

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

ST. JOSEPH A MODEL FOR MEANINGFUL HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS.

St Joseph's Year began on 8 Dec. 2020, and will end on 8 Dec. 2021.

Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8 Dec. 1870. The gospel of Matthew shows us that Joseph represents a central point in God's plan of salvation, even though he appears discreet and apparently on the margins of the story and of society.

"Joseph lives his agency without ever seeking to take over the scene," he said. Everyone, he added, can find in St. Joseph—who often goes

unnoticed or hidden—an intercessor and a guide in difficult moments. "He reminds us that all those who are seemingly hidden or in the 'second row' have unparalleled agency in the history of salvation," said the Pope.

"The world needs these men and women." Pope Francis noted that St. Joseph offers our "fluid" modern society a model of how to treat human relations. He added that his thoughts go out to all those who struggle

to find meaningful relationships in their own lives, saying this situation leaves many people feeling alone and lacking the strength to strive ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Kate and Barry on the Baptism of their daughter Tess Rafferty. To Jessica and Kevin on the Baptism of their daughter Dara Murphy.

SMA CALENDAR 2022

The 2022 calendar is now available at Reception. It has a "respect creation" theme. Why not send copies to family and friends?

WEARING OF FACE MASKS

For the safety of others and ours, we kindly encourage you to keep wearing your face mask during mass.

CHURCH SANITISATION

The church is sanitised every evening with a fogging machine.

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad (Ps 125)

Psalter Week 2

5th December 2021

Mass Times

Weekdays: 7.15am & 10am.

Saturday: 7.15am, 10am & 7pm (Vigil).

Sunday: 10am & 12noon.

Mass Saturday 4th December 2021

7.00pm Vigil: Christopher & Catherine
O'Connell RIP Anniversary

Masses Sunday 5th December 2021

10.00am Frank & Flora Walsh RIP Anniv.

12 noon Kathleen McGrath RIP 20th
Anniv & Jacqueline McGrath
Bowles RIP 9th Anniv.

Remembrance / Anniversaries

Jeremiah & Annie Lyons
Tim & Ann Dwyer / Paul Corr
Eileen O'Callaghan / Desmond Kelleher
Frank & Flora Walsh
Pat, Catherine, Peter & Mary Bell
Kathleen McGrath 20th Anniv.
Jacqueline McGrath Bowles
May they rest in peace.

Recently deceased Mary Riordan RIP

Parish Collection €995.

Thanks for your support and generosity.

'Tap to Donate'

We have installed three 'tap to donate' machines in the church, where people can support the parish by "tapping" to make a donation of either €5 or €10.

The machine works the same as in any shop - people can quickly tap their credit / debit cards without having to search through their purses or pockets for change.

You can use it anytime you visit the church.

Your support is necessary to help cover the running costs of the parish (e.g. lighting and heating of the Church and the other bills we must pay). If you prefer not to use **Tap to Donate** you can still donate through the 'collection basket' at Sunday Mass.

Thank you for your support.

The device will be very useful for anyone passing by who wishes to donate to the church.