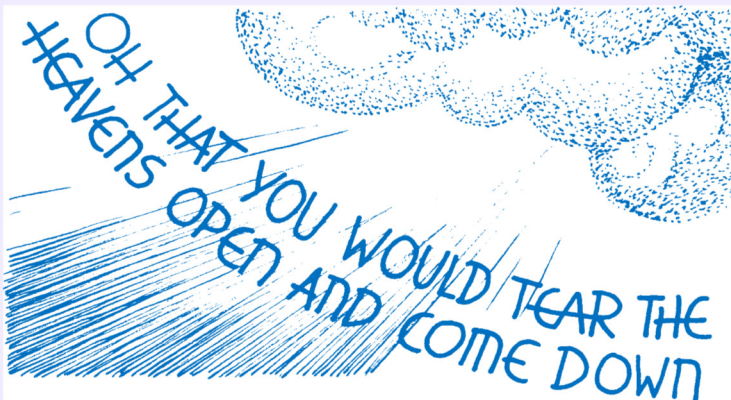




St. Brendan's Marist Parish
Coolock Village, Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
Sunday, 3rd December 2017
First Sunday of Advent



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FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Responsorial Psalm .79:2-3.15-16.18-19

SECOND READING Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL Mark 13:33-37

Parish Mission Statement

“St Brendan’s is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace.”

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Tuesday – Friday 9.00 am– 11.30 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil), Sunday: 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, & 6.30 pm

Reflection on today's Readings

The Prophet Isaiah tells us in the first reading today: "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you, doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"

This is the theme of Advent and we can deepen our awareness of God's love for us by living this awareness of God throughout Advent this year. "Watch." We want God to find us always doing what is right, always mindful of Him in our ways. We can only do that if we take time to be with Him each day.

The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in the first reading that there is no God like our God. Sometimes we think that there are no competing gods today. Instead, we can open our eyes and see so many realities competing to be god, so many people who play at being god, and so many values that seem godlike to the present age.

It is important that we realise that only faithfulness to the One, True God will bring us peace and a wonderful human life. Faith never promises to make us wealthy or powerful—it actually promises the opposite. What faith does promise is that our life will be filled with joy in knowing the Lord and living His divine life.

The second reading on this First Sunday of Advent is from the First Letter to the Corinthians. In this letter we can focus on these words: "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." God is faithful. We are not faithful, but God remains faithful. God calls us to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. We are called to share the life of Jesus Christ. Again we can reflect that living the life of Jesus Christ means to embrace poverty, to accept suffering, to serve all others and especially those who reject us. Sharing in this life brings incredible joy, even when it does not bring immediate happiness—which is what our world wants us to seek.

The Gospel from Saint Mark reminds us once again: keep alert and keep watching for the Lord! It is so easy today to accept the values of the world. At times those values seem even more compassionate than Gospel values. We have to recognise that doing right is not the same as feeling good about ourselves or about others. One of the great gods of our time is the demand that we always feel good, that we seek momentary happiness, above the values of the Gospel and the Scriptures.

May this Advent deepen our faith and help us understand and live what the Scriptures reveal to us. May we find ourselves drawn deeper into the heart of the Church founded by Jesus Christ. It is not easy to stand against the false gods of our time, but we have received the invitation to walk with the Lord Jesus. Let us walk into His light.

The family of the late **Pauline Comiskey**

who died on 18th September, 2017 wish to thank all those who sympathised with them on the loss of their mother. Mass will be offered for their intentions on Saturday, 16th December at 6.30pm in St. Brendan's Church.



Christmas Novena Cards are now on sale in the Church
Pack of 5 assorted cards €3.00.

The Christmas Novena Masses will take place
from 13th December to 21st December.



Novena Cards are also available in the Post Office in Coolock Village.

**Sunday 3rd December
First Sunday of Advent**

6.30pm	Deceased Members of the vigil Duffy, Sheehy, Aughney and Redmond Families	
	George Wallis	A
	Bridie McKane	A
	Joseph Ryan	A
9.30am	George Wallis	A
	Margaret Kelly	RD
11am	John Judd	RD
	Deceased Members of the Keegan & Morrisey Families	
12.30pm	Martha Dunne	MM
	Joe Callaghan	A
	Brendan Gaughran	A
	Tommy Daly	MM
6.30pm	John Whelan	A
	Esther Dunne	A
	May & Joe Mathews	A
	Peter Sloan	A

Monday, 4th:

8am	Sean Sammon	RD
10am	Peter & Rose Lally and sons Michael & John	A

Tuesday, 5th:

8am	Mary Hanlon	RD
10am	Gerry & Kathleen Byrne	A

Wednesday, 6th

8am	George Wallis	A
10am	Bernard O'Rourke	A

Thursday, 7th:

8am	Altar List of the Dead	
10am	Patrick & William Stowe	A
6.30pm	Expectant Mothers	

**Fri., 8th: The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8am	Margaret & Thomas Mahady Thomas Craddock & Elizabeth Dillon	A
10am	Bill Doyle	A
	William Allen	A
1.10pm	Mary & George Wallis	A
6.30pm	Michael & Margaret Byrne	A

Saturday, 9th December:

10am	Margaret Kelly	RD
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**Sunday 10th December
Second Sunday of Advent**

6.30pm	Anthony Smyth	A
vigil	Michael Hogan	A
	Rita, Tom, John & Thomas Evans	A
9.30am	James Carpenter	RIP
11am	Peter Groves	A
	Denis Prior	A
12.30pm	Breda Field	A
	Frances Roddy	A
	Jacqueline Daniels	RIP
	Joe, Maura & John Farrell	A
	Christopher Mahon	A
	Kathleen Simpson	A
	Deceased Members of the Smyth and Turley Families	
6.30pm	Frank Mangan	A

***"Would you spend some time with
me"***

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
takes place from after 12.30 pm Mass
each Sunday, concluding with
Rosary & Benediction at 5 pm.

Weekday Exposition

Mon. to Thurs. from 3pm to 5.30pm.
**During Advent we would ask you
to take a few minutes out of your
busy schedule to prepare for the
coming of the Christ child, Jesus,
by spending a few minutes in
adoration in particular Rosary
and Benediction on Sundays
from 5pm**

Are you ready for Christmas?

**TAKE TIME OUT FROM THE
HUSTLE AND BUSTLE**

*And prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus
Come and join us for even 1 session before
Christmas*

*Advent Reflections (4 Sessions) from
Wednesday 29th Nov. 2017 10.30 –
12.30pm*

*Or join us for our Twilight Retreat
Tuesday 12th December 2017 7.30 -
10.00pm Mercy Centre, phone 8487259*

The Family Envelope Collection
for last week

amounted to €900.00

Thank you for your continued support towards the family offering. Thanks also to all who collected and counted the money.

**Ordination to Diaconate
Tom Kouijzer
(Marist Student)**

will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, 9th December at 11.30am in St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

**25th Anniversary
Church of the Holy Family, Dundalk**

A Special Mass to celebrate the Anniversary will be held this Sunday 3rd December at 12:30pm.

Main Celebrant:
Archbishop Eamon Martin

**Official Family Prayer for
World Meeting of Families 2018**

God our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in your Son,
One family, in Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care.
Especially those for whom we now pray

Pause to remember family members and others.

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love.
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we may share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Mary, mother and guide, **pray for us.**

Saint Joseph, father and protector, **pray for us.**

Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us.**

Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, **pray for us.**

St. Vincent De Paul Society
are holding their
**Annual Indoor Christmas
Collection**

at all Masses next weekend
9th & 10th December
**It will replace the usual
SHARE collection**

Please give as generous as you can to help the less fortunate in our area in this most difficult time of the year.

Ministers of the Word
Christmas Meeting

A meeting for readers will take place in the Parish House on
Friday, 15th December
at 7 pm.

**150th Anniversary
Catholic University School
Leeson Street**

A Special Mass to celebrate the Anniversary will be held in Clarendon Street Church on Thursday, 7th December at 7:30pm
Main Celebrant:
Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Mercy College SNR Dept.
**Christmas Craft Fair
& Coffee Morning**

will take place on Friday 8th December in Mercy College, St Brendan's Drive, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Lots of creative stalls, tea, coffee & cake. TY and 2nd year Mini Companies will also be exhibiting.



**Senior Citizens
Christmas Party**
**will be held in the
Parish Centre,**

**on Thursday 14th December
from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm**

