



Saint Dominic
pray for us

THIS WEEK

Masses

This Sunday

9.30am, 10.30am
12noon

Tuesday - Friday

10.00am ONLY

Saturday

10.00am

Confessions

Saturdays

See Christmas List

First Friday

9.30am to 10am
5.30pm to 6.00pm

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sun: 9.00am

Devotions

Rosary

Mon - Sat
before 10am Mass
Sun at 11.30am

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

First Saturday
10.30am-12.30pm

**Divine Mercy,
Rosary &
Benediction**

1st Sunday of the
month at 3pm



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He is born ...

Once again, we come together to celebrate the coming of the Son of God into the world. Yes, the Son of God Himself has come into the world. In His birth we celebrate hope, no ordinary hope or it is the hope offered to us by a power greater than anything else on earth that we can ever know. This hope has its source in the One who has existed through all eternity, He who has been present in and to every generation. The hope offered to us is not a passing joy or fleeting experience of well-being. It is the hope that God is offering to us as a free gift.

This hope reminds us that we are called to be chosen, chosen by God Himself to be part of His family. As we celebrate the Holy Family, we are reminded that we are part of that family, for God Himself as told us that He will be our God and we will be His people now and forever. We have been chosen to live our lives here on earth in His presence, in His care, in His Mercy, in His Love. On this Christmas Day we celebrate the single and undisputable fact that "God so loved the world, He sent His only Son into the world, not to condemn the world but save it".

In Christ, the Messiah, there was a totally new vision of living life ~ this King wants a total change in people's lives and approach to life. He is calling us to live in the kingdom of God which is a kingdom of people hearts, to live in a kingdom of faith, hope and love, a kingdom where power, wealth and injustice had no place. The call of Christ is to establish the Family of God here on earth. As with every family, the fundamental building block is the 'individual' ~ each one of us. Each is called to help create God's family where and with whom we live.

It requires us to live our Christian faith at home, in our locality and in the relation to the people we meet each day. If people see in us a person of joy and faith, we will encourage them to seek the source of that happiness and contentment. This is not easy calling to remain faithful to, but it is the Christian calling, it is the call we have all received.

This Christmas we recall what God has done for us and also what God asks of us. The Messiah has come into the world to lead us as "a people", as "the family of God", on our pilgrimage of faith towards the Kingdom that will never end. On that pilgrimage we will, like all those who have gone before us, saint and sinner alike, have to face the ups and downs that life throws at us. How we deal with those hurdles and celebrate the joys is what makes us true followers of Christ, true believers in the message of hope offered by the Birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

May this Christmas be a time of joy peace and love, for all of you and your families, a time when each of us realises the true meaning of Christmas ~ Christ has come into the world, He is with us, now and forever.



St Thomas Aquinas

Dominican Priory Newsletter



Christmas Day



On this wondrous night, a baby was born. He whose home is in the heavens, came down to earth, to teach to all here how to love God and one another.

As a baby He came - though He was God He willingly took on Himself our humanity & vulnerability.

He came not for worship or praise but to one day be the Saviour of the human race. In the stable at Bethlehem, the infinite love God has for every human being is expressed with disarming simplicity. In the Crib we see God made man for us in the birth of an

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O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you.



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS
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We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

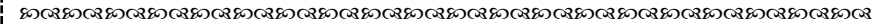
DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...

Childrens' Sunday Rosary: each Sunday morning children will recite the Rosary at 11.40am. All are welcome.



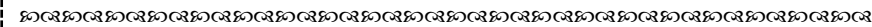
Webcam: our webcam will broadcast the Rosary at 9.40am & Mass at 10.00am on weekdays and the 12.00noon Mass on Sundays.

Catholic Faith Discussion Group: 2nd Fri of the month at 7pm in the Walker Building.



Christmas Rosary

Recitation of the Rosary on Christmas Day at 4.00pm



This Week's Saints & Feasts

Tuesday ~ Feast of Saint Stephen

One of the disciples who looked after the poor in Jerusalem. He was the first martyr of the Church, overseen by Saint Paul [then Saul]. He was renowned for his gift to forgive.

Wednesday ~ Feast of Saint John the Evangelist

He was the brother of Saint James and son of Zebedee. One of the Twelve Apostles, known as the beloved disciple, he was also author of the Gospel and letters.

Thursday ~ Feast of Holy Innocents

Today we mark the feast of those innocent children who suffered death because of King Herod's greed and fear of losing his power. This was a terrible event showing the struggle between the light of Christ and the darkness of sin.

With our prayers and best wishes

The Dominican Community of Newbridge wish you all the joy and peace of this most holy Season.

We pray your Christmas will be filled with joy, hope and peace.

"For unto us a Son is given"

We thank you all for your continued support and friendship to us.



CHRISTMAS WEEK

Masses

Christmas Day

Masses at 9.30am, 10.30am & 12.00noon (NO Evening Mass)

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th

Mass at 10.00am only.

Saturday 30th

Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm



Dominican College News

PAST PUPILS' UNION LUNCH: The Past Pupils' Union are holding a business lunch on Fri 11 Jan next. For details, please see the PPU website or email: unionoffice@newbridge-college.ie

Diocesan & Parish Notices

ST CONLETH'S CHURCH from 26th to 29th Mass will be at 11.00am.

THE PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE will reopen Tuesday 3rd Jan 2024.

GOD'S WORD TODAY will resume Tuesday 9th January.

The CHRISTMAS COLLECTION for the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses next weekend.

The Best Christmas Gift... ..

One of the greatest gifts you can give to your family this Christmas is the gift of yourself.

So please DON'T DRINK and DRIVE

Someone is expecting you, or one of their family, to come home safely. Don't disappoint them.



DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 800yrs celebration

with Fr. John Harris OP & Fr. David McGovern OP

- 24th June to 1st July 2024. Cost: €975.00pps.

Contact Marian Pilgrimage on 01 878 8159.

We remember in our prayers all those who have passed away, but especially our loved ones who were with us last Christmas and have now gone ahead of us in our journey of faith.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

