

Parish Notices

Fourth Sunday of Advent B 20 12 20

1. Mass as usual at this time on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
2. Then our Christmas Schedule continues Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
The Schedule is well publicized. Booking is necessary.
The Booking System seems to be working well.
Some of the Liturgies are booked out.
3. Booking also applies to Mass on St Stephen's Day Saturday 26th at 11 am, and Sunday 27th Feastday of the Holy Family at 10 am, both in St Kevin's.
These will be the only Masses on those days.
Booking is Online via the Parish Website or, if you do not have access to the Internet, by phone at the Parish Office.
Booking closes Wednesday 23rd December at 12 noon.
4. The Irish Bishops suggest that the Faithful who do decide to venture out, consider attending Mass at some point during the 12 Days of Christmas, i.e., from Christmas Eve to Epiphany on 6th January, rather than on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The Bishops also make the suggestion that families or "household bubbles" might pay a visit to the 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. To that end we plan to have our churches open after Mass from Monday 28th December to Wednesday 6th January until 12 noon, assuming churches can be open at that point.

This is all conditional too on there being an adequate number of Volunteer Stewards and Cleaners signed up.

5. Sincere Thank You to all who contribute to the 3 Collections at Weekend Masses.
6. Christmas Dues Envelopes are available in the church. I invite you to take one and maybe bring one to those not here.
The Parish cannot deliver post to homes at this time.

- 7. We all remain vulnerable to the Covid-19 Virus. We therefore need to remind ourselves not to drop our guard and that Public Health Measures remain in place.**
- 8. When coming to church please remember to bring with you: Hand Sanitiser, Sanitising Wipes, Tissues and Face Covering.**
- 9. A rare planetary event will take place on Monday. Jupiter and Saturn will appear close together combining to make the brightest light in the sky. This is referred to as a conjunction. The best time to observe the conjunction is between 4.30 pm and 6 pm. This is sometimes referred to as the Christmas Star. It provides some context for the story of the Wise Men following the star which led them to Jesus.
The last time Jupiter and Saturn were as close in a conjunction was 1623.**

Separately, a not so rare meteor shower will be visible through the night on Monday. Weather conditions are expected to be favourable for viewing – but you need to be located away from light pollution, and your eyes accustomed to the dark.