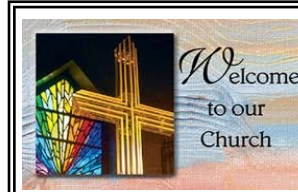


**Mass Times Services are only available on the webcam because of COVID restrictions**



**Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.**



**St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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## The Parish Office

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Monday to Friday

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## IDEAS FOR ADVENT

### I wait. I watch. I hope.

If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152

### Living Advent Calendar 2020

We are asking parishioners to tell the Christmas story in 25 days. This will be shared on Facebook every morning at 8am from the 1st of December @CCPCDublin. If you like to be involved contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152 or email [christina.malone@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:christina.malone@dublindioocese.ie)

### Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Fr Billy Swan will lead the retreat; St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from **Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3 December beginning at 8pm**. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

## WAITING-HOPING-TRUSTING

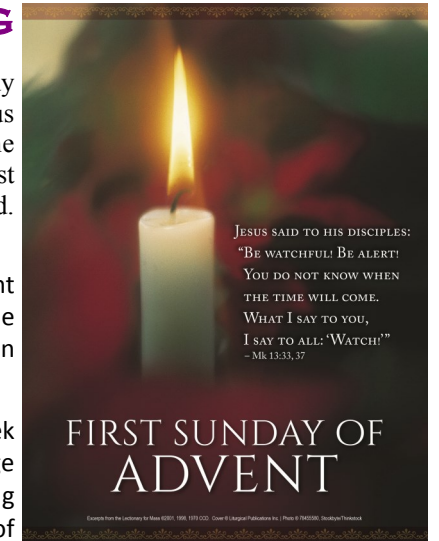
We're in the middle of two Advents. One has already happened 2,000 years ago when God came among us as a baby in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The second one is still to happen in the future when Christ will return and human history will come to an end. Today's liturgy concentrates on this future coming.

But in a world that doesn't even know that Advent exists and that has already flung itself fully into the festivities of a commercial Christmas, how can Christians celebrate Advent?

In Advent, Christians wait. We just wait. Every week in our Creed we speak of Jesus coming again to judge the living and the dead; and we talk about looking forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Advent reminds us that there is more to life than what we see with our eyes and hear with our ears. A promise of everlasting life is on offer. Advent is about maturing slowly, about allowing God's Spirit to form us and mould us so we're ready for Christ's coming.

In Advent, Christians hope. If we celebrate Advent properly then we feel a sense of great longing. We find ourselves yearning for Christ to come again and to set up his everlasting kingdom where we shall see God face to face and enjoy the unending happiness of heaven. Advent hope sustains us amid all the comings and goings of a society intent on having and getting, one that mistakes pleasure for joy, consuming for concern and enjoyment for bliss. But Christians wait in joyful hope for Christ to return.

In Advent, Christians recognise their trust and dependence on God. It's not all down to us. It is God who will unlock the gates of heaven for us. Our God will not come to condemn us but to set us free since Christ is not a predator but a liberator. Advent encourages us to recognise and acknowledge our dependence on God. Will we be around when Christ comes back again or will we see God face to face when we die? The chances are the latter. But because we are held in the palm of God's hand we await his coming in joyful hope. And our Advent cry is: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**



## CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER



During the roof restoration work the church will be open for private prayer on Saturday and Sundays only.

**Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**



### CROSSCARE APPEAL

A simple way communities can support each other

We need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products.

A message from our Community Food Banks

Times are difficult for everyone at the moment particularly the most vulnerable people in our community. As the need for people to access our services increase, we are finding it more difficult to keep our stock at a level that can cope with the demand.

**Donations of new toiletry products and in their original packaging please:**

**Donations can be dropped off at the Community Food Bank**

**Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire, The Boylan Centre**

**On Wed 9th and 16th Dec from Time: 1-2pm**

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The parish has been hit hard during these times of COVID



restrictions and urgently needs your support. Contributions to the parish are down nearly 70% since March but the cost of running the parish has not decreased to the same extent. We urgently need your financial support to see us through this period of forced shutdown.

To facilitate parishioners who would like to make a donation online, we have provided this facility on our website [www.monkstownparish.ie](http://www.monkstownparish.ie).

Envelopes are also available in the church and can be dropped in to Fr. Kevin's house or to the parish office. **Thanks for your continued support.**

### NOTES AND QUOTES FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Here is the message of Advent: faced with him who is the Last, the world will begin to shake. Only when we do not cling to false securities will our eyes be able to see this Last One and get to the bottom of things. Only then will we be able to guard our life from the frights and terrors into which God the Lord has let the world sink to teach us, so that we may awaken from sleep, as Paul says, and see that it is time to repent, time to change things. *(Alfred Delp SJ, imprisoned in a Nazi Concentration Camp)*

The eschatological drama will run its course, scene by scene. But the actors on the stage have only vague clues about where they are precisely in the play. Only the stage director knows. He has given the actors instructions about what to do and what to say when they see certain things happen. But that is it. They know how the play ends, but they do not know when the curtain will fall. *(David Garland)*



### Mass Intentions

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.**

*Jimmy Slevin (Month's Mind)*

*Olive Hudson & Brendan Ebbs (1st A)*

*Frederick Hudson & Alison Kelly (A)*

**Please Pray for**

*Daragh Long (Month's Mind) & James Cronin (A)*



### A Big Thank You

The local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul would like to say a big thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. In the past month a total of €800 was donated by parishioners. We are unable to hold our usual collections during the COVID restrictions but the demands on our services have not diminished. Thank you for your support and all donations can be dropped in to the parish office or to Fr. Kevin's house.

**Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 2nd Sunday of Advent



**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11** : *Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.*

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14** : *Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.*

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8** : *John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.*