

St. Mary's Cathedral
18th December 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please remember the following in your prayers
RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr. Benignus Buckley OFM Cap.

Anniversaries

11am Tommy & Agnes O'Neill, Rothe Terrace
Sheila & Sean Hyland, Clonmoran.
5.30pm Jimmy King, James's Green
Catherine King, Marble Crest

Jim Kelly, Patrick Sinnott, Paddy Moynihan, Mary
Maher (nee Byrne), Annie Donovan, Chrissy
Comerford, Billy Phelan, Elizabeth Rowe.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

A prayer card for our new bishop has been prepared and is
available at the back of the church. Please remember Fr Coll
in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS AND WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Christmas and Weekly envelopes are now ready for
distribution. Thanks to all who distribute them throughout the
parish and all who contribute so generously.

CATHEDRAL DRAW

The December draw will take place on 21st December at 8pm
in the Chapter House.

WAITING FOR THE LORD with a Faith Filled Trio

We are given three "family members" to be with us during the
weeks of Advent: John the Baptist, Isaiah the prophet, and
Mary the expectant mother. Each speaks to us about matters
of the heart, about longing and fulfilment and hope. They are
companions for our Advent journey.

Each speaks to us of waiting – in desperation, in excitement,
in silent hope. During a season when we can become easily
frazzled and anxious about many things, when loneliness and
loss can threaten to overwhelm us, we can know that we are
not alone. We have with us, among others, a faith-filled trio
who point toward a God who is with us, who continues to
breathe the divine Spirit into us, bringing to new birth sons
and daughters of the living God.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on
the 4th Sunday of Advent at 7.30pm – tell everyone (18th
December). A wonderful way to begin the Christmas season
with the whole family. Join the combined choir of the Unity
Singers and The Cathedral Choir to sing and hear your
favourite Christmas Carols.

WORK IN THE CATHEDRAL

During this coming week the kneelers in the seating in the
centre aisle of the cathedral will be replaced. New boards
will be attached to the seating by hinges which will assist
cleaning

Secondly the seating will be secured in place by dowels
which will ensure that the seating do not move on the floor;
this will avoid scratching the beautiful parquet floor of the
cathedral.

New carpet will also be placed on the steps of the high altar;
a similar colour to that upon which the Cathedra (Bishop's
Chair) sits.

Financially this is expensive. If you would like to assist with
this work, please use the envelopes at the back of the church
– no donation is too small; every little helps.

In time it is intended to replace the kneelers in the other
aisles.

COELIAC AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that if you are gluten intolerant you are welcome
to receive Holy Communion from the Ciborium that has
Coeliac Hosts. Please present to receive in the right hand
side aisle and indicate to the minster your preference.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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A CRIB IS NOT JUST FOR THIS CHRISTMAS

Since the beginning of December 5 cribs have been sold in
the Chapter House Shop. New stock has been brought in
and is now available. A crib makes a beautiful present for a
new home and will be of significance for every year going
forward. The Chapter House Shop is open daily, 9am to
5pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It can be difficult to get nice Christmas Cards that depict the
religious significance of Christmas: The Crib, The Holy
Family, The Shepherds and Wisemen. The Cathedral Shop
and Parish Office have a variety of cards for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM

A Triduum of Masses will be celebrated by St Mary's
Parish at Christmas time. Specially printed Christmas
Cards are available in the Parish Office and/or the Cathedral
Gift Shop.

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Chapter House Bookshop at St. Mary's Cathedral will
be open during this coming week Monday to Thursday
(9.30am – 5.30pm) and on Friday closing at 2pm. The
Shop has a great selection of Nativity Cribs, decorations,
Christmas Cards, Calendars and diaries for 2023, also a
wide selection of Bibles, Liturgical and spiritual Books.
The Bookshop also has a wide selection of Mass Cards and
religious Gifts for any occasion.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

9AM: MORNING MASS

4PM: CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

6PM: CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

9AM: CHRISTMAS MASS

11AM: CHRISTMAS MASS

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO 5.30PM MASS
ON CHRISTMAS DAY)**