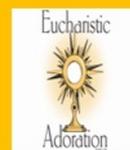


WHAT'S ON

Eucharistic Adoration

The Oratory will close on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, & St. Stephen's Day. Open Monday 29th December to Friday 2nd January 2026, (except New Year's Day) from 10.30am to 5.00pm.



Parish Christmas Remembrance cards
70 cent each Church Art Calendars 2026
€2.00 each Small Calendars €1
All on sale from the Parish Office.

Church Collections
w/e 13th/14th December 2025
1st Priests: €746
2nd: SVDP Annual Collection: €2444
Envelopes: €585

PARISH LOTTO
Development Fund
There was no winner of last week's Jackpot. The winning numbers were **Lotto Nos 5, 6, 9, 25**
Jackpot €2,100
Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.
There will be no Lotto draw on Tuesday 23rd & 30th December. The Lotto will resume on Tuesday 6th January 2026.
Thank you to everyone who has supported the Lotto throughout the year.



St Vincent de Paul donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please leave in the church safe or the parish office.
Thank You.



We remember
Jean Dempsey
whose Funeral Mass takes place on Monday morning at 10.00am
Frances Becton
who died recently
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

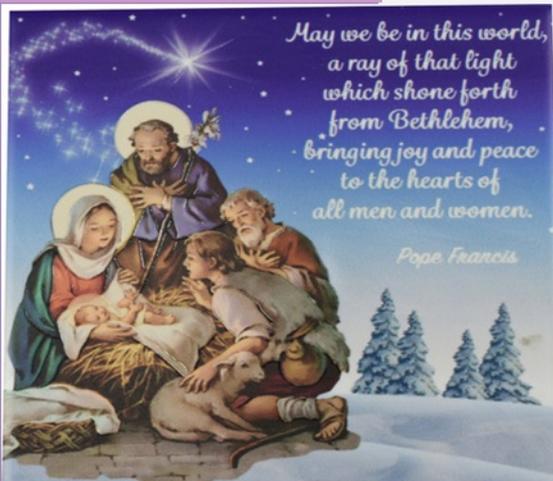
Please take a copy of the Christmas Newsletter with the Christmas Schedule and Christmas Letter, the Parish Calendar for 2026 & Christmas Dues envelope for a friend or neighbour who may be sick or housebound. Available at the back of the church and the parish office.



We invite you to bring a Poinsettia to the Church in memory of a loved one living or deceased. In this way we hope to fill the church with the festive colour of Christmas and at the same time remember in Christmas prayer all those we love.

Christmas Dues Envelopes 2025

Please take a Christmas Dues envelope from the tables at the back of the church and return to the parish safe or the Parish Office.
Thank you.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.
Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

The Parish Office Christmas Arrangements
The office will close on Tuesday 23rd December at 11.30am & reopen on Friday 2nd January 2026 at 9.15am.



First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 23(24):1-6

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. Response

R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.