



*ST MONICAS & ST BENEDICTS WEEKLY  
The Parishes of St Monica's & St Benedict's  
Weekly News*



*13th December 2020*

*Third Sunday of Advent/B*

***Parish Mission Statement***

*We, as members of the parishes of St Monica's and St Benedict's, strive to be a community united in our Catholic Faith, and strengthened by prayer, worship and service. We accept our call to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, working to serve all with justice, peace and love, in the name of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**13th December 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent/B - St. Benedict's and St. Monica's**

Dear parishioners. I am sure you will have heard of the soul-searching that has been going on in the past few weeks in parishes and churches up and down the country as how best to celebrate Christmas this year within the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus. There are restrictions on the numbers who can gather for the Christmas dinner, on visits to nursing homes and hospitals, on how many can travel on a bus and so on.

Christmas has always been a special time for gathering of family and friends. Normally we would come together, in great numbers, on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day for Mass. This year however this will not be possible.

There is already, as you know, a limit of 50 persons who can attend Mass and 25 for funerals and weddings. We have explored the various options open to us, e.g., to put on extra masses, to issue tickets for the Masses, to raffle tickets for Mass or to have the Masses online. None of the options will satisfy everyone. Some of these options would place an unacceptable burden and pressure on priests, sacristans, volunteers and office staff in our parishes.

Considering the resources, we have at our disposal, we have decided to live-stream the Christmas Eve Mass and the Christmas Day Mass to ensure that that everyone has access to Mass this Christmas, in the fairest, safest, and most equitable way.

Extra Masses are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday morning and Saturday Morning. ***See overleaf for full Mass Christmas Schedule.***

**Fr Paddy, Fr Ronnie, Fr Tony.**

*“Clearly it will be impossible for our usual large congregations to assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We wish to remind Catholics 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 widely 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 all over the world in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child. (conference of Bishops)*

## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week - St Monica's



Date	Time	Name
Saturday 12th (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Michael & Mary Commons, John & Teresa Commons, William & Eileen Jackson, James Moran
Sunday 13th	10.30am	Celia Byrne, Danny & Elizabeth Doyle Ester Hobbs, Roseann Lawlor
Monday 14th	10.00am	Annie McDonnell, Mary Osbourn
Tuesday 15th	10.00am	Nick Butterly
Wednesday 16th	10.00am	-
Thursday 17th	10.00am	-
Friday 18th	10.00am	-
Pray Also:		-

## Christmas Week Mass Schedule



Monday 21st December	-	10am & 11.30am
Tuesday 22nd December	-	10am & 11.30am
<b>Thursday 24th December</b>	-	<b>10am &amp; 11.30am</b>
<b>(Christmas Eve)</b>	-	<b>6pm (Livestream Mass only)</b>
<b>Friday 25th December</b>	-	<b>10.30am (Livestream Mass only)</b>
<b>(Christmas Day)</b>		
Saturday 26th December	-	10am & 11.30am

## **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open **seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**. Calls to the ALONE National Support Line cost no more than a local call to a landline. Calls from Vodafone or landline bundles, PAYG bundles, and mobile contracts are free. Up until December 2019, phone providers did not include 0818 numbers in free call bundles, however since then, 0818 are included in any 'free' call bundles in a caller's phone contract.



## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week - St Benedict's



Date	Time	Name
Saturday 12th (Vigil Mass)	7.00pm	Rita Wearen
Sunday 13th	9.30am	-
	11.30pm	Molly Grannell, Nellie Nolan, Eileen & Dominic Burke
Monday 14th	10.00am	-
Tuesday 15th	10.00am	-
Wednesday 16th	10.00am	-
Thursday 17th	10.00am	-
Friday 18th	10.00am	-
Pray Also:		-

### **Please support the SVP Collection, Saturday & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



SVP will be conducting our Giving Sunday collection on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately we cannot make our usual Annual Indoor Collection due to the Covid restrictions so instead there are envelopes and collection tubs on the tables in the entrance foyer for those wishing to donate today or during the week.

We rely almost entirely on the support of our generous parishioners. People can also donate directly to our Conferences and can select the parish they wish it to go to at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or by calling **0818 176 176**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support and generosity throughout the years.



Please call to **St Benedict's** shop after Mass for all your **cards, calendars, and gifts**. We currently have a lovely selection of cards for lots of occasions as well as the **Irish Catholic Newspaper**. The shop is open **after Mass** on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday**.



If you have an item for the newsletter please call **Tamine on 01 8479822** between 9.30am-12.30pm or leave a message and we will contact you. Alternatively you can email- [info@holyltrinityparish.ie](mailto:info@holyltrinityparish.ie)

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### Weekly Mass Times - St Monica's

<b>Weekdays:</b>	10.00a.m.
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6.00p.m.
<b>Sunday:</b>	10.30a.m.

### Weekly Mass Times - St Benedict's

<b>Weekdays:</b>	10.00a.m.
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	7.00p.m.
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.30a.m. 11.30a.m.

### Confessions

**St Monica's:** by request

**St Benedict's:** by request

**Baptisms:** last Saturday of every month at **11am (St Benedict's) & 12pm (St Monica's)**

**Marriages:** By Appointment with the Local Clergy.

**Cert Requests:** Certs to be requested with details via email on [info@stbenedicts-stmonicas.ie](mailto:info@stbenedicts-stmonicas.ie) for both parishes or cert requests for **St Benedict's** can be requested from the **Sacristy** after any **Mass** during the week.

**Mass Requests:** Taken in the Sacristy after weekday/weekend Masses only.

## prayer for the sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love,  
Found deep in His everlasting wings,  
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.  
May the healing power of Christ  
Breathe across your being now.

www.lords-prayer-words.com



### **Family Offering 2020**

If you would you like to contribute to the Family Offering Collection, either by a weekly/monthly **Family Offering Envelope** or by a **Standing Order**, please call to the **Sacristy** in **St Benedict's** after **Mass** or call **St Monica's** on **8471497** or email [stmonicaedenmore@eircom.net](mailto:stmonicaedenmore@eircom.net)

