



NEWSLETTER

6th December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

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UPDATE ON CHURCH OPENING

The Government has announced new Level 3 restrictions phased from 1st December - 6th January. This means that we can now gather in church for Mass so our usual Sunday and weekday Mass schedule will resume.

Masses this week

Saturday 5th Dec (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Ballymadun
Sunday 6th Dec	9.20am	Ballyboughal
	10.30am	Garristown
	12 noon	Naul
Tuesday 8th	Immaculate Conception	
	10.30am	Online
	12 noon	Naul
Wednesday 9th	10.30am	Ballyboughal
Thursday 10th	10.30am	Garristown
Friday 11th	10.30am	Online Mass
Saturday 12th (Vigil Mass)	7.00pm	Damastown
Sunday 13th	same times as 6th	

Mass Schedule details on our website.



Please remember we need to keep the church doors open for ventilation, especially when we gather for Mass - so make sure you're wrapped up nice and warm!

Please remember to wear a face mask too!



Christmas Mass Bouquet cards (€5 each) and a selection of Christmas cards are now available to buy from the Pastoral Area Office.

NEW CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Please wear a face mask at all times in the church, use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave, stay within the designated area and avoid using the benches, and try to keep your visit as short as possible. If you feel unwell or have any of the COVID symptoms we kindly ask you to stay at home.

Garristown:	Mon - Wed & Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballymadun:	Mon - Fri	5.45pm - 6.45pm
Naul:	Mon, Wed & Fri	9am - 4pm
Damastown:	Mon - Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballyboughal:	Mon, Tue & Thu	9am - 1pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We are still only able to have a maximum of 50 people in church. This means that not everyone who wishes to come to Mass at Christmas may be able to. There is NO OBLIGATION to attend and you may wish to choose to come to Mass in the week before or after Christmas instead.

In order to make it as fair as possible we are asking people to contact the Pastoral Area Office and express interest in which Christmas Mass they would like to attend, **no later than 15th December**. (This does NOT guarantee a place at Mass.) **When you get in touch you must provide us with the Mass & church you want to attend, your name, an email address/phone number and the number of people from your household intending on coming.** If numbers for that Mass exceed the limit we will randomly draw names out and contact those who have been selected. Please be aware that if you just turn up for Mass you may not be able to get in. To maximise our capacity, our Naul/Garristown parish Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

5.00pm	Online Mass
<i>(There is no limit for this online Mass via our website. The recording of this Mass will be available to watch at any time from 6pm)</i>	
6.30pm	Garristown
8.00pm	Naul

Christmas Day

9.20am	Ballyboughal
10.30am	Garristown
12 noon	Naul

If we are able to secure the services of another priest and more Stewards & Sanitisers, we MAY be able to offer an extra Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

More details on our website.

Special thanks to those who will be stewarding and sanitising our churches so we can gather safely

ADVENT resources are available on our website: Advent calendars, Prayers and reflections for each week of Advent, activities for children, the Jesse Tree, Christingle, resources for your Crib and much more. We invite you use them to help with your Advent preparation for Christmas.



SACRISTAN NEEDED IN BALLYBOUGHAL CHURCH

We currently have no Sacristan in Ballyboughal. This role involves making sure the altar is ready for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments. Training can be provided. If you would consider taking on this important role, or would like more information, please contact the Pastoral Area Office.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be holding their Annual Appeal next weekend, 12th & 13th December. This is so they can continue their amazing work in helping those

in need, especially this Christmas.

Special Donation Envelopes will be available at all Masses or you can donate by phoning 0818 176 176 or online at www.svp.ie/donate

Thank you for your generosity



Foodbanks need donations of NEW soaps,

shampoos, toothpaste and baby hygiene products in their original packaging. They can be dropped off at the local foodbank in St Cronan's Parish, Brackenstown Road, Swords from 1pm-2pm on Weds 9th & 16th December.

You can also make a financial donation online at www.crosscare.ie



MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals believes that **no child should endure a day without a meal**. They have set up school feeding programmes in some of the

world's poorest communities. Every school day, they feed **1,667,067 hungry children across 19 countries**.

It costs just **€18.30** to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year.

If you would like to support their **Big Family Christmas Appeal**, please go to their website for more information www.marysmeals.ie



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