

Schools and Sacraments during Advent

As part of their preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, the boys and girls of the three schools in this parish, St. Vincent's Girls' School, O'Connell's Boys' Primary and St. Columba's National School are invited to a special Mass for them during Advent:

- **Confirmation Classes** - First Sunday of Advent, 30th November, 12 o'clock Children's Mass.
- **First Communion Classes** - Third Sunday of Advent, 14th December 12 o'clock Children's Mass.

REACH OUT - BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

***Your old or vulnerable neighbour
living alone
may need your help!***

Please Be Aware! Care!

Invitation to Mass in Gardiner Street Church

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday 3rd December.
at 7.30 p.m.

***We wish Fr. Donal Neary, S.J.,
all the Jesuits and
the Parish of Gardiner Street
every blessing on their feast day.***

Volunteers needed to distribute the Parish Calendar 2004 to all the homes of the parish.

It was decided at our last open meeting of parishioners that a Parish Calendar and Christmas Newsletter would be distributed to every home in the parish.

***If you are willing to help
please contact
Sr. Eileen (Ph: 8783583)***

If you know of any housebound parishioner or anybody else who might be interested in this NEWSLETTER please give them a copy.

You can visit our parish Website at: www.dublindiocese.ie/parishes/northwilliamstreet

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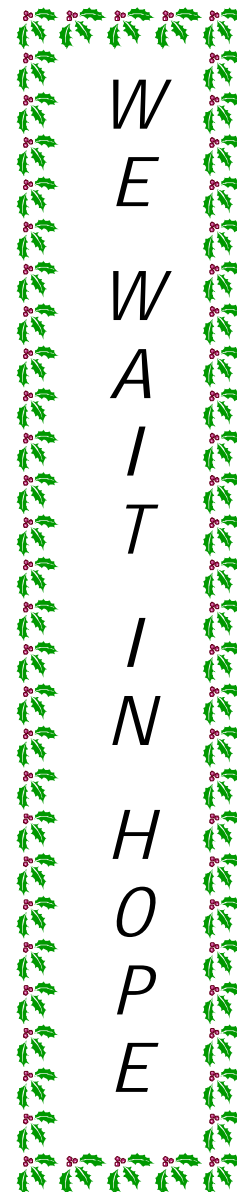
ADVENT

*God Our Father,
during this season of Advent
we prepare ourselves to celebrate
the coming of your Son as Man among us.
As the Blessed Virgin Mary got ready
for the birth of her Son Jesus,
we pray that we will use this time
to reach out to those in need,
and to be a light in the darkness for others.
Come Lord Jesus.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.
on 1st, 15th and 22nd December
there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street.

*Please feel welcome to come along
for even a few minutes to pray.*



Advent Holy Hour on the Rosary **Monday 8th December**

The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on Monday 8th December.

Mass Times: 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

There will be a Holy Hour based on the five new mysteries of the Rosary which are known as the *Mysteries of Light* on **Monday 8th December following the 7.30 p.m. Mass.**

The Holy Hour will conclude with benediction.

The Mysteries of Light

1. The Baptism in the Jordan

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him “ (Matthew 3:13)

2. The Wedding at Cana

“They have no wine...do whatever he tells you.” (John 2: 3,5)

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15)

4. The Transfiguration

“He led them up a high mountain apart and he was transfigured before them” (Matthew 17: 1-2)

5. The Institution of the Eucharist

“And he took some bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.’ (Luke 22:19)

Sacrament of Confession

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession for Christmas it is available before the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings and before the 7.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening.

There will be a **Communal Rite of Confession in the Church on Saturday 20th December after the 7.00 p.m. Mass.**

Sick and Housebound Parishioners

The priests of the parish would like to visit all those who are sick or confined to home, especially any parishioner who would like the Sacrament of Confession before Christmas.

Please contact one of the priests or leave your name and address in the sacristy if you would like a visit. (Sacristy: 8554078)

Repository

Why not drop in to the Repository at the back of the church where you can get

- * Advent Calendars
- * Church Art Calendars for 2004
- * Christmas Cards
- * Christmas Mass Cards
- * Cribs

You can also order your own weekly copy of the *Irish Catholic*.

Christmas Appeal

Annual church collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes place during all Masses on **Saturday & Sunday the 13th/14th December.** It replaces the second (Share) collection.