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*December 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent*

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

❖ Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

There is a clear note of rejoicing in today's liturgy. We rejoice because God is with us. "Rejoice with all your hearts."

First Reading: (Zeph. 3:14-18)

Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in their midst. We can take heart from this message of hope.

Second Reading: (Phil. 4:4-7)

Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord and to let go of anxiety by living in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

Gospel: (Luke. 3:10-18)

John the Baptist tells the people what they must do to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgement.

❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday from 5.15p.m. to 6.15p.m. Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

❖ Thank you very much for your generosity at last weekend's Annual *Christmas Appeal* in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to **€15,981.00**. It is very much appreciated.

❖ Thanks to all who attended our **Christmas Carol Service** on Monday night last and a special word of thanks to our choirs for providing us with their beautiful singing and music and also to Denis Twomey for his technical expertise.

❖ Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)

An envelope containing the Christmas Schedule has been distributed to parishioners' homes. If you are not from the parish and would like to know our Mass times, please take an envelope from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ The collection taken up at the *Ecumenical Advent Carol Service* which was held here on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December amounted to **€405.00**. A cheque for this amount has been forwarded to Focus Ireland.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Eamonn Carroll 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sunday:	10.00am	Sophie Ryan – Anniversary and deceased members of the Griffin and Ryan families
	11.00am	John and Nora O'Reilly Anniversaries
	12.15pm	Liam Kelly Anniversary

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*Pray for the souls of Joseph Dunphy, Karl Andrews, George McKenna and Johnny McRory, all recently deceased.*  
*Also, Jim McGuire and Peter and Mary Doyle whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.*