

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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4TH DECEMBER 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WE LIGHT OUR SECOND CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH THIS SUNDAY, REMINDING US OF THE HOPE THE GROWING LIGHT OF THE COMING OF CHRIST BRINGS INTO OUR LIVES AND OUR WORLD.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (LEIXLIP CONFERENCE) – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL – NEXT

WEEKEND 10TH/11TH DECEMBER- The Annual Collection on behalf of the Leixlip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will take place next weekend 10/11th December. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection. A member of the Conference will speak at all the 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.

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

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 11TH 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. **As last 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.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in Our Church will be offered for all your intentions, remembering family and friends living and deceased.

Christmas Mass Cards for these Masses are available in the parish shop for €1 and all Mass offerings received for these Masses will go to help families/victims in Haiti affected by the recent Devastating "Hurricane Matthew" Disaster, while still recovering from the devastation caused by the 2010 Earthquakes. In 2010: Haiti was hit by two major earthquakes of magnitude 7 & 6.1, and multiple aftershocks, a cholera epidemic of huge proportions and Hurricane Thomas all with devastating effects. Now in 2016 the recent Hurricane Matthew. You will appreciate the magnitude of the unimaginable devastation. **The People of Haiti are in real need of your help. Not just a Christmas Card – A Parish Masses Christmas**

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Next Thursday 8th Dec.

Holyday Of Obligation – Masses, 7.30 p.m. (Vigil Wednesday night) Thurs. 7.25 a.m. 9.45 a.m., 11 am. & 7.30 p.m. **Note: No 12.15pm Mass**

CELEBRATION: -At 12.15 Mass this Sunday Fr. John will bless the new **FAMILY CELL** which has been meeting since September. This is a meeting for parents/carers and babies and toddlers, hosted in Our Lady's Parish Centre on a fortnightly basis. Volunteers lead the meeting, prepare refreshments and help with the toddlers. This is a space where families can come to reflect on scripture, pray and play. People of all faiths and none are welcome. **We invite all parishioners to pray that this may be a helpful way of reaching out in faith to young families.**

The meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons 1 – 2 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday December 13th. You are invited to 'Come & See'

For further information please call Kate 086.4132511 or email: leixlipparishcells@gmail.com

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, 4TH DECEMBER

6 p.m. Sean (A) & his daughter Amy Walsh & Margaret Newton & Josephine Pegley (A) & Jack Matthews (A)

8.30 May Lynch (A) & remembering her husband Joe & son Brian
9.45 Benny Brady (A) & John & Brigid Hogan & daughter Bridie (A)
11 a.m. Leisha Conway (A) & Helen Morrison 2nd (A) & remembering her husband Paul

12.15 Eilish O'Neill – month's mind

7.30 Mary & Peter Gaffney (A) & George & Annie Mulcahy (A)

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER

9.30 Brendan Ardiffe (A) & also remembering his wife Pat. & Noel Heneghan (B'day Rem.) & Marie Heneghanj & Kevin & Eileen Heneghan & Michael Savage & Terry Reilly – remembrance

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

9.30 John Kelly (A) & also remembering his daughter Margaret.

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER - Memorial Of St.

Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Of The Church

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

7.30 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Holyday) Joseph Parle (A) & Luterio Aguilar 1st (A) & remembering his wife Rosita & Rosyudelyn Fantonial

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER – Solemnity Of The

Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday Of Obligation

7.25

9.45 Sally Callanan (A) & Frank & Mary Gallagher (A)

11 Alice Conroy – remembrance & Patsy Hoare (a)

7.30 p.m. Mary Kate & Aidan Jordan (A)



Please Switch Off Your Mobile Phone In Church – Thank You

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

9.30 Michelle McGuinness (A) & also remembering her father Chris)

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

10 a.m. Vincent Coleman (A) & **Mary Killeen – month's mind.**

6 p.m. Pat Doyle (A) & Deceased members of the Feeney & Leonard Families – remembrance & Patrick & Ann Kennedy (A) & Patrice Smith – B'day Rem.

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER:

8.30 a.m. James & Elizabeth Behan & deceased members of the Behan Family.- remembrance

9.45 Catherine (Dolly) Thompson (A) & Agnes Hanley (A) & Tom Downey (A) & Gerry Barrett B'Day Remembrance..

11 a.m. Joanne Kearney (A) & John Sheehan (A) & also remembering his wife Sheila.

12.15 p.m. Mary Pegley – month's mind.

7.30 p.m. Kevin O'Neill (A)

.SANCTUARY LIGHT: is lit this week for a special intention.

THE GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK –

MON:	LK.5:17-26	TUES:	MT.18:12-14
WED:	MT. 11:28-30	THUR:	LK.1:26-38
FRI:	MT.11:16-19	SAT:	MT.17:10.13
SUN:	MT.11:2-11		

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.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The First Collection last weekend was €2,000.00., 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 €1,072.77. 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.

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

LEIXLIP GAA CLUB MASS: On Tues. 6th Dec., 6.15 p.m. in the club, prior to the A.G.M. Mass will be celebrated for members, deceased members and especially for those who suffered bereavements during the year. All members and friends of Leixlip GAA Club are welcome.

FUNDRAISING CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR

COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN - The Parents' Council is appealing for donations to our clothing drive - bags of clothes/shoes will be gratefully accepted from 8.10 - 8:40 on the 8th & 9th December outside Coláiste Chiaráin. All contributors will be placed in a draw for €25 Liffey Valley vouchers.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - 14th Annual Christmas Coffee Morning in 18 Rockingham Ave, next Friday, 9th December, from 9 am to 2 pm, in aid of the Lourdes Invalid Fund. Raffle on the day. Prizes include painting by Fred Ball, Hamper, Christmas Cake, Crate of Wine & more lovely prizes. Last year's Coffee Morning raised €2,872.30 for this worthy cause. Your support is very much appreciated. All welcome. For raffle tickets contact Fiona Holmes (086 – 8228225)

OUR LADY'S PARISH SHOP: The Magnificat & Some Copies Of The Magnificat Advent Companion, The Curates Diary & The Messenger, December Editions are available in the parish shop and also **Our Parish Christmas Masses Cards:** Drop in we'd love to see you

GENACALO COMMUNITY Cake & Quality Bric-A-Brac Sale:

TODAY Sun. 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 0871365618 or they can be left in the Parish Centre on Sat 4th Dec. from 3pm or on Sun. morning. All proceeds go to Cenacolo Community Ireland. (Drug Rehabilitation through Work and Prayer - & Funded Solely by Voluntary Contributions. No State Aid)

OUR PARISH GOSPEL CHOIR release their 1st CD.

A great Christmas present. Available in the Parish Shop (€8) All proceeds go to our Parish Centre.

LEIXLIP HISTORY CLUB AGM IN LEIXLIP LIBRARY ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7 PM.

All welcome. Immediately afterwards at 7.30 approx, we have annual **Memorabilia Night.** You are invited to bring along any bits and pieces with a historical significance, this year anything relating to 1916 especially welcome.

A Meeting On Submissions To The Citizens' Assembly

on The 8th Amendment Tuesday 6th December At 8pm
Our Lady's Parish Centre

THE CITIZENS ASSEMBLY is requesting submissions from the public and interested groups on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, a law that protects the life of both Mother and Baby in the Womb. Hosted by Leixlip **"Yes To Life"** group to encourage and assist as many as possible to make **"Pro-Life"** submissions. This is a real opportunity to let the Assembly Members know there's a large majority in favour of A Culture of Life. We will outline the various approaches in writing a submission and we also encourage parish groups to make submissions. We appeal to all, Take this opportunity to Have Your Voice Heard For Life

LEGION OF MARY;

We invite all those who undertook to pray St. Louise Marie de Montfort's 33 Day True Devotion to Mary which ends on Thursday 8th Dec. (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) to the 9.30am Mass on Friday 9th Dec. to pray the Act of Consecration to Mary together on that day.

CRAOBH BHEARTLA UÍ FHLATHARTA –CCE Leim An Bhradain – Christmas Recital – Friday next 9th Dec.

2016 At 8 P.M. In Leixlip Parish Centre – Adults €10, Concessions €5. Mulled wine mince pies & Christmas Raffle. With Bryan O'Leary & Colm Guilfoyle.

THE RAY OF SUNSHINE FOUNDATION

would like to thank Our Lady's Nativity for their overwhelming support at last week's church gate collection. A total of €1,227.28 was raised towards the very worthy cause of a rescue centre for children caught up in the trafficking industry in Mombasa, Kenya.

YOUTH 2000 invites all young adults between the ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 16/18th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. All meals arwe provided for and accommodation is on site. There will be free buses picking up from various areas throughout the country. N Booking is essential. For more information on the event or to book a place see www.youth2000.ie Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page or phone 6753690

CHARITY CONCERT: St Mary's Pro Cathedral is hosting "Voices from the Pro Cathedral" on Tuesday the 13th December at 7.30pm in aid of Brother Kevin Capuchin Day Centre for the Homeless and Dogs aid Animal Rescue. Listen to Celine Byrne, Johnny Logan, Linda Martin, Secret Garden, the Boys of the Palestrina Choir & St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir. Readings by Anne Doyle, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Ni Bheolain, Derek Mooney and Maureen O'Sullivan. Contact Orla Kearney, 087 9949010 or email: procathedral@eircom.net.

CHILDMINDER VACANCY- Person wanted to mind 2 children in Leixlip (2 days a week) preferably in children's own home. References needed and non-smoker. Phone Kirsten at 086 4001965.

Irish Hospice Foundation Christmas Cards available in our Parish Shop and Parish Centre with proceeds going to our Local Kildare Hospice. Buy 2 packs and get a free 2017 calendar..

