

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18th December

The birth of Christ is almost upon us now. We are reminded in Isaiah's prophecy of the long-awaited Emmanuel – God is our midst. Like Joseph, we need to make room for Jesus to enter our lives and our world.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Deaths

We remember in our prayers Fr. Vincent Kelly may he rest in peace.

Our prayerful condolences to his families, relatives, friends, and neighbours. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour.

This final candle, the "Angle's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Penitential Service for Christmas

Will take place in our Church of Monday 19th December at 7p.m.
Confessions also available after 10a.m. Mass
Monday – Saturday.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th
morning Mass 10a.m.

Christmas Eve 6p.m. and 8p.m.

Christmas Day Sunday 25th
Masses: 9a.m. and 11a.m.

Monday 26th Feast of the Holy Family (St. Stephens Day)
Mass 9a.m.



We wish to inform parishioners that, unfortunately, one of the parish's email addresses has been accessed by a third-party unknown to the parish.

If you sent an email to ballinloughparishoffice@eircom.net between 10th August 2020 and 31st August 2022, your email and any information in the email may have been accessed by this third party and this would constitute a data breach. The email address parishoffice@ballinloughparishcork.com was not affected.

On becoming aware of the issue, the parish immediately took steps to block the third party having access to the emails and notified the Data Protection Commission, as required. We are sorry for any distress caused to affected parishioners, we assure you that we value your privacy and this was entirely inadvertent. The parish has engaged the services of an external IT consultant and has taken steps to increase the parish's email security to prevent a reoccurrence. The parish is now using the email address parishoffice@ballinloughparishcork.ie and the old email address is no longer in operation.

We would of course be happy to address any queries or concerns that you have. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Diocese's Data Protection Officer Ms. Michelle O 'Riordan at dpo@corkandross.org or at 021 – 430 1717.

Once again, we regret any inconvenience caused by this issue.



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Feast days during the week

Tuesday 20th St. Fachanan, although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the sixth century. He is venerated as the patron of the diocese of Kilfenora, now part of Galway.

Wednesday 21st St. Peter Canisius, 1521-97, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy and learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555.

Friday 23rd St. John of Kanty, 1390-1473, taught theology and Scripture in the University of Krakow, Poland. He was so well liked that he was often invited to dinner with nobility. Once, he was turned away at the door by a servant who thought John's cassock was too frayed. John didn't argue but went home, changed into a new cassock, and returned. During the meal, a servant spilled a dish on John's new clothes. "No matter," he joked. "My clothes deserve some dinner, too. If it hadn't been for them, I wouldn't be here at all." He is remembered for his austerity of life and generosity.

EDEL QUINN Prayer Group

We meet every Thursday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm. All welcome.





