

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)

# 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

Tuesday 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

## Pope Francis has called for the year of 2025 to be a jubilee year, The Year of Hope

A jubilee year is a year of remission or universal pardon of one's spiritual and material debts through making pilgrimage. By crossing through the threshold of certain designated holy doors pilgrims will be given "indulgences" - the eradication by the Church of the spiritual debt arising from sin. These 'pilgrims of hope' are to complete their spiritual journey by making a good confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is rooted in scripture. "Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year," we read in Leviticus 25:10, "and shalt proclaim remission to all the inhabitants of thy land: for it is the year of jubilee."

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## **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 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 1500 children, have needed basic food supplies and support; over a quarter of those coming to Crosscare's Food Poverty Service accessing food support are parenting alone.

As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011,

or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, D07 Y768.



### Johnstown Parish Advent Talks

Two Advent talks that **Bishop Donal Roche** will be giving in Johnstown parish centre On: **9th and 16th** December after 10am Mass

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**Christmas Craft Fair** 

Last Sunday's Christmas craft fair in aid of Blackrock Hospice and Cancer Research

Raised a total of €2,300

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

**Anniversary Masses Next Weekend** 

Saturday 30th November Vigil Mass: Peadar Taite 1st, Robert Doyle 17th, Tony Ryan 25th & Jamie O'Grady 5th,

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am Mass:** Patsy Lennon 10<sup>th</sup>, William and Dora Byrne

Parish Office Closed until Tuesday 17th December

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