



Advent

PREPARING THE WAY

HOW REAL IS JESUS FOR ME?

Three talks will be given by Fr. Joe during Advent exploring Jesus as presented in the Gospels and how we might have a deep personal relationship with him.

1. Tuesday December 6th @10.30
Repeated @ 7pm
2. Wednesday December 14th @ 10.30
Repeated @ 7pm
3. Thursday December 22nd @ 10.30
Repeated @ 7pm



Book of the Week
WATCH FOR THE LIGHT
READINGS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
 By Plough Publishing Company
 ORBIS Books. Maryknoll NY 2001. Pp 323



A beautiful selection of readings, actually one for every day of Advent and Christmas. From many great writers including, Merton, Nouen, Bonhoffer, Day, Plath and Lewis. A lovely companion that will walk with us through Advent, Christmas and into the New Year.

FAITH MOMENT

From ancient times to the present day, Catholics honour the unique role of Mary, the woman chosen to be the mother of our Redeemer, with a special reverence and devotion. We do not adore or worship Mary; adoration and worship is given only to God, to Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit. We venerate her singular example and prayerfully request her intercession for us.

Parish Council

New members required
for Parish Council.
**Fr. Joe would love
to hear from you.**

St. Vincent DePaul

Monthly Church Gate Collection
This Weekend

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon	28/11	Matt 8:5-11	I am not worthy to have you under my roof
Tue	29/11	Lk 10: 21-24	For hiding these things from the learned and clever
Wed	30/11	ST.ANDREW, APOSTLE Matt 4-18-22	Follow me and I will make you fishers of men
Thu	01/12	Matt 7:21, 24-27	And it did not fall: it was founded on rock
Fri	02/12	Matt 9:27-33	Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you
Sat	03/12	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SJ, PRIEST Matt 9:35-10:1, 6-8	As you go proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 10.30 – 4.00
Wed 10.30 – 9.00
Fri 10.30 – 9.00

Divine Mercy Meeting

Every Wed Evening @ 8.00pm
in the Prayer Room



**Month of November
Morning Prayer
Exposition 9.30 - 10.00**

**To Pray For Those
Who Have Died**

Family Mass

NEXT FAMILY MASS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH @ 10.30

Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9.00, 9.45 (Convent),
10.30, 12.00

Weekdays:

10.00 Monday – Friday
7.30 Tuesday

Family Offering

**Envelopes Now Available
In Parish Centre Phone: 626 56 95**

Rumblings from the Bunker



WAITING

On one of our first trips to the United States, Fr John and myself were working in a summer camp run by the Salesians. On our first day we asked the young people we were working with to queue up. They stared at us blankly. They had no clue what we were talking about. Soon we were to learn about the trunk of the car as opposed to the boot, that the lift is the escalator but on that given day the group of children in our charge looked at us and then each other as we repeated again that they should queue up. Just then a young girl said to the assembled group 'they want us to get in line and wait!' This was exactly what we wanted. Now whilst there was some confusion between a queue and a line, there was none about waiting.

It seems that the world over we know what it is to wait. We wait on many occasions during our lives. Our waiting can be as simple as waiting for the bus, or for the shower of rain to ease off, or our waiting can be as profound as waiting to be born, or to waiting to die. We even have waiting rooms and waiting times! Indeed there are even some places that proclaim, no waiting permitted. For each one of us waiting is a large part of our lives. Apart from fairly minor waiting, that we might term idle waiting, there is also significant or purposeful waiting. These are the times when our waiting is waiting for something, or someone important in our lives. We think of the times when we waited anxiously: test results, the news of a loved one or times when we waited with excitement: the birth of a new baby or an exam passed.

Today we think of a different type of waiting because we begin our Advent journey. On occasions such as today, the First Sunday in Advent, it is good to remind ourselves of some basic things about our faith. Easter and Christmas are the two highlights, the two big events, in the year, the birth of Jesus as a little baby in the crib, and the death and resurrection of Jesus. Beside both of these key moments, in the lives of people of faith, are the two periods of preparation. Before Easter we have the period of Lent, and today we begin our special period of preparation for Christmas, Advent. The key theme of Advent is waiting. However it is a very particular kind of waiting.

In Advent we wait. However we do not wait alone. We wait as a community, as a community of faith. We know why we are waiting, and in this waiting for Jesus, our waiting is both joyful and active. The anticipation that is a key part of Advent is about joy. Advent is full of hope. Advent reminds us that in an ever anxious, and torn world Jesus is our hope, our joy and our peace. As well as this beautiful season being packed with wonder-filled waiting it is a time of active preparation. The reason why Advent waiting is not idle is precisely because it is Jesus that we are waiting on. The focus of Advent is Jesus. Naturally then because we wait on the birth of Jesus we wish to get ready. We could at this point make a firm commitment this year to put some thought and effort into getting ready. Most of us get taken up in all sorts of preparations: a list of those we will get presents for, a real tree or an artificial one, ordering the turkey and so on. However if we are serious about our faith we may need to ask questions about confession, the place of the crib in the house, the Christmas cards we will send, what Christmas Mass will I take part in? Will I make time for the Christmas Carol service? As committed followers of Jesus, we might check on how Christmas will be for others, especially those for whom it might be a particularly lonely time of year. I suppose a lot of this could be summarised in making a promise to the Lord and indeed to ourselves that this year we will take Advent seriously. This year we will not just let Advent come and go. This year we will make Advent a reality in our lives. So we will turn back to the Lord in a new way. We will use the beautiful season of Advent as a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Finally a word on a very important aspect of Advent, though often neglected, that of wonder. Advent wonder. Whilst it is right to be committed to the active, getting ready aspects of our Advent journey it would be a pity if we lost our ability to wonder. To ponder. To stop and stand and stare. As noted earlier our Advent waiting is not undertaken alone but is done in the context of us as a faith community. Of course crucial to our Advent journey is Mary and Joseph. They are busy getting ready, they must travel to Bethlehem. However they are not too busy. Particularly in the case of Mary we see a clear contemplative stance. Let's join Mary in the lovely silence of Advent. Mary waits in hope. Mary in Jesus brings joy to the world. It is in Jesus that true peace for the world is found.

Mass Intentions

6.30 Saturday

Annie Dunne, Tom Burke
John Kelly, Susan, Alan Kearney
Bill, Stephen, Ann-Marie, John Dunne
Annie, Joe Byrne

12.00 Sunday

Maura Cummins, Noel Molloy

**10.00 Monday
Prayer Service**

**Friday Dec 2
7.30 Holy Hour**

10.00 Tuesday

Margaret, Joe Eccles

7.30 Tuesday

John Gore, Tom, Mollie Ritchie
Gary Conway

10.00 Wednesday

Henry, Martha Doherty

Ethiopia School Project

Church Gate Collection

Weekend of 3/4th December

To provide schooling for children
excluded from other schools
because of their parents' Leprosy.

WEEKLY ROSARY IN THE PRAYER ROOM

From Monday November 21st 2016 the Rosary
will be prayed in the Prayer Room at 11am. This
is an initiative of the Marian Movement.

MORNING PRAYER

For Advent @ 9.40 Mon-Fri
All Welcome

LECTIO DIVINA

Each Wednesday In Advent
@ 10.30



Church Collection Totals

Week Ending 13/10

First Collection	815
Share Collection	630
Family Offering	1288

Morning Star Hostel

On behalf of the residents and volunteers at the
Morning Star Hostel, I would like to express our
extreme gratitude to all the very generous
parishioners for their support. I have great
pleasure in saying that the amount collected
was a fantastic

€2,527.17

John Bradley, President: Morning Star

Aspergers Anonymous

Free Aspergers Support Group
& Youth Club

Every Saturday 11am - 1pm
Castleknock Community Centre
Laurel Lodge, Dublin 15
Tel: 0868204663

Web: <http://aspergersanonymous.org>

Seminar for Family Carers

Crosscare are hosting a seminar looking at
supports for family carers in Ireland. Topics will
include Befriending, Online Supports and
Planning for Care in Later Life. The seminar is
free to attend and lunch will be included.
Transport and respite can be paid for. For
information and to book please contact

Rosemary at 0868269977 or

rdaynes@crosscare.ie

Date: 29th November 2016

Time: 10am-1pm

Venue: St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, D7

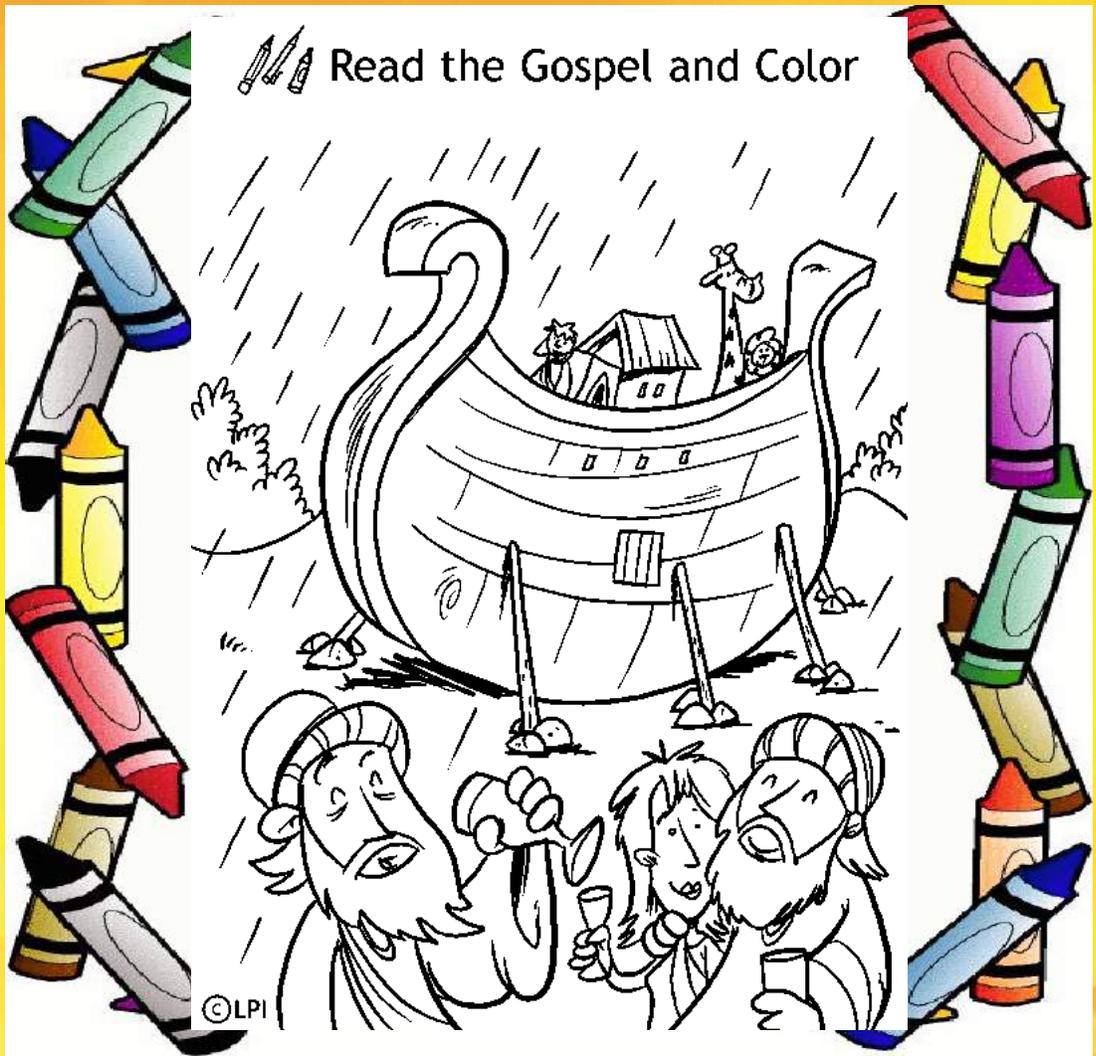
NEXT FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

All Welcome!! Music, Song,
Story, and Drama in the
Presence of Jesus. This is a
really good experience of Mass
for families/young children.

MOA P S-Z M D O F H I C

 Read the Gospel and Color



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 Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| NOAH | MARRIED | TAKEN |
| EATING | FLOOD | LEFT |
| DRINKING | TOGETHER | READY |

S T B F L O O D E O
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 D R I N K I N G D E
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Sharing the Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you and to be ready for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Noah and his family on the ark with all the animals.

Mission for the Week

Make sure the movies, games, and music you choose help you grow closer to Jesus.

St. Louise De Merillac Primary School



The Pursuit of Awesome

On Thursday 10th November the girls from Ms. Helen Tempany's 6th class from St. Louise de Marillac Primary School in Ballyfermot were really excited, as they waited to meet the journalist, broadcaster and author Diana Bunici. The girls were invited to a special *meet the author* event organised by Ballyfermot Library. The girls had the opportunity to meet Irish/Moldovan author Diana Bunici, who published her debut novel "The Pursuit of Awesome" in March 2016.

The girls were completely starstruck, as Diana brought a host of celebrities with her to interview including Steve Garrigan, lead singer with Kodaline. Diana asked the guests questions about following their dreams and each said how they persevered even in the face of adversity. Diana encouraged the girls to follow their dreams and reach for the stars! The girls were all inspired by the stories they heard and chuffed as they each received a signed copy of "The Pursuit of Awesome". It's a day they will always cherish.

November Remembrance Services

Each class had a Remembrance Service to pray for the souls of lost loved ones.

Out and About

Our 6th years were in UCD on Thursday for 'An Triail' and in Smock Alley Theatre on Friday for a production of Hamlet.



Science Week

Science Week was a huge success in Caritas College. There were quizzes, daily science teasers, the Egg Drop Challenge, giant bubble making and science demos.



College Awareness Week

Once again Caritas College took part in College Awareness Week with a full programme of events for students. A number of Past Pupils visited and spoke to students about their career paths, we had visits from representatives of various colleges and universities, our TY students visited Maynooth.

Choir

Sr Angela, Daughter of Charity, will be with us each Tuesday from now to Christmas working with our School Choir, our 1st years and our TY students in preparation for many upcoming events including our school Carol Service and First Year Christmas Celebration.



Congratulations

Ms. Maureen Boylan and Ms. Mary Carroll who recently graduated from Trinity College with post-grad qualifications in 21st Century Teaching and Learning.

Sports Update

Congratulations to our U19 Basketball Team who have reached the quarter finals of the league and play Alexandra College.

Well done to our First Year Soccer team who won the regional finals of the Futsal Competition and then went on to win the Dublin Final. Next stop is the Leinster Finals.

Student Cafe

Exciting times at Caritas College as our new Student Café opened on Thursday! A competition to name the café is currently underway and the All-Purpose Area has been given a facelift. The company running the service is Glanmore Foods. Students can get their breakfast for free from 8.15am – 8.45am, a selection of healthy snacks at break-time and meal deal options of a hot dish and water, soup and bread, salad bowls etc for a max price of €1.40.