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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2018 – Please see notice board for the full list of winning ticket numbers. Please collect prizes from the Sacristy this weekend.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – envelopes for the Christmas offertory may be found in the porch. The collection at all Christmas Masses is in support of your Parish Priest. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS TIMES – please note, there is NOT a 9.30am Mass on Christmas Eve, family vigil Mass takes place at **6.30pm**.

FR JOE WILLIAMS, RIP – mass will be offered for the repose of Fr Joes' soul at 6.30pm on Thursday 27th December. We invite you to keep him, his family and all those who have lost a loved one in your prayers over the Christmas season.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER – thank you to all parishioners, the Co-Op, Molly's and Tesco's, for the donations of prizes for our Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.



CHRISTMAS HOPE – copies still available in the porch, please feel free to take one and share our faith in the act of giving this book to another person.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – are kindly donated by the family of Ron Curtis RIP this year.

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm	Lina Gapusen, Birthday Thanksgiving
9:00am	Amelia Ledwidge, RIP
11.00am	People of the Parish

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Monday 24th/Tuesday 25th December

Vigil 6.30pm	People of The Parish
11.30pm	Carols
Mass at Midnight	Peter & Julia Donnan, RIP Elizabeth Malone, RIP
9.00am	Patrick Devlin, RIP
11.00am	Mary Chuchu, Birthday Intention

Wednesday – *St Stephen (NO MASS)*

Thursday – *St John*

6.30pm	Fr Joe Williams, RIP
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Friday – *The Holy Innocents*

9.30am	Knight, Joseph Tom Eswaikoh, RIP
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SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5.30PM – 6.00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6.30PM

NEXT SUNDAY –

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

*Sat 6:30pm	Catherine & Patrick Browne, RIP
9:00am	Molly & Joe McIntyre
11.00am	People of the Parish

Charismatic Prayer Group: [Back on Friday 11th Jan.](#)

Legion of Mary: [Back on Friday 11th Jan.](#)

Friday Lunch Club: [Back on 18th Jan.](#)

***Children are invited to come to the 6.30pm Vigil dressed as someone from the Nativity, eg, a shepherd, a king, an angel and so on and participate during the Mass.**

The Word This Week

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the 'Christmas story' itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.

