



£500.00 Winner Harriet Ferguson

Normal December prizes

1st Prize £150 - Carmel Burns, 2nd prize £50 - May Mackel

3rd Prize £30 - Peggy Carberry

Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem Appeal

The annual crib appeal for the Order of Malta

Because of your generosity, Holy Family Hospital provided over 150,000 services to the mothers and babies of Bethlehem in 2022. Thank you for ensuring the highest quality care for the next generation in Bethlehem. 2023 continues to challenge us in Increasingly complicated work and our ability to raise funds to support life, peace and hope. We are counting on your ongoing prayers and support. Please visit our website www.stoliverplunkettparish.ie for the newsletter and lots more information about the work at the hospital and the impact your Donations make. **Thank you.**

Adoration on Wednesday 27th December

We are cancelling this adoration due to the Christmas Holidays.
Thank you to all our adorers for their continued prayers.
God Bless.



Sunday Mass 11.00am
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday at 10.00am

Friday at 7.30pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Confessions are at 1745 Every Saturday

Baptisms are the first and third Sunday in the month at 12 noon



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SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently deceased:

Peter Crosby

Month's Mind:

Deirdre Rice, Brendan Maguire,

Anniversaries:

Bernadette Campbell, Mary Molloy, Brendan Shannon, Evelyn Gough,
Mary Molloy, Phyllis Waring, Charles Megahey, Marie Marron

Up coming Month's Mind Masses

Patrick Daniels - Sat 23rd Dec 630pm

Upcoming anniversaries

Brendan McCartney, Louise Burns on Sat 24th Dec at 5pm
Jarrod McKnight on Tues 26th Dec at 10am



Christmas Arrangements

Normal Sunday morning Mass at 11am
on Sunday 24th December



Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - Vigil Mass 5pm and 9pm

Christmas Day Mass, Monday 25th December at 10am

Penitential Service: Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm



Your support for our parish is appreciated. We will take any spare euro as we can exchange this and add to our parish collection amount.

Sunday 10th December Weekly collection: £1542.91

Thank you - Your generosity is appreciated.

If it is easier to set up a direct debit, we can do this for you rather than have to find change for your weekly envelope.

Ring the office 90618180



Advent Penitential Services at 7pm

Monday 18th December in St Agnes'

Tuesday 19th December in St Oliver Plunkett

Wednesday 20th December in St Michael's

Thursday 21st December in St Teresa's.

Craft Work Sale in the Parish Hall of St Oliver Plunkett

Saturday & Sunday 16th & 17th December

St Elisabeth Convent was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk and has originated from the sisterhood bearing the same name. The sisters of our convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. The convent looks after 200 orphaned children, homeless people, and those with additions. To support the work of the convent, they have 20 workshops: including sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more and together with the sisters these people produce beautiful articles with love and prayer in the convent's workshops. **Please support if you can. Thank you.**

Trócaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Down & Connor Diocese Area. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org



Trócaire "Gifts of Change"



We are selling the gifts from the office up until Christmas. Call in Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. **To date we have raised £2,273.00.**

Thank you for your kindness. There are also a few packs of Christmas cards left - 12 pack for £5. Gifts range from just £5 upwards. Thank you.

Anam Cara Armagh is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th December at 7:15pm in The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120.



Monday Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to our Monday morning group who kindly donated £155.00 to the church last week. All donations are very much appreciated and go towards the upkeep of the church. Thank you.



Office holidays

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 25th Dec, Tues 26th Dec & Wed 27th Dec.

We are also closed on Mon 1st Jan 2024

There will be no parish bulletin on the 24th or the 31st December

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024 and thank you for your continued support to our wonderful parish. God Bless.

Sacred Heart Messenger

Please note, anyone who gets the Messenger each month, the annual subscription is now due. It is £22.20 (£1.85 per month). Please call into the office to make your payment as soon as possible as the January copy is already with you. Thank you.

ROTAS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD (FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 2024) ARE NOW AVAILABLE. THEY ARE ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE.