



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! “*As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’* (Luke 3:4-6)

Mass For The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

Monday 8th December at 11am

Prayer

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

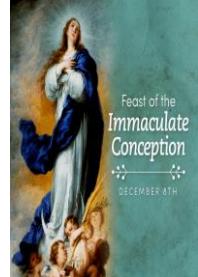
O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, **pray for us**.

Our Lady of Lourdes, **pray for us**. Amen



Sunday 7th December: Santa’s Grotto and Christmas Market – 12pm to 5pm

Christmas Sing For Fun - Here In Our Church

A verity of Christmas Carols and Songs

Come along and sing along with our local **Sing For Fun** group

This Coming Tuesday 9th December

7.30pm to 8.30pm All Welcome



St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul takes place this weekend. This replaces the Share Collection. Please support this worthy cause



Christmas 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



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.



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.

Family Offering/Planned Giving Envelopes For 2026

Are available for collection in the Cherith after Mass



Divine Word Missionaries Christmas Cards for Sale

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

Christmas Craft Fair

Last Sunday's Christmas craft fair in aid of Blackrock Hospice and Cancer Research raised a total of €1,700

A big THANK YOU! to everyone who supported these worthy charities

Anniversary Masses Next Weekend

Saturday 13th December Vigil Mass: Peadar Taite 2nd Norma Dunne 4th and Ursula Kenny 11th Anniversary
Sunday 14th December 11am Mass: Chrissie (Mary) Davin 1st and William and Dora Byrne Anniversary

