



Our Lady Immaculate Church
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Clustered with **Bonnybrook** and **Priorswood** Parishes

23rd – 29th December 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT "C"



"None of us can survive without mercy. We all have need for forgiveness."

Pope Francis @Pontifex



"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED": The Gospel today describes what is commonly called "The Visitation" – the coming together of two women to acknowledge the action of God in their lives. Mary, a young girl from an obscure village in Palestine, becomes the mother of God. Elizabeth's words of greeting to Mary remind us that faith is firstly a gift of God. Elizabeth knew by an intuition from God about her cousin and the child she was bearing – no person had explained the circumstances to her. This is symbolised by the leaping of her own unborn child, John, inside her. God uses those who are small and powerless to bring about salvation. Luke's Gospel pays a great deal of attention to the role of women in the story of salvation. Mary has a unique and integral place in the Christian tradition. Catholics honour her because of her openness to listen to God's Word. Mary trusted in God even when things seemed incomprehensible or impossible.



ADVENT + CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE **Our Lady Immaculate Church**

DECEMBER 2018

Mon. 24th: Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carols for Christmas
7.00pm Night Mass of Christmas

Tues. 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Mass of Christmas
11.30am Family Christmas Day Mass

Wed. 26th: St Stephen, First Martyr

NO Mass today in church.

Thurs. 27th: St John, Apostle + Evangelist

10.00am Mass

Fri. 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

10.00am: Mass

Sat. 29th/ Sun. 30th: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7pm (Sat. Vigil Mass), 9.30am & 11.30am

Mon. 31st: New Year's Eve

10.00am: *Mass of Healing + Gratitude
for the past year*

JANUARY 2019

Tues. 1st: Mary, Mother of God, Prayer for Peace

10.00am *Mass of Joyful Hope
for the New Year*



BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING:

Wednesday, 9th January @ 7pm in Newlife Centre.

Please complete a *Baptism Form* in NLC.

PARISH INCOME: LAST WEEK

FIRST: €165.17 SHARE: €113.74 Family Env.: €208.80

CHRISTMAS DUES envelopes available in the church

PARISH LOTTO DRAW: Tues. 18th December

Jackpot: €590 **2 8 12** NO Winner

Next DRAW on Tuesday 8th January 2019

Estimated Draw jackpot is €800

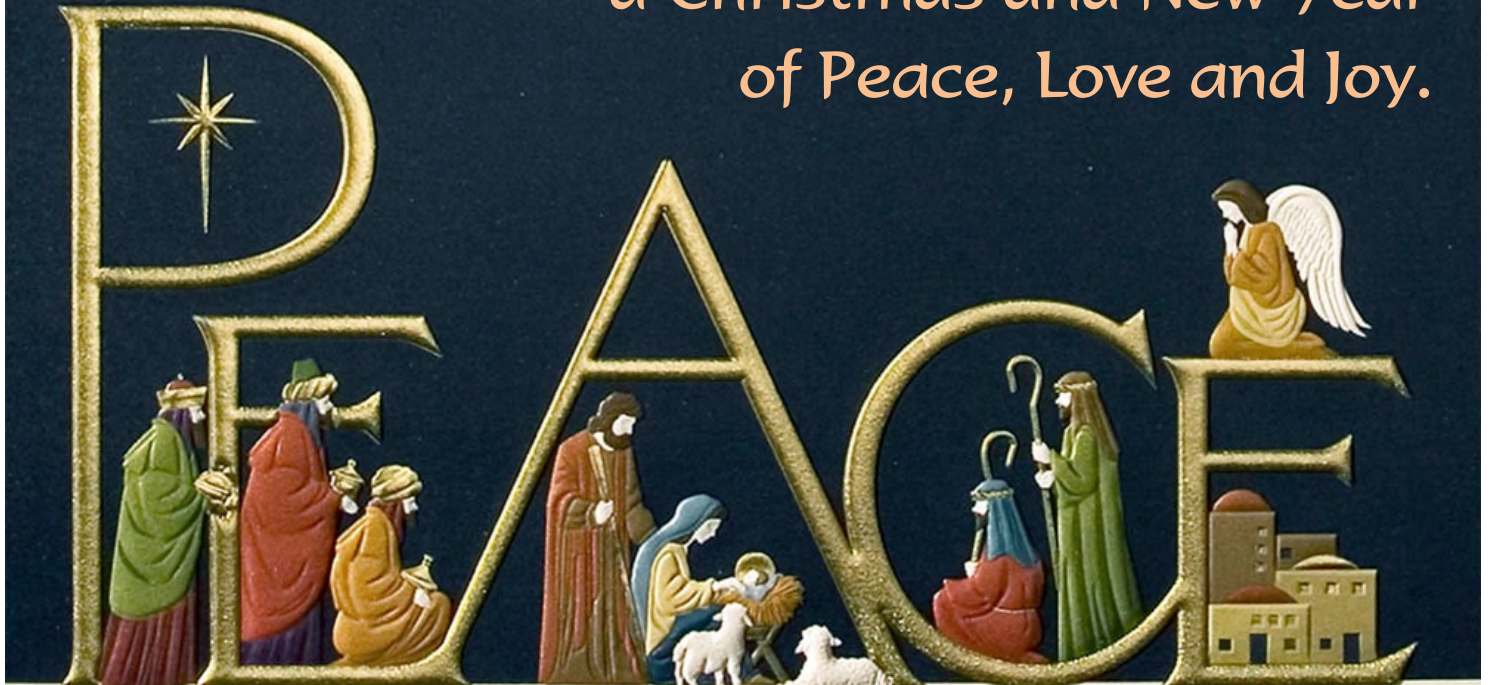
Thanks to all who supported the Lotto in 2018

A GIFT FROM US: 2019 OBLATE CALENDARS are
available in the church or the Newlife Centre.

**Tuesday, 25th
December 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**We wish you and your loved ones
a Christmas and New Year
of Peace, Love and Joy.**



Thank you for your support throughout the year.

The Parish Pastoral Council

*Cora, George, Tracey, Lorraine, Kathleen, Hilda, Marie, Nancy,
Helen, Joan, Antoinette, Fr Ned, Sr Lumay, Fr Leo*

Pope Francis' Christmas Message:

Let us open our hearts to receive
the grace of this day, which is Christ himself.
Jesus is the radiant "day"
which has dawned on the horizon of humanity.

A day of mercy,

in which God our Father has revealed
his great tenderness to the entire world.

A day of light,

which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety.

A day of peace,

which makes for encounter, dialogue
and, above all, reconciliation.

A day of joy:

a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly
and for all the people.

(2015)

BE BLESSED DESPITE YOURSELF

May you by all this holy bric-a-brac
Be blessed despite yourself, find the snowflake
A frail lattice of grace, be gathered
Into the stable where silence marks
The Word's brief tenure; and, in case
The panpipes of the shepherds lull
You to Arcadia, may you not escape



The cryptic heraldry of the robin, his
Crimson breastplate blazoning
The arrivals of kings, latecomers,
grafting

Into the carol a raw discord of power.

Kevin Nichols (Sursum Corda Publications)

Emmanuel, God-is-with-Us