



**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 Saviour 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)



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**Spiritual Time Out For Advent**

This week will the theme is *A Weary World Rejoices*

Tuesday at 7.30 pm.

You are welcome to come to the Church, or to join via our webcam

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection will take place this weekend **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December**

**This collection replaces the SHARE Collection**

Please give as generously as possible to this worthy cause to help those less well-off in our community.

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**CROSSCARE FOOD APPEAL**

**ON LINE APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN FOOD POVERTY - DECEMBER 2021**

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need. We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them. Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM CHILDREN’S MASS**

For health and safety reasons, the maximum amount of parishioners attending our Christmas Masses would be **100 in the Church** and **25 in the Pastoral Centre**.

Because our **6pm, Children’s Christmas Eve Mass**, always has the greatest attendance, it was agreed that we would take booking for this Mass. This Mass is mostly for parents/guardians/grandparents with children/grandchildren

Please contact Teresa in the parish office **01-2824085** to book your place.

*(No bookings necessary for the Christmas Eve 8pm Mass or 11am Christmas Day Mass)*

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**Christmas Carol Service Maynooth College**

This year three Maynooth College and University choirs will gather for the annual carol service: the College Chapel Choir, directed by Dr John O’Keeffe; the Schola Gregoriana, led by Dr Darina McCarthy; and Maynooth University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr Michael Dawson. The service will be led by the President of St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Rev Prof Michael Mullaney. **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

The link to the service is: [maynoothcollege.ie/live-stream](http://maynoothcollege.ie/live-stream)

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