



**Dear Parishioners**

These notes are being written as we are mid-way through the 40 days after Christmas, leading to Candlemas on 2nd Feb. And were the makers of the ever popular Advent calendar inclined to produce a Candlemas version we would be delightfully feasting on fruits, vegetables, confectionary and beverages inspired by the actions and words of Jesus in the lectionary readings for this 40 day period. Jesus is living out the call to be “a light” enlightening his disciples, the gentiles, his own people in all their various degrees of faith and diverse conditions.

Some edibles are obvious like the figs for the calling of Nathaniel, while some are more obscure like glacier mints for the cold, hard-heartedness of some of the people Jesus encountered.

I wonder what edible you would choose for Luke 2 v 22-40 on Candlemas, 2nd Feb? Or indeed for your own daily faith walk as you also continue to be “a light to reveal Jesus to the world”?

**Canon Adrienne**



The Presentation in the Temple by Gentile da Fabriano (1423), Louvre Museum, Paris, France

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another flight.  
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,  
Winter is gone and will not come again.*

**Schedule of services for February 2021**  
(under current Government Level 5 restrictions)

We welcome you to join us for our Sunday service at 10.30am which is live-streamed, and the Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion which is available on Zoom via phone or online.

**Every Sunday**

The 10.30am Sunday service in Church will also be available (after 24 hours) on YouTube at



[www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA)

**Covid Carollers**

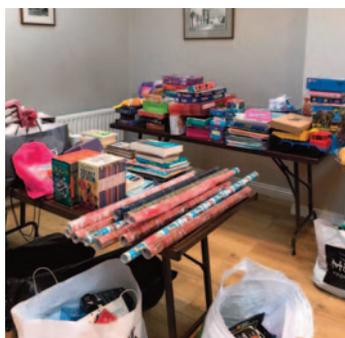


Well toggged out and armed with song sheets, a handful of parishioners visited (by pre-arrangement) a number of parishioners to bring some festive cheer on Saturday 19th December. Thank you to parishioners who welcomed us into their gardens and joined in the singing - we were all masked up and distanced. Thank you also for the unexpected donations which were given to us and which boosted the parish charity coffers. Although the carol singing was shortlived and we couldn't visit more people because of the current restrictions, it was great to see parishioners again. We pray for better things in 2021.

**Christmas Gift Drive-thru**

Thank you to everyone that contributed so generously to the Christmas Gift Drive-thru Appeal. Our charity partners were really grateful for the toys, hampers & cash donations they received, which were then distributed to those most in need in plenty of time for Christmas.

*Linda, Lynn, Catherine.*



**Confirmation Class**

Although we don't have a date for confirmation 2021 yet, we recommenced with Zoom classes on 10th January.

The candidates contributed a Creed based on their Christian beliefs to our Family Service on the 17th January. It can be heard on our parish YouTube channel.

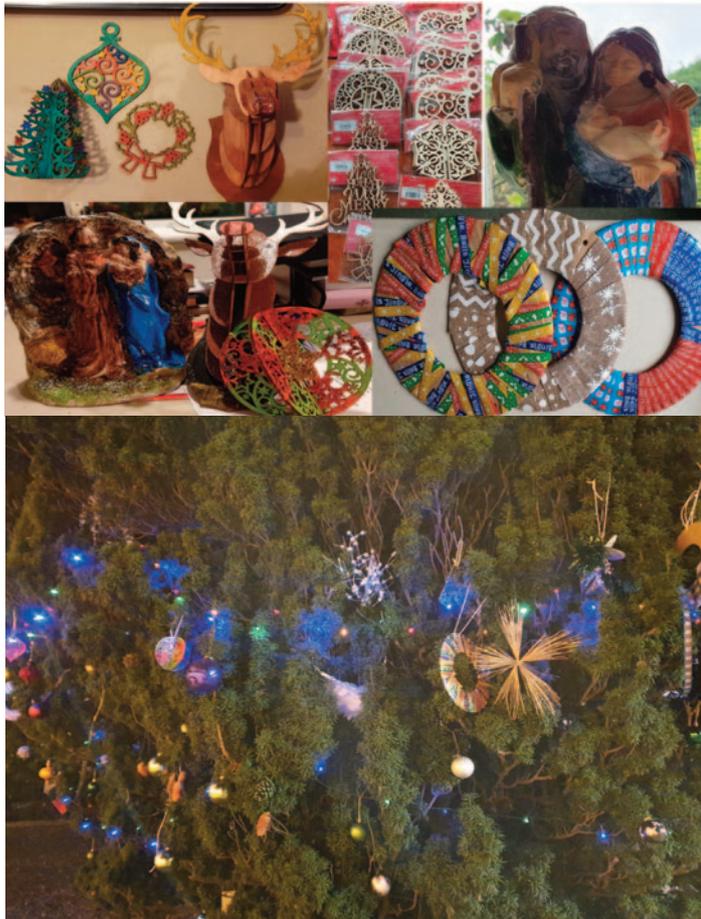


## Parish News Round-up

### Good News Club

Having successfully created eco crafts for the trees and a Nativity frontal for the Holy Communion table we are now turning our creative talents, guided by Ann-Marie, to creating a frontal for Easter. This is part of the programme which continues on Tuesdays via Zoom, and we are delighted to be back in action even if virtually! **Corinna, Callum, Peter, Adrienne.**

Please contact **Corinna 087 6663594** for more information.



### Pop-In

Just in case you are feeling forgotten, you most certainly are not!! I know the Thursday communion happens either live (when Possible) and at other times virtual. Unfortunately the Pop-In can't take place yet but keep hoping. It will happen!! If all comes to all it could perhaps happen outside in the sunshine somewhere!! Spring is coming after all!

**Heather 0879291990 and Susan**



### Sunday Club

A very Happy New Year to everyone in our parish from all in Sunday Club. We hope you enjoyed the Virtual Nativity on Christmas Day - *a huge thank you and well done to all the performers.* And not forgetting the producers, directors, camera crew, make-up artists, and general motivators that made the whole project possible, namely the parents! You made my job so much easier so thank you for your time, energy and commitment.

Sunday Club children also wrote/decorated Christmas cards for our parish members in nursing homes - we hope these brought a little joy and smile to each of your faces.

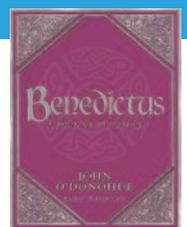
At the time of writing (January 12th) we are back in full level 5 Lockdown so we have decided in the interest of keeping everyone safe, we will hold off resuming Sunday Club for a short while. But as soon as we all feel safe enough, we will get back to business as usual, ie packs in advance and Zoom, until we can meet up again in person. Please God that time is not too far away now. **Linda and the Team**



### Library Notes

In the parish library we have a selection of books by John O'Donohue, donated by a parishioner. From his last book ***Benedictus, a Book of Blessings:***

"There is a quiet light that shines in every heart. Though it is always secretly there, it draws no attention to itself. It is what illuminates our minds to see beauty, our desire to seek possibility and our hearts to love life. This shy inner light is what enables us to recognize and receive our very presence here as blessing. J.F.



### Kwasa Newsletter

Hopefully all in the parish who sponsor the Kwasa project will have received the latest newsletter from **Rev. Sharron Dinnie.**

It is great to hear the school is being extended and the hall is completed and fully equipped. Also the first Grade 7 class have progressed to High/secondary school which is a marvellous tribute to the vision and mission started in 2003. May this mission go from strength to strength.

**"This is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes."**



### Toddlerzone

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy year in 2021.

As I type my notes I am aware of a beautiful, bright and sunny, if cold, morning outside. Not a very good start to 2021 when we can't even meet in the Parish Centre yet but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Spring is coming and we have a vaccine and the only way is up!! I hope everyone enjoyed the "New Christmas." It wasn't as good as other years but some aspects were even better and maybe we needed a shake up to our thinking on a whole lot of things! I'm told Lynn and her team are organising a Zoom WLTD0 in February so keep your eyes out for the info!! Remember we are part of WLTD0 for the moment, by kind permission of the dads! If you have not tried it yet I strongly recommend that you give it a go.



Everyone who has tried it is full of praise. Don't forget to contact Kim or myself (numbers below) if we can be of any help to you or your little ones, or to put you in contact with any mums you met in the creche or Toddlerzone and haven't seen since.

If anyone knows of anyone who would like to join Toddlerzone please contact me, Heather, with a name and a mobile number and I will be delighted to put them on our waiting list and say "Welcome!". Some of you have additions to your families and we would love to hear about them please. Don't keep us in the dark!!

In January **Miryam H** and **Chloe M** were 3 and **Ben M** was 2 and we hope they had a happy birthday and in February. **Annie C** will be 2 and we wish her all the best too.

**Creche - Kim Bardon 0851473112, Toddlerzone - Heather Wilkinson 0879291990 and, in both, Susan Christie**

### Jingle Bell Dip, Saturday December 19th

With about 40 hardy participants lined up on Killiney Beach on a bright but cold pre-Christmas Saturday, it was inevitable that we were going to make a big splash when the countdown reached "go"!!!

We are hugely grateful to **Gillian, George, Joan**, and everyone who recruited family and friends to brave the waters for charity. The final sum raised is in the region of €4,500.



## From The Registers

### Funerals

We offer our continued condolences and prayerful support to the families of **Sandra Massey** (Sandra's husband **Ciarán**, son **Damien**, daughters **Sarah** and **Rebecca** and all Sandra's family), **Rosemary Browning** (Rosemary's husband **Stan**, son **Alan**, daughter **Cara** and all Rosemary's family), **Rosemary Faulkner** (sons **Stanley**, **David**, daughter **Naomi** and all Rosemary's family) and **Douglas Gillis** (brothers **Ramon** and **Donald**, in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins). Sandra's funeral was held on the 17th Dec; Rosemary Browning's on the 23rd Dec., Rosemary Faulkner's on the 24th Dec. And Douglas's on 26th Jan 2021.

We also offer heartfelt sympathy to all parishioners who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

### Baptisms

On the 10th January, the Baptism of Our Lord, **Thomas Shay Mulhall** was baptised. Due to Covid restrictions only his immediate family (parents **Karen** and **James** and Thomas's 2 brothers) and one Godparent (**Sharon**) were present with Thomas's Godfather (**Stuart**) joining the baptism via Zoom from Scotland. The Church warden for the day, **Ross**, represented our parishioners. We pray Thomas continues to grow in faith and hope all the days of his life.



Thomas Shay Mulhall

On Sunday 13th December **Sadie Ita Donnelly** (daughter of **James** and **Gillian**) was baptised at the 10.30am service and **Benjamin Robert Wynne Collins** (son of **Kerrie** and **Robert**) was baptised at the 12 noon service. These baptisms having been postponed so often in 2020, we were delighted to welcome Sadie and Ben into God's family and pray they and their parents and Godparents (**Elaine** and **Monica** (for **Kirsten**), **Nicola** and **Anthony**) know much of the joy of the Lord as they nurture these little ones in the Christian faith.



Sadie Ita Donnelly



Benjamin Robert Wynne Collins

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