



**Fr. Kevin Rowan & Rev. Eric Cooney**

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

**Christmas 2020**

December 2020



Dear Parishioner,

Fr. Kevin, Deacon Eric and the Parish Pastoral Council wish you and your loved ones every blessing in this Holy Season.

We particularly sympathise with all our parishioners who have lost loved ones or have otherwise been affected during the pandemic. You are all remembered in the prayers of the parish.

Despite the pandemic a number of changes have taken place within our parish as we work to respond to the changing needs. Thanks to Eric we revamped our parish website and we recommend it as a go to source of up to date information about the parish, [www.monkstownparish.ie](http://www.monkstownparish.ie). We take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Tom Conlon who designed and maintained the parish website for a number of years. During the first lockdown we also installed a webcam which broadcasts mass daily and over the period of lockdown it has proven to be a valuable source for parishioners to join in the sacramental life of the parish. Work has also begun on refurbishing the roof of the church and we hope that this work will be completed early in the New Year. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued financial support which is needed now more than ever.

We include the schedule for Christmas masses overleaf but clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind you that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. But Christmas is about more than just one day. Families are welcome to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days from Christmas Eve to Epiphany. Christmas Masses will also be available over webcam and we strongly encourage families to “tune in” from the “domestic churches” of their living rooms and join with those who are gathering in their parish church in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child .

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE OR ARE LONELY**

If you live alone or are lonely or need support there is help out there. Alone support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Or Senior Line is a national, confidential listening service for older people, FREEPHONE anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

May God bless us all and keep us safe in 2021. We look forward to the time when we gather to worship together again without restrictions. The Parish Pastoral Council, Deacon Eric and Fr. Kevin take this occasion to wish everyone a most Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a New Year in which every human person may be respected and loved. May the God of Love, Jesus of Bethlehem, accompany you always on your journey of life.

*Fr. Kevin Rowan & Eric Cooney*

## **CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2020**

### **Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December**

#### **No Morning Mass**

**First Mass of Christmas 5:30p.m.**

**Vigil Mass 7.00 p.m.**

**Night Mass 8.30 p.m.**



### **Christmas Day Friday 25th December**

**Dawn mass of Christmas 8:30 a.m.**

**Morning Masses at 10:00 am and 11:30 a.m.**

### **St. Stephen's Day Saturday 26th December**

#### **No Morning Mass**

**Vigil Mass of Sunday 6:00 p.m.**

### **Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 27th December**

**Morning Masses at 10:00 am and 11:30 a.m.**



**Monday 28th Dec. to Friday Jan. 1st**

**Masses at 10:00 am**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT COVID19 RESTRICTIONS MEAN THAT A STRICT CAPACITY OF 50 ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND EACH MASS AND PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

**However all masses are available on the parish webcam**

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