



## *ST MONICAS & ST BENEDICT'S WEEKLY The Parishes of St Monica's & St Benedict's Weekly News*



*6th December 2020*

*Second 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 - 6th December 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent/B**

There is an old saying which says, 'May you live in interesting times.' The times we are living through now, are beyond doubt, 'interesting. You can imagine the stories that will be told in years to come: What it was like during the pandemic,' 'How coronavirus changed the world' 'The new Technologies spawned by covid-19' and so on and so on...

The story we remember, and we celebrate this time of the year is over two thousand years old now.

The Christmas story is very simple and yet it is the most important story that ever will be told.

The Christmas story tells us of a birth, the birth of a first child to poor parents with an uncertain future. What is it about this story that holds such appeal? Why, after such a long time does it still resound in the minds, the hearts, the imagination of so many generations of men, women, and children in every corner of the world?

Perhaps it has to do with the way it touches our deepest longings, those things we want and need, those things that help us cope with just about anything, even level 5 restrictions. The story is about love and about trust, its about generous, giving and unconditional love and deep, deep, and profound trust.

There is so much generous love in this story, and with it there is a sense of . Shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman treasures all these things in her heart.

**Lord,**

**As we celebrate another Christmas,**

**Help us to live each moment gratefully. wonder that God could be so intimately involved with something so simple, the birth of a child in a stable**

**May we have the faith to trust in the gifts you have given us.**

**May we have the hope that overcomes the dark thoughts that sometimes cloud our vision.**

**May we have the love that makes our world a better place.**

**We make this prayer through Jesus our brother, born for us a stable in Bethlehem. Amen**



**Fr Paddy**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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



Date	Time	Name
Saturday 5th (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Esther Hobbs
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Celia Byrne, Danny & Elizabeth Doyle
Monday 7th	10.00am	-
Tuesday 8th	10.00am	Mary Osbourne
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	-
Thursday 10th	10.00am	-
Friday 11th	10.00am	-
Pray Also:		



### **Crosscare Appeal for Support this Christmas as food collections cancelled**

Crosscare is appealing to people to support them on line this Advent as they will be unable to hold their annual Parish Food Collection for those most in need.

Every December, Crosscare collected thousands of pounds worth of non-perishable foods to restock their foodbanks and support their community cafés.

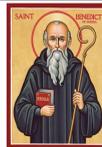
This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare will not be able to launch a food collection in the Diocese of Dublin as usual. However, in order to ensure they have adequate supplies, they are asking people to support them by making a donation on line to make sure families struggling to cope can have food on the table this Christmas.

Foodbanks have remained open, operating to strict hygiene and Covid safety standards to ensure families and vulnerable individuals got what they needed. So far this year, over 7,000 food parcels have been distributed. Demand remains high as many more people in our parishes and communities, who did not need support before, struggle with the economic downturn.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said he was proud of the way Crosscare had adapted to ensure that young people, the homeless, families in need and those who have been further isolated by the pandemic continued to be supported by Crosscare staff at this difficult time.

He appealed to priests and parishes to encourage those parishioners who would ordinarily have supported food drives and the unwanted gifts appeal to go on line and make a donation [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

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



Date	Time	Name
Saturday 5th (Vigil Mass)	7.00pm	-
Sunday 6th	9.30am	-
	11.30pm	Albert & Lucia Edgehill
Monday 7th	10.00am	-
Tuesday 8th	10.00am	Margaret Hagan (R/D)
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	William, Bridget & Kathleen Kavanagh
Thursday 10th	10.00am	-
Friday 11th	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. Our Conferences visit many families and people in need across communities in Ireland.

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond.

We rely almost entirely on the support of you and your generous parishioners. People can also donate directly to our Conferences at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or calling **0818 176 176**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support 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

**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:** 9.30a.m.  
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#### 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)

