



3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY –

The angels sang a message of JOY! "...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

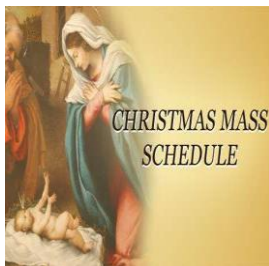
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'" (Luke 2:7-15)

Christmas Schedule

Penitential Service

Tuesday 16th December at 7.30 pm - St. Anne's Church Shankill

**Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm –
Our Lady of Good Counsel Johnstown Parish**



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Family Mass at 6pm

Christmas Day

Mass at 11am

St. Stephen's Day



Mass in St. Stephen's Church Killiney at 11am

Sing For Fun

A Very Big Thank You to Stefani and the Sing for Fun Group for the wonderful Christmas concert here last Tuesday

Great fun and sing-a-long was had by all who attended. Looking forward to doing it all again next year.



Divine Word Missionaries Christmas Cards for Sale

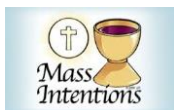
Assorted Designs: Pack of Six - €5 Limited packs available from the parish office

Planned Giving/Family Offering Boxes for 2026 are ready for collection in the Cherith

Mass Intentions For Christmas

Both Masses will be offered for the Christmas Altar List of intentions Contact Teresa in the parish office with the names of your loved ones to be added to the list.

Please choose which Mass you would like to have them prayed at.



For Christmas

Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal



Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese, is once again asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000 people, including 1,200 children, have needed basic food supplies and support. Your donation – big or small – will help those who need it most. Donate at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.

Safetalk - Suicide Alertness For Everyone - Training

Location: Loughlinstown Community Rooms, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 RY11

Date: Monday, 9th February 2026 Time: 10am to 1.30pm

Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources. This training is for anyone over the age of 18, it is not suitable for anyone bereaved by suicide within 12 months. Training is free of charge. Email: darlene@breakingthrough.org or Phone: 01 6060858 – see poster on parish notice board

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