



On the **Third Sunday of Advent** [Gaudete Sunday] the third candle is lit with the first two and is the Shepherd's Candle or the Candle of Joy. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the 'Good News' of Christ. This candle is pink or rose and represents God's love and faithfulness.



The **Third Sunday of Advent** indicates that the season of penance is coming to an end and soon we will be rejoicing the celebration of Christmas.



CONFESSIONS - Saturday 23
 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
SUNDAY 24 - MASSES
 Saturday - 7 p.m. [vigil]
 Sunday: 9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m. 12.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

5.30 p.m. Knocklyon Concert Band 8.30 p.m. Youth Gospel Choir
 7 p.m. Gospel Choir 10 p.m. 11 o'clock Choir

Christmas Day Masses

9 a.m. 10 a.m. [Children's] 11 a.m. 12.30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Day to Friday 30 December - Mass at 10 a.m. only

May you be blessed with the spirit of Christmas which is the goodness of Christmas which is and the heart of Christmas which is

PEACE HOPE LOVE

MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER

- SAT 16**
 10 a.m. Dan / William McCarthy
 7 p.m. Maria Lakes
- SUN 17**
 9 a.m. Michael Coleman
 11 a.m. Peter / Carmel Downes
 12.30 p.m. Kathleen / James Keenan
 7 p.m. Müller / McIntyre Families
- MON 18**
 7 p.m. Harry Poole
- TUES 19**
 7 p.m. Eileen / Marie O'Brien
 O'Brien Family
- WED 20**
 7 p.m. Liz Corcoran
- THURS 21**
 7 p.m. Conor Farrelly
- FRI 22**
 7 p.m. Lisa Brennan Mathews
- SAT 23**
 10 a.m. Molly Nally
 7 p.m. Shane D'Alton
- WED 27**
 10 a.m. Kevin Mongey

BAPTISM DATES

Jan	13	20	Apr	14	21
Feb	10	17	May	12	19
Mar	10	24	June	09	16

Contact Parish Office: 01 494 1204

HOUSEBOUND & HOSPITAL PARISHIONERS
 If you or any member of your family is unable to come to Church due to sickness or old age, or in hospital - please contact the Parish at 01-4941204 and arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to them.

Merchant's Quay Christmas Gift[s] Appeal
in aid of the Homeless and those attending Merchant's Quay Centre

Gift[s] may be handed into McMahon's Dry Cleaners, Knocklyon Shopping Centre, up to Wednesday 20 December.

Gift e.g. hat, scarf, socks, glove set, toilet requisites, etc. Thank you

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES available at back of church



Prayer before Confession
 O My God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to make up my mind not to sin again. Amen

Act of Sorrow
 O My God, I thank You for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving You. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen

Prayer after Confession
 Dear Jesus, thank You for helping me to make a good Confession, and thank You for taking away my sins. Help me, never to offend You again. Amen

Carols by Candlelight CHARITY CONCERT

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Venue: St. Colmcille's Community School Hall

Featuring Staff from local schools along with St. Colmcille's Community School Choir.



Tickets available from Community School Office