

### **Baptism**

We welcome to the Christian Community:  
Isabelle Erin Deasy

John Timothy Lowney

### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for the repose of the soul of:  
David O'Brien, Beechmount

**The Family Rosary will be recited in the Parish Church on this Sunday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

**Gospel Reflections for Advent with Sr. Magdalene will continue on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass in the Parish Centre.**

**The December meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society will be held on Tuesday next, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre, beginning with Mass at 7.30pm followed by the meeting. New members always welcome.**

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day. Masses will be at the same time as weekend Masses with the exception of the first Mass which will be at 8am. There will be a Vigil Mass in the Parish Church on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

**Do This In Memory Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Darrara and at 11.30am in the Parish Church.**

**A Gift Mass with Christmas Carols will take place in Darrara on Sunday next December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. All are invited to bring gifts for local charities.**

**The annual St. Vincent de Paul church door collection will take place at all Masses on Saturday/ Sunday next December 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously.**

**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 2:00pm and 4:00pm there will be a team of people in Clonakilty inviting Christmas shoppers to take a candle from them and call into the Church to pause awhile in midst of the busy-ness of Christmas preparations to light their candle and to pray for their special intentions. This is a joint-initiative of the Munster Vocation Directors and the Clonakilty Parish Assembly.**

**The Legion Of Mary shop now has new goods in store ready for Christmas.**

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## ***CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Clonakilty**

**&**

**Sacred Heart Church, Darrara**

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Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

**Second Sunday of Advent (A)**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 11:1-10) We hear about the coming of the Messiah and the kind of justice he would bring.

**Second Reading:** (Romans 15:4-9) This talks about the coming of the Messiah and how we should treat others in the same friendly way Christ has treated us.

**Gospel:** (Matthew 3:1-12) We hear once again the voice of John the Baptist saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand".

### **Reflection**

"A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord"

The words of the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel ring true as the advertising bombardment by competing commercial outlets urgently try to persuade us to buy what they think we need for the perfect Christmas.

"Prepare a way for the Lord". Let us pause and ponder on ways to prepare.

Plan during this busy season. Let us try to balance our preparation and ensure that Christ will be at the heart of our Christmas.

Remember to take time to recall all those who made Christmas so special for us down the years and in that spirit we too can create happiness for others.

Envelopes – as we send and receive cards and greetings,, let us be grateful for special family and friends.

Prayer is always special at this time – the Hail Mary – she will help us to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Appreciate little things and be kind to others.

Reach out to those we can help, whether in word or deed and do something nice as a surprise.

Enjoy and enter into the real spirit of the season as we prepare a way for the Lord to come and remain in our hearts and homes.