

Parish Notices [First Sunday of Advent B 29 11 20]

- 1. You will be aware of the announcement that, with the return on next Tuesday 1st December to Level 3, special provisions have been made to allow the reopening of Places of Worship for Religious Services. You will also be aware that reopening in the context of Covid-19 is not just a matter of opening the doors. We have to have arrangements in place that make it safe for people to come into the church. There is also a restriction on numbers, 50 for Mass and 25 for Funerals. We plan to reopen to the public for Mass next Saturday for the Vigil Mass in St Kilian's at 6 pm and then to follow the schedule we had before the current Level 5 Restrictions. To do so, the Parish is appealing once again for Volunteers to steward and sanitise our 2 churches for each use. We will be calling on those who have already signed up, and we are appealing for new people to please come forward. Without such Volunteers we cannot safely reopen. Sign up Online on the Parish Website - click on the Get Involved button on the Homepage and fill out the Volunteer Form - or contact the Parish Office.**
- 2. The Government stipulation is that up to 50 worshippers are allowed to attend regular services. This may mean that we will have to introduce a ticketing system for attendance at Mass as we move towards Christmas.**
- 3. We continue with our Online schedule of Masses for the week ahead.**
- 4. Thanks to all who contribute to the 3 Collections at Weekend Masses.**

 - You can contribute electronically at any time by using the Donate facility on the Parish Website.**
 - You could also contact the Parish Office to make an arrangement to bring your Offerings to the church.**
 - Sincere thanks to those who already do so.**
- 5. The Parish Website has received a face-lift, compliments of Natalie. We hope it will now be easier to navigate the site.**

- 6. On the Homepage you will see “Advent Resources”. Click on it, and an array of resources will come up. The one I want to highlight is Prayers at Home for Advent. It includes preparation for Mass for each Sunday of Advent.**
- 7. The Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be making their Annual Christmas Appeal over these next weeks. Like all charities, they are very restricted in what they can do to fundraise. This year they will be relying on an envelope drop for the funds they need to help people this Christmas. Your support will be much appreciated.**
- 8. Crosscare, the Social Care Agency of the Diocese of Dublin, are also appealing for your help. Parishioners who would ordinarily have supported their “food drives” and their “unwanted gifts appeal” are encouraged to go Online and make a donation at www.crosscare.ie.**
- 9. Our Parish eNewsletter for December is available on the Parish Website. If you would like it sent to you by email, please send the Parish you email address or fill out the Parish Register Form.**
- 10. The 10 am Mass in St Kevin’s next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, will have a Family Mass focus.**