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Arrangements for Christmas 2017

Confessions for Christmas:

Penitential Service for Christmas:

On **Sunday 17th December at 5pm** with Visiting Priests for Individual Confessions.

Confessions:

Thursday 21st Dec : 10.30am. Friday 22nd Dec : 10.30-12pm

Saturday 23rd December:11.30am -1pm , 6pm-6.30pm.

Mass times for Christmas 2017: Vigil: For Christmas Day: 9pm.

Mass on Christmas Day: 9am, 10.30am and

12 Noon.

Mass on Tuesday 26th - Saturday 30th December 11am

Carol Service. All are welcome to the Ecumenical Carol Service in St Finbar's Church Of Ireland on Thursday 21^{st} Dec at 8pm.

Eucharistic Ministers

Thanks to all who gathered for the Eucharistic talk and Benediction on Sunday last. The gathering made two requests

- Those bringing the Eucharist to a household family member should first receive themselves before requesting the Host for the household.
- Communicants should remain seated until the minister has reached the place of distribution.

Starling Blue presents Carols by Candlelight

on Dec 20th and 21st in the old Church of St Louis Secondary School. Tickets are 16 Euro, available in Keegans and Birdys newsagents. Price includes complimentary mulled wine and mice pies. Raffle on the night and all proceeds to Alzheimer's and Carrick Cancer. A Night not to be missed. Hannah O'Brien, Liebe Kelly, Louise Steele and Patrice Doherty.

Advent Calendar_As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The calendar is available online, and on your smartphone, on www.catholicbishops.ie. This year's calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 – 26 August. Each day during Advent, you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish.

13th St. Stephen's Day 10K/Fun Run/Walk in aid of St. Mary's Comfort Fund. Starting from and finishing at St. Mary's, Castleblayney. Walkers 10.30 a.m and Runners 11.00 a.m. Refreshments Afterwards, All Welcome.

Emmets Christmas Day Swim. This year swim is for the Shane McMahon Beneficiary Fund: Shane was an active referee for the Emmets club and indeed for the Association until he was recently diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease. He played football for the Emmets and has a minor championship medal and we hope everyone throughout the parish and county will get behind this very worthy cause! Sponsorship cards are available from O'Rourkes Fuels and donations can be directly made at the Carrickmacross Credit Union.

Castleblayney Enterprise Centre are running ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) starting January 2018. This is a great opportunity to upgrade your computer skills or learn for the first time. For further details contact Margaret or Sharon on 042 9746087

Patrician High School Carrickmacross Save the date! Sunday 21st January 2018, 5kFun Run/Walk.

The Hill Reunion Dvd , now available !! would make that perfect Christmas and new year gift. Contact Olivia on 0872052502 or Ann on 0870561433.

Crisis in Democracy in Ireland, conference in the Four Seasons Hotel this Sunday 17th December

2-6:00 p.m. re lack of representation for Christian Values in the media and politics including discussion on the proposed referendum on abortion in 2018. Guest speakers, John Waters, Fr. Marcel de la Cruz, Kathy Sinnott, Declan Ganley. Everyone concerned about protecting the right to life of the unborn welcome to attend.

Saturday 16 th December	11.00am	M.M . P.J. Mc Donald, St Macartan's Villas
	6.30pm Vigil Mass	Paddy Mc Caffrey (1 st anniversary) and Jack , Rosinver Leitrim , formerly, 21 Rockdaniel Road. Teresa Mc Mahon , 5 Church Grove. Eileen Quigley, Farney Street. Elizabeth and Michael O'Rourke, Tirnadrola, Carrickmacross. Mass of thanks-giving from Hugh O'Carroll to all his family ,friends and those who shared in his celebrations.
Sunday 17 th December	9.30am	Peter , Margaret and Anthony Finlay , Rockdaniel Road. Gene, Kathleen and Pat Traynor.
	5PM	Penítentíal Servíce for Chrístmas at 5pm.
	12Noon	Michael and Peggy Curley , Castleblayney Road. Laura and Linda Crossan , Greaghdrumitt. Owen and Julia Meegan and Frank and Minnie Mc Nally.
Monday 18 th December	10am	
Tuesday 19 th December	10am	
Wednesday 20 th Dec.	10am	
	7.30pm	Evening Mass.
Thursday 21 st Dec	10am	Sarah Finnegan and Richard and Mary Callan , Drumgowna. Breda Mc Mahon Lurgans, and Michael and Winfred Mc Mahon and Michael Mc Canney, Swords .
Friday 22 nd December	10am	Michael and Bridget Woods and deceased family members, 3 St Joseph's Terrace.
	7.30pm	Evening Mass
Saturday 23 rd December	11am	M.M. Rosaleen Marron, Cloughvalley.
	6.30 Vigil Mass	M.M Eamonn Carolan , Rockdaniel Road. Deceased Members of the Curley and Harney families , Crann Nua. Eileen and Kevin O'Brien , Mullinary.
Sunday 24 th December Christmas Eve	9.30	Patrick and Julia Ward, Parnell Street. John ,Ted and Kay Kiernan.
	12 Noon	O'Gorman and O'Brien families, Dundalk Road.
		Lithuanian Mass at 4.30pm
	Vigil 9pm	Vígíl for Christmas Day at 9pm
Christmas Day 25 th December		Mass celebrated at 9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.
		Christmas Blessing 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' (Jn3:16). This is the source of our Joy and celebration. Gods precious gift that is forever new and constantly inviting us into his life. Fr Larry Duffy, Fr Michael Jordan, Fr Matthews Semba, Deacon Sean, and Parish Staff wish you a blessed Christmas and a new year filled with Hope and Peace.

Children are invited to bring along their gifts from Santa, to have blessed at the 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day.

