

Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community:
Elizabeth Mary Hurley

Muireann Eibhlin O'Leary

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Bridie White, Curragh

Edward Barry, North Ring

James Nyhan, Carrig

**The Rosary will be recited in the cemeteries on the following dates:
November 27th Kilgarraffe at 3pm and Kilnagros at 4pm.**

Next Friday, December 2nd is First Friday. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

The First Friday Mass for Darrara will be celebrated in Darrara Community Centre at 8pm. It is a Remembrance Mass for the deceased from the general Darrara community area.

The Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Mount Carmel Hospital Chapel on Friday December 2nd. Adoration will commence at 8pm with the Rosary. Mass will be at 10.30 pm and Adoration will close at 2am on Saturday December 3rd.

The Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church on next Sunday evening, December 4th at 5pm.

Gospel Reflections for Advent with Sr. Magdalene will re-commence on Tuesday November 29th after 10am Mass in the Parish Centre and will continue every Tuesday throughout Advent.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group continues to meet on a regular basis. Presently we have one adult preparing for baptism. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, ask them to contact the Parish Priest.



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First Sunday of Advent (A)

27th November 2016

First Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5) This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ.

Second Reading: (Romans 13:11-14) This contains a wake-up call, and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

Gospel: (Matthew 24:37-44) This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

Reflection

Advent is the First Season of the Church's Year. It is a time of celebration. But sometimes we forget to celebrate it. These four weeks before Christmas remind us of the time when Mary carried Jesus in her womb and waited in total trust for her Son to be born. So we want to recognise and celebrate the fact that God is present in the world, even though He is hidden.

Advent is about Waiting! People can be irritated waiting in a long bus queue, or waiting at a check-out. But, today's Gospel shows us that waiting can be a Spiritual experience and sometimes a truly sacred time. We wait in anxiety and sometimes even in agony beside a dying loved one and in our mind we say "When will it all end, Lord?" And then somehow in our own vulnerability we trust more and we know that God is present in that trust.

Advent is a Season of Hope and when we wait in Hope we get in touch with that part of ourselves that makes us aware that we must depend on God and on one another.