

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas, with many Blessings.

I look forward to our Christmas Eve Mass with the Children at 6pm and then our two community Masses 8pm Christmas Eve and 11am on Christmas Day.

A great "Thank you" to all who help make these celebrations so special.

We ask God's Blessing on those who lost a loved one since last Christmas, may they rest in peace.

I would like to say a special thank you for making my housekeeper Patricia and me feel very much at home in Loughlinstown.

God Bless and happy Christmas.

Fr. Enda

Planned Giving/Family Offering

Planned Giving Boxes for 2019 are ready for collection in the Cherith.

If you currently don't have a planned giving box but would like to contribute towards your parish please contact Teresa in the parish office in the New Year for a box of weekly envelopes or if you would prefer to contribute through your Bank, here are the details needed to set up a Direct Debit from your Bank:

Loughlinstown Parish No.1 Account

Bank of Ireland, Kill O'The Grange

BIC No. BOFIE2D IBAN No. IE60 BOFI 9011 8350 2672 64



Christmas Plants For the Crib and Altar



If you would like to place a Christmas plant in front of the Crib or on the Altar in memory of a loved one or just as a gift, it would be very much appreciated.

Reflection

It is normal and necessary for a mature Christian to have to confront, at some time or other, the inevitable shortcomings of Christians -- of others as well as of himself/herself. It is both dishonest and unfaithful for Christians to imagine that the only way to preserve their faith in the Church is to convince themselves that everything is always, in every way, at all times ideal in Church life and activity. History is there to prove the contrary.



Car Raffle To Repair The Ballybrack Village Church



Draw will take place on Christmas Day
Tickets will be still available on the day, before the raffle takes place.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The

angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

A Christmas Prayer



Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.

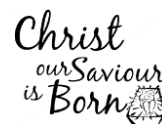


Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children,
and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



By Robert Louis Stevenson

Christmas Raffle in Aid of Church Flowers



Congratulations to Brendan Martin, Fr. Enda and Lisa Kelly

Who got 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in the raffle.

A grand total of €370 was raised.

A big "Thank You" to all who supported the raffle.



The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 8th January 2019

Parish Contact Details

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