

Parish Notices [Second Sunday of Advent B 6 12 20]

- 1. We continue to appeal for Volunteers to help keep our 2 churches open in a safe manner over Christmas.**
- 2. On Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day we plan to have a number of Family Christmas Prayer Services in each of our 2 churches.**
They will be short and will not include Mass.
They will take place in St Kilian's on Christmas Eve at 2 pm and 4 pm and on Christmas Day at 10 am.
They will take place in St Kevin's on Christmas Eve at 3 pm and 5 pm and on Christmas Day at 12 noon.
That's a total of 6 Family Christmas Prayer Services.
There will be Mass in St Kilian's on Christmas Eve at 6 pm and on Christmas Day at 12 noon.
There will be Mass in St Kevin's on Christmas Eve at 9 pm and on Christmas Day at 10 am.
All these details will be well publicized.
- 3. Up to 50 people are allowed to attend any of these services.**
That means it will be necessary to book a place to attend Prayer Service or Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
Booking also applies to Mass on St Stephen's Day Saturday 26th at 11 am and Sunday 27th Feastday of the Holy Family at 10 am, both in St Kevin's.
These will be the only Masses on those days.
Booking will be Online via the Parish Website or, if you do not have access to the Internet, by phone at the Parish Office.
Booking will be open from noon this Wednesday 16th to noon Wednesday 23rd December.
- 4. Not everyone will want to venture out to Mass at this time.**
The Irish Bishops are asking the Faithful who do decide to venture out to consider attending Mass at some point during the 12 Days of Christmas, i.e., from Christmas Eve to Epiphany on 6th January. The point of the suggestion is to help avoid over-crowding on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Bishops also make the suggestion that families or "household bubbles" might pay a visit to the church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the Pandemic. To that end we plan to have our churches open after Mass from Monday 28th December to Wednesday 6th January until 12 noon.

A reminder again that this is all conditional on there being an adequate number of Volunteer Stewards and Cleaners signed up. Otherwise it can't happen.

- 5. Church closures during the lockdowns, along with restricted attendance at Weekend Masses since the Pandemic began, have had a disastrous effect on the income required for the financial support of the priests of the diocese. On that account I wish to say a very sincere Thank You 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.**
- 6. Christmas Dues Envelopes are available in the church. I invite you to take one and maybe bring one to those not here.**
- 7. This is the Weekend when The Parish Conferences of the Society of St Vincent de Paul would normally be making their Annual Christmas Appeal. Like all charities, they are very restricted in what they can do to fundraise. This year they are relying mainly on an envelope drop for the funds they need to help people this Christmas. The need is great. Your support will be much appreciated.**
- 8. We all remain vulnerable to the Covid-19 Virus. We therefore need to remind ourselves not to drop our guard and that Public Health Measures remain in place.**
- 9. When coming to church please remember to bring with you: Hand Sanitiser, Sanitising Wipes, Tissues and Face Covering.**