

Church Notices – 6/12/2020 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- Please WhatsApp your name and number to 0892174317 to get Church Notices and important updates. It's a private message from the parish. Your privacy is important to us.
- **St. Philip the Apostle church will remain closed from Monday 28th September to until further notice to complete the ongoing renovation work. Church will remain closed even for private prayers. The parish office will remain open during office hours. The schedule of liturgical activities at the end of the current lockdown will be communicated shortly. If you have any concerns please contact the parish office or one of the priests.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Huntstown will remain open daily from 9 am to 5pm for private prayers and public worship.

We welcome you all back. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the number of people permitted inside the church is limited in order to maintain the social distancing (2 metres). As it will not be possible to accommodate everyone at weekend Masses please consider fulfilling your Sunday obligation by participating at one of the weekday Masses.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with reopening, stewarding and sanitisation for daily and weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer please contact the parish office (Call, text, WhatsApp – 0892174317.

We welcome you all back!

Parish of Huntstown & Littlepace, Mountview & Blakestown

Greetings Hope you are all well.

Just want to update you all on some things as we began public Masses

Because of the ongoing work in Mountview, we are not able to gather for prayer. However, I am told 98% we will be back for the weekend of 12/13 December.

In the meantime, the following are the arrangements till 12th December.

Weekday Masses in Huntstown Monday to Friday at 9.15 am and 7.30pm. Mass on Saturday morning at 10 am in Huntstown

In Littlepace on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am.

For the **weekend December 5/6**

Saturday Vigil mass in Huntstown at 5 pm and 7 pm .Vigil Mass in Littlepace at 6pm

Sunday Mass in Huntstown – 9am, 10.30am, 12.15pm and 6pm. Sunday Mass in Littlepace – 10am

The above arrangements are for until Saturday (12th) morning only.

If we are not able to gather in Mountview for the weekend of 12/13 we will revisit it again.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 8th December – 9.15am and 7.30pm (Huntstown), 10.00am (Littlepace) – (Confessions available)

Vigil Mass 7th December at 7.30pm (Littlepace)- (Confessions available)

Masses for the weekend of 12/13 Dec to be communicated during the week

- **We encourage families** to create their own prayer space and advent wreath to prepare for Christmas meaningfully.
- **Bambinelli Sunday** (the blessing of the baby Jesus figurines) takes place on December 13th during the weekend Masses. Please bring along your baby Jesus figure.
- **An appeal for donations to the ongoing building project in Mountview.** The current works being carried out is funded by the diocese through Share Collection and the proceeds from the sale of the church property at Blakestown. The parish itself, however, will be required to fund the fitting out of the church, associated new rooms and redecoration - (floor finishes, entrance, painting, etc.). We thank you for your support. **If you are in a position to make a special donation towards meeting the additional costs, we request you to do so. Thank you**
- **Please use the 'Donate' button on our parish website**
<https://mountviewblakestownparish.ie> to make Family Offering, Donations, 1st & 2nd collections, and Mass intentions and church renovations. Your help in these days for the parish and priests is much appreciated. Thank you to those who are already doing it.
- **Huntstown and Mountview parishes are recruiting a Maintenance Assistant** (19.5 hours a week) in association with **Tús Programme**. **Please contact the parish office or check the parish website for more information.**
- **The Family Offering Envelopes** Mountview and Blakestown Parish: are now **available to collect from Huntstown Church on Sundays while the Holy communion distribution is taking place**. The Family Offering is the main source of income for the day to day running expenses of our Parish. Many thanks to our faithful and regular contributors. Kindly take an envelope with the same number as of last year. Standing order forms are also available at the back of the church. New contributors are welcome.
- **We would highly encourage the wearing of face masks when you are inside the church**

- **Sacrament Baptism:** Please contact the parish office for the available times, dates and full details.
- **Communion for the sick and housebound:** please contact the parish office.
- **Confession: Will be available for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday 8th December. Or alternatively** please contact one of the priests to arrange an appointment time.

Advent Activities

I wait. I watch. I hope. If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152

Living Advent Calendar 2020

We are asking parishioners to tell the Christmas story in 25 days. This will be shared on Facebook every morning at 8am from the 1st of December @CCPCDublin. If you like to be involved contact Christina Malone 085 716 2152 or email christina.malone@dublindiocese.ie

Something Different for Advent

Here is a little gift for you to help you to take a bit of time this Advent - Share it with all the other Busy people you know – Take from it what you need. You can download and print this free resource from - <http://www.clondalkinparish.com>

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. Fr Billy Swan will lead the retreat; St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3 December beginning at 8pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

Walk of Light 2020

For 14 years the "Walk of Light" under the umbrella of the Dublin Council of Churches has been a feature of ecumenical spirit in Dublin. Participants would gather at a city centre church for opening worship and then walk on to a second and a third station where they would be welcomed by the local worship team and community. 2020 is different. But walkers from different churches have been out and churches have prepared ecumenical worship. The video will be released on Saturday 28th November on the Dublin Diocesan Website. www.dublindiocese.ie

Advent in Gardiner Street Parish

A cinema evening with Fr Jake Martin SJ. Please watch the film in advance of the zoom meeting. Films are available on YouTube. Email:

SFXgardinerstreet@outlook.com at any time to get a link to the discussion via zoom.
(The films featured : Magnolia, Children of Men, and City Lights)

- **Crosscare Appeal this year.** Greatly need donations of **toiletries** – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. Donations can be left in the basket for this appeal in Huntstown Church during the weekend Masses
This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions Crosscare is 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. www.crosscare.ie.

Mass Intentions – all weekend intentions will be remembered during 10am Mass on Sundays. Other intentions of the weekday Masses during the Morning Mass.

(M) Mountview (H) Huntstown (L) Littlepace

Mass via parish webcam

5 th December, Saturday - Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	10.00am (H) 5pm (H) 6pm(L) 7pm (H)	Special Intention Special Intention
6 th December, Sunday	9.00am (H) 10.am (L) 10.30am (H) 12.15 (H) 6pm (H)	Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention
7 th December, Monday	9.15am (H) 7.30pm (L) (St Peregrine Mass)	Special Intention Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception Special Intention
8 th December, Tuesday Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9.15am (H) 10.00am (L) 7.30pm (H)	Special Intention Special Intention
9 th December, Wednesday	9.15am (H) 7.30pm (H)	Special Intention Special Intention
10 th December, Thursday	9.15am 10.00am(H) 7.30pm	Special Intention.
11 th December, Friday	9.15am 7.30pm	Special Intention for Sean Slattery. Jackie Byrne (Birthday Remembrance) Special Intention Special Intention
12 th December Saturday	10.00 am	Louise & Reinder Steentuizen

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DIOCESAN POLICY ON THE CELEBRATION OF MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

“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 in their local churches in welcoming the birth of the Christ-child.

It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of this special season in many ways. Our homes can become “little churches” where we invite the Christ-child in. The age-old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering there as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. We also invite families or “household bubbles” to pay a visit to their local church at some time during the twelve days to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and for those particularly impacted by the pandemic”.