

❖ Mass for the coming week: Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ First Friday: Friday next is the first Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10a.m. Mass until 11.30a.m.

### ADVENT WREATH

Advent is a time for lighting a candle of hope. This lighted candle helps us realize that we are not alone – Emmanuel – God is with us. The Advent Wreath expresses in a symbolic way our different emotions and needs at this time. The purple candles remind us of our need for conversion, a continuous conversion to the ways of the Lord. The pink candle reminds us that this is a time of hope – our Saviour is coming. The white candle is a simple reminder that with the birth of Jesus a light has shone, a light to show us the way to the Father. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God's love has no beginning or end; it is always there.

#### First Sunday of Advent

The chief purpose of the season of Advent is to prepare us for Christmas. It is a time when we are reminded of the history of our salvation – the hopes of the people waiting for a Messiah as expressed in the writings of Isaiah.

#### First Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Isaiah keeps the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. When we walk in the ways of the Lord, peace can become a reality.

#### Second Reading: (Rom.13:11-14)

This contains a wake up call – to turn away from darkness and walk in the light of Christ.

#### Gospel: (Mt.24:37-44)

We are invited to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

Wednesday next 30<sup>th</sup> November Lectio Divina from 7.15p.m. to 8p.m. followed by Adoration and Blessing from 8-9p.m. in the Day Chapel. All welcome.

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm a Special Christmas Carol Service will be held in our church. Everyone is welcome to this wonderful opportunity to join all our Parish Choirs and enter into a Spirit of Prayer and Joy as we await the birth of Jesus our Saviour. Mince pies and a cuppa in the Day Chapel following the Carol Service.

Bealtaine Music Group require 2 male vocalists for Sunday 12.15pm Mass to balance compliment. Bealtaine sings for just 2 Sundays in the month. For further information contact Rosalind at 0863346493.

Crosscare annual Food Appeal will take place next weekend. Boxes will be available at the back of the church. A list of the types of food needed is available on the poster in the church courtyard. Thank you.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Castleknock Scout Group's annual Fundraising Event takes place after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds go directly to supporting local Scouting. Thank you for your support.

Welcome into our parish community the children who were baptised this month – they are: Cara, Matthew, Hollie, Ailbhe, Stephanie, Isabel, Éabha, Matilda and Mark James.

### ❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Rebekah Kiely Anniversary
SUNDAY	10.00am	Mary Moore Dominick Foley Anniversaries
	11.00am	Matthew Bowens Fr. Ted Smyth Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Mary Kavanagh 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
	5.30p.m	Jim McLoughlin 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### ❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Conor Keogh, Michael Kelly, Eugene Brennan and Brendan Kelly, all recently deceased.

Also, Tony Reilly, Masie Jeffers, Liam, Sean and Catherine Dargan, Eamon Daly, Patrick and Catherine Curley whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.