



### **Baptism**

We welcome to the Christian Community:  
Liam Cillian McCabe

Daniel James Crowley

### **Wedding**

Congratulations and every good wish to:  
Geraldine Hayes and Gearóid Ryan

### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for the repose of the soul of:  
Mary Wright, Tawnies Crescent

**To prepare for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018 the Diocese will be offering a programme of preparation leading up to this event. To begin our parish will be distributing prayer cards over the Christmas period to encourage families to pray together the special prayer for this event.**

## ***CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Clonakilty**

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**Sacred Heart Church, Darrara**

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Night of 24th December, 2016**

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 9:1-7) This prophecy, about the coming of a Saviour-child who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus.

**Second Reading:** (Timothy 2:11-14) St Paul reminds us of what is expected of us if we are to enjoy the salvation won for us by Christ.

**Gospel:** (Luke 2:1-14) With Mary we are invited to ponder on the deeper meaning of the birth of Jesus so that, with the shepherds, we may be moved to glorify and praise God.

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

The people that walked in darkness  
Has seen a great light;  
On those who live in the land of deep shadow  
A light has shone.

In a very short while people will come together from every corner of the earth to celebrate the greatest event the world has ever witnessed; the birth of our Saviour. He will be born in a small stable surrounded by humble people. Shepherds will hurry across the fields to welcome the Christ-Child and to praise God. The Angels will watch over Him and the world will rejoice. Christmas is a great celebration of our faith in Jesus. He will never let us down because He is the Light of the world.

In this very Holy Season, we wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Happy Christmas!

**Msgr. Aidan O'Driscoll**

**Fr. Eddie Collins**