

# Newsletter December 2024

## Assumption Church Walkinstown



### Fr. Paul's Christmas Message to the parishioners;.....

Dear parishioners, are you waiting with joyful anticipation for this Christmas? These weeks of Advent can be busy, very busy, but we should not forget to ask God to help us prepare our hearts for this very special time. If we do that faithfully each day of Advent, I am sure when we open our eyes on Christmas morning we will feel deep within a joy the world cannot give!



### An Advent Family Prayer;

*We pray that this Advent may be a time marked by simplicity, calmness and quietness as we wait in hope and wonder for Jesus who is present in our lives now and whose future reign is coming. Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. Amen*

Blessed Advent preparations and when the time comes, I wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas.

**Fr Paul.**

As 2024 comes to an end and we look back on all the hard work everybody has done throughout the year and over the many years, we especially take a look back at the hard work our sacristan Joe has done for our church since it opened back in 1956. He has worked with so many people over the years and if you ask any of them, they will tell Joe always had a smile for everyone. His dedication to the Church goes beyond just being a sacristan as everybody who knows Joe will tell you. Even as he is retire, we still get to see Joe everyday as he attends Mass. So as he enjoys his retirement, as a Parish we would like to wish Joe many more years of retirement and never forget Joe the kettle will always be on for you.



### Thank You!

I would like to thank all of you dear parishioners of Walkinstown parish. We all individually bring a blessing that is missed if we are not here. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to the daily/weekly Holy Mass. For all who contribute to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections, to the Family Offering envelopes, and all the many special collections during the year including the Christmas/Easter/ Summer Dues collections. To the many volunteers who do so much behind the scenes, without whom we could not run the parish. To many to mention. May the Lord bless you all for your vital contributions. Blessed and joyous Christmas to you all.

**Fr. Paul**

I would like to thank all the business in Walkinstown who donated to our Fundraising Sale. We are very thankful for your support and the money will go towards the maintenance of the Church. We will keep you all in our prayers. Fr Paul.

**Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Parish Office . Contact Ann in the office.**



We would like to welcome the babies who were baptised recently, Vinnie, Nellie & Cillian God look over them.

### Mass Times

**Monday — Friday** 10am

**Saturday** - 6pm (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday**- 11:30am

**Holy Days** –Mass at 10am

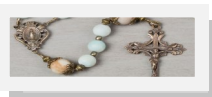
**Vigil Mass** 7pm previous evening.

**Confessions** before weekend masses or on request.

**Adoration** takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

### Rosary

We say the rosary every morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.



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Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office:** **01-4502649.**

Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.

Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Parish website;**

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### Sunday Gospel Reflection

Paused! Lectio Divina Meeting Until New Year. The usual Friday meeting of the Lectio Divina group after the 10.00am Mass will resume when the weather improves in the new year. It might be a resolution to think about, joining fellow parishioners for 30 minutes to reflect on the Sunday gospel readings. We look forward to seeing you! **John**

### In Memory

We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently, especially, **Betty Mowlds, Carol Keena, Jo McCann** all late of Bunting Rd and **Ann Bray** late of Walkinstown Green. We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.



### Popes intentions for Dec - For Pilgrims of Hope



Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

### Holy Water

**We have holy water at the side entrance of the Church, if you would like to bring some home with you.** Holy Water has been blessed by a priest and is called a sacramental as it is a visible sign that imparts invisible grace. It is extremely effective at protecting us from evil and temptation. Sprinkle yourself with it before leaving home in the morning and before you go to sleep.



### Christmas Raffle

 Our Christmas raffle will take place on Sunday 22nd Dec. Tickets go on Sale Sat 30th Nov after 6pm and Sunday 1st Dec after 11.30am Mass and every weekend after that. 

### MASS OF CHRIST

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is the feast of God becoming one of us. It is astounding to think of what that really means. While secular culture starts the 'Christmas season' at a seemingly ever earlier date each year, for Catholics the Christmas season doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. But, like Lent before Easter, Advent is our time of preparation for Christmas. Our time to consider the true meaning of Christmas. Israel waited for the Messiah for thousands of years. Advent is our time of waiting, of being joyfully expectant, of making room in our hearts and homes for the One for whom there was no room. Amid all the distractions, like artificial lights that block out the stars, it is an invitation to us to find time to be quietly and peacefully aware of what this time is really about. ***All of humanity problems stem from mans inability to sit quietly in a room alone. Blaise Paschal***

The conditions into which Jesus was born are significant and symbolise a great deal. Jesus entered the world defenceless, without force and in weakness, because he did not want to conquer us His kingdom is nothing like the kingdoms of this world. God became a little child so that we might be persuaded to start loving him as we do any newborn baby. The greatest gift of Christmas was given to everybody and for all time. It is remembered when we look at the baby in a crib.