrick (A)

SANCTUARY LIGHT: is lit this week for the special intentions of the Walshe Family.

THE GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK –

MON: MT.12:46-50

TUES: LK.21:5-11

WED: LK.21:12-19

THUR: LK.21:20-28

FRI.: LK.21:29-33

SAT: LK.21:34-36

SUN: MT.24:37-44

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH – is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The blessing for December will be held on Sunday 11th December after the 12.15p.m. Mass.



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PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The First Collection last weekend was €1,705.00, this collection is for priests in our own parish, and for priests in poorer parishes, have special appointments, are on sabbatical and who are sick or retired.

The collection for Share last weekend was €1,440.00. The Envelope Collection for Parish Maintenance/Development for last weekend was €950.48. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP –Have you lost a loved one through suicide? A suicide Bereavement Support Group is held every 1st Tuesday of the month in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Leixlip The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Anyone bereaved by suicide is welcome to sit, share and listen.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - held last weekend raised the outstanding amount of €1,691.00 for which they are very grateful. Thanks to all who supported this collection so generously.

HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE – FREE FAMILY CARER – DEMENTIA WORKSHOP at CELBRIDGE Manor Hotel, Clane Road, Celbridge, on Thursday 24th November 7 – 9 p.m. Please book your place by calling Brenda on 045 484623 or www.homeinstead.ie

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: A Little Lifetime Foundation Christmas Service of Remembrance will take place in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis St. Dublin 8 - **Sunday 4th of December at 7.00pm.** with Most Rev. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Rev. Bruce Pierce, Church of Ireland and the Garda Male Voice Choir in a celebration of our children's short lives at Christmas time. We welcome newly bereaved parents and look forward to seeing parents and families who support ALLF Services and events each year. Please come along and feel the unique presence of companionship, support and love

ART EXHIBITION will be held in Leixlip Parish Centre next weekend end 26/27th November. Paintings are by Charles Campbell, and half the proceeds raised will go to St. Brigid's Hospice Homecare. The Curragh, Co.Kildare. Opening times: SAT 26th 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. & Sunday 27th November 9am – 2 p.m. (after all Masses) Do drop in - Your support for this very worthy cause will be much appreciated.

FUNDRAISING ART EXHIBITION - in Celbridge Manor Hotel this Thursday 24th November to raise funds for a school bus. A wheelchair accessible mini bus can cost in the region of €45,000. The Art Exhibition will be a display of the art work of students in the school, all of which will be available for purchase on the night. There will be fun for all the family with Crafts & Gifts, a raffle, Make & Do, Face Painting, Music, Story & Games. Do drop in for this very worthy cause.

TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF CYSTINOSIS IRELAND To Be Held In St Mary's GAA, Green Lane On Fri. 2nd Dec. At 8.30pm. €24 for a table of four. All proceeds will go directly to Cystinosis Ireland who are a totally voluntary group. For further details please contact Frank McGuinness 0872330468.

CENACALO COMMUNITY (Drug Rehabilitation through Work and Prayer - & Funded Solely by Voluntary Contributions) **Annual Cake & Quality Bric-A-Brac Sale: Sunday 4th Dec.** after all Masses, in Our Lady's Parish Centre. If you can bake and donate (it would be very much appreciated) or if you have any good quality bric-a-brac or unwanted gifts you can contact Carmel at 0872390481, alternatively they can be left in the Parish Centre on Sat 4th Dec. from 3pm or on Sun. morn.. All proceeds go to Cenacolo Community Ireland

PORTERSTOWN PARISH: Following last year's very successful concert, Mary Flynn, Soprano, Mary O'Donnell, Harpist and friends have come together for the 7th Annual 'Songs for a Winter's Evening' – in aid of FOCUS IRELAND. Venue: St. Mochta's Church, Sun. 4th Dec. at 7.30pm - Tickets €15, on sale from the Sacristy after every Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours. Special guests this year are Bryan Murray and Una Crawford O'Brien (Fair City). All welcome.

LEIXLIP TIDY TOWNS ASSOCIATION Will hold an Open Evening this Thur evening 24th Nov. 7.30pm in the Parish Centre with photos, medals and a short display on their work. All are welcome and we'd love to see you there. Light refreshments will be served.

CROSSCARE – CONNECTEDNESS SUPPORTS FOR FAMILY CARERS – SEMINAR Tues. 29th NOV. 10-1pm. at St. Pauls Church, Arran Quay, Dublin, 7. Lunch will be served from 10 – 1 p.m. Speakers include Alone, Care Alliance Ireland, Family Carers Ireland, Later Life Mediation. You can register for this event on evenbrite.com/o/crosscare-12027635189. Please contact Rosemary at rdaynes@crosscare.ie or 086 8269977.

Sincere Thanks To All Who Supported The Recent Coffee Morning And Cake Sale At St. Mary's Church Main St. in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Services We have pleasure in forwarding €2,652 to St. Brigid's achieved as always through your great support. The Raffle Prize winners were: Maureen Quigley Celbridge, Mary Hanlon Leixlip, Joan Bruton Leixlip, Eileen Kennedy Kilcloon, Mary Kelly Leixlip, Theresa Tallon Leixlip, Margaret Maguire Leixlip, Jenny Royce Leixlip & John Lamb Leixlip.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL NEEDS TOYS DISPLAY in Leixlip Parish Centre on Fri. 9th Dec. from 9am – 1.45pm. Companies displaying toys: Adam & Friends and Sensational Kids. Come along and see the huge range of toys for sale on the day. Contact Dolores at 087 6604502 for further information.

RAY OF SUNSHINE FOUNDATION – CHURCH GATE COLLECTION – The Ray of Sunshine are delighted to update you on our 2016 project. Thanks to your generous support, the Bakhita Girls Rescue Home in Kenya is fully operational and the girls have settled in and are doing very well. It has been a very successful project, therefore we have decided to accept an invitation from the sisters of St. Josephs to build a similar home for boys (rescued from the sex trafficking industry) on the same grounds. This project will be built in January 2018, but only with the support of people like you. **We are having a Church gate collection NEXT WEEKEND 26th/27th November 2016,** please give as much as you can as every little helps. Thank you.

A MEETING ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY re THE 8TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION 6th December at 8pm
THE GOVERNMENT ARRANGED CITIZENS ASSEMBLY is asking for submissions from the public on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, a law that protects equally, the life of both Mother and Baby in the Womb.
The meeting will be held in Our Lady's Parish Centre on Tuesday 6th December at 8pm. Hosted by the Leixlip "Yes To Life" group to encourage and assist as many as possible to make "Pro-Life" submissions. We will outline the various approaches one can take in writing a submission and we also encourage parish groups to make submissions. This is a Life and Death choice facing the Irish people and you can have your say in favour of life. We appeal to all, to come along and show there's a large majority who want to Choose Life.

YOU ARE SO GENEROUS LEIXLIP COPPER CLUB – Thank You for your wonderful response already to our Christmas appeal for **Bro. Kevin's Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People**, We are presently counting the coins (and the many notes) contributed to date and expect to hand it over in the first week of December, so there is still time to contribute any loose change you've collected in jars etc. All contributions very much appreciated by Bro. Kevin and his volunteers. Contact Ann at 0871246836 or Carmel at 0871365618 or leave it in the Parish Office. Thank you again for your support.

THE GREENLANE SCHOOLS are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th Dec. in Scoil Bhríde/Scoil Muire Hall from 1-4pm. Please come along and support your local schools. There will be lots of stalls, plenty of raffles and of course Santa will be there too

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