

webcam. However, it may be yet possible to have small numbers present in the church for Mass. These arrangements will have to be finalised when more information is available, so watch the website!
The Parish Pastoral Council will be re-constituted in the New Year as new people and fresh ideas are always needed. Fr.

Kieran and the PPC are working on this at the moment.
The next PPC meeting will be on the 26th January, but meanwhile Fr. Kieran, the Parish Team, musicians and generous volunteers are working hard to keep things going in the parish and we express our gratitude to them.



We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand. Please donate new toiletry products [in their original packaging please:] to

Community Food Bank.
Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire Boylan Centre.
Wed 9th and 16th Dec Time: 1-2pm.

If you wish to support the work of Crosscare at this difficult time for those most in need in our Diocese, please remember you can donate on line at www.dublindiocese.ie



The use of the wreath and candles during Advent is a longstanding Catholic tradition. The candles have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy and is lit on the third Sunday – known as Gaudete (or Rejoice) Sunday.

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mk 13:33

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28th Nov 6pm Vigil:-

Freda Heaslip (Recently Deceased)
Michael Walsh (4th Anniversary)

Sun 29th Nov 11.30 am Mass:-

Bridie Murphy (Month's Mind)
Eithne Mac Donagh (Anniversary)
Patricia Marsh-O' Brien (Anniversary)

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased
Brigid Fallon
Alison Ryan

Kevin & Attracta Mc Keever (Anniversary)
Teresa Monaghan (1st Anniversary)
Kathlyn Murphy (1st Anniversary)
John Bourke (Anniversary)
Paddy Power (2nd Anniversary)

Saints of the Week

Mon 30 Nov ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

Thurs 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, priest

Fri 4 Dec St John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

As Jesus was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men’. And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

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Recently deceased
Norman Walker
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Frank Bracken
Michael Foley
Eileen Kelly
May they rest in peace





**November
29, 2020
1st Sunday
of Advent**

constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. “Now” moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It’s the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God’s now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ’s second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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You are at the optician and it’s time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It’s where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don’t concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn’t accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God’s loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That’s why we need Advent. Let’s face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves

shine forth from your cherubim throne.
(Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19)

SECOND READING

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.
(1 Cor1:3-9)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
(Is63:16-17;64:1,3-8)

PSALM

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come’.
(Mk 13:33-37)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT
TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020.**

Fr. Kieran gave an update on the present situation regarding Masses and other liturgical ceremonies. Future plans for re-opening the church are still uncertain. The parish could be aptly named the ‘Domestic Church’ at present as parishioners avail of streamed Masses, Penance Services and other activities from their homes on webcam.

Work on a virtual studio is at a preparatory stage to assist the electronic presentation of the Sunday Family Mass and other ceremonies. Great work is being done by those involved in the Family Mass Group to prepare these liturgies with a blend of recorded and live readings and music, and they are also preparing for their Christmas Nativity play. Thanks to all concerned. Approval has been given by the Diocesan Child Protection Office for the use of Zoom with children provided that the Zoom safety code is used.

Envelopes coloured blue and yellow are available at the contact point for the Sunday collections, blue for the first collection and yellow for the second. All are encouraged to contribute as Diocesan funds are lower than usual. Fr. Kieran expressed gratitude for the generosity of parishioners to the various parish collections.

Carol O’Kelly has been working hard on electronic communications, which

are so much needed in these times and for which all are grateful. The latest edition of the Parish Voice will soon be available, and the Parish Newsletter is posted online every week.

Various Art and Story competitions will be available on the website over the next few weeks so children need to keep an eye out! Carol also hopes to include stories of Christmas traditions from older parishioners and those from other nationalities whose memories of Christmas in their traditions are different. Watch the online space!

This past year we missed having the usual collection for the parish outreach to Sr. Winifride in Peru. But it is not forgotten, and plans are in preparation for this as soon as time allows.

The Parish Youth Club are again registered for the UNESCO Youth Environmental Awards.

While there is still uncertainty about Christmas Mass arrangements due to the Covid restrictions, the PPC discussed some possibilities. If it is not possible to have Mass in the church, Fr. Kieran proposed having some Masses (at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 8.30, and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day) in the lower car-park, which would hold 100 cars. Holy Communion would be distributed in the cars. The 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and the 11.30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass would be on