



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



**20th December 2019**

**Fourth 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.*



**Thought for the Day - 20th December 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent/B**



**This Christmas** "Let us contemplate the child and let ourselves be caught up in his tender love. Then we have no further excuse for not letting ourselves be loved by him." (Pope Francis)

**This Christmas**, people are saying that there has never been a Christmas like this Christmas - with all the restrictions placed not only on us but on every area of society, all because of the Coronavirus and the dreadful illnesses it gives rise to.

**This Christmas**, we remember the first Christmas night. There was never a Christmas like that first Christmas, with the angels, the shepherds, the wise men, Herod, the scribes, the inn-

keeper and all the other characters we meet in the Christmas story.

**This Christmas** we remember what we celebrate, what gives us joy and peace - it is the birth of a child, the Christ-child born for us in a stable in Bethlehem.

**This Christmas** let us thank God for his goodness to us.

Let us thank God for the goodness of others, for the support and concern of others, for the opportunities You give us to be kind, to be good, to be unselfish.

**This Christmas** we give thanks for the gift of family and friends. We remember and we pray for those who are lonely and away from home

**This Christmas** I want to thank, very sincerely, all those who have been such great support in our parishes. Those who have worked so unselfishly to maintain our parishes and who, even with the restrictions, serve the people of the parishes with great commitment and dedication.

**This Christmas** let us thank God for the goodness of others.

Let us remember those who have died and those who grieve loved ones.

Let us remember those who are sick and those who care for them.

**This Christmas** let us give sincere thanks for the Chris-Child, born in the stable in Bethlehem

**'This Christmas, in the beauty of God's love, we also discover our own beauty, for we are beloved of God. In His eyes we are beautiful: not for what we do but for what we are.'** (Pope Francis).

Fr. Paddy





## Mass Times and Intentions for the Coming Week

### Christmas Timetable



Date	Time	Name
Saturday 19th (Vigil Mass)	6pm	Christopher Trehy (M/M), John & Greta Millington, Sean & John Millington, Noel & Patricia Doyle, Noel & Joseph Doyle, Eddie & Vincent Gavin, Ann Dunne, Elizabeth Needham
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Pat Campbell, Cecelia Wilkie, Pat Hogan, Kathleen Egan, Eoin & Catherine McGown
Monday 21st	10am - 11.30am -	
Tuesday 22nd	10am - 11.30am -	
Wednesday 23rd	10am - 11.30am -	
<b>THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
	10am	Brian Kelly
	11.30am	-
	6pm	<i>Live Streamed Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
	10.30am	<i>Live Streamed Mass</i>
Saturday 26th	10am - 11.30am -	
Pray Also:		-



### **"A Prayer To The Baby Jesus"**

Dear little baby Jesus, In a manger cold you lie, You are there be-  
cause you love me, One day for me you'll die.

How sad you must have felt dear Lord, When they would not let  
you in, I'll open wide my heart to you, I'll keep away from sin.

Dear little baby Jesus I wish I had been there, I'd give you a warm welcome, My  
home with you I'd share.

**WE, THE PARISH TEAM OF BOTH ST MONICA'S AND ST BEN-  
EDICT'S WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS THE  
JOY AND PEACE OF THIS CHRISTMASTIDE**





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



### Christmas Timetable

Date	Time	Name
Saturday 19th (Vigil Mass)	7pm	-
Sunday 20th	11.30am	James Byrne, Jenny Kinsella, Tilly Biesty, the deceased members of the Flanagan family
Monday 21st	10am	Tom & Ann Lambert, Mary & Phil Furlong
Tuesday 22nd	11.30am	-
	10am	-
	11.30am	-
Wednesday	10am	-
	11.30am	-
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	11.30am	-
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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. The shop is open **after Mass** on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.**



Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born.  
 Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.  
 Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. —*Saint Augustine of Hippo*



## The Parish Team

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### Weekly Mass Times - St Monica's

**Weekdays:** 10.00a.m.  
**Saturday Vigil:** 6.00p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10.30a.m.

### Weekly Mass Times - St Benedict's

**Weekdays:** 10.00a.m.  
**Saturday Vigil:** 7.00p.m.  
**Sunday:** 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.

## 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 2021**

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)

