



# Darver & Dromiskin Parish

## December 17th 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

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### **BAPTISMS**

**First weekend of each month.**

St. Peter's Dromiskin, Sat. evening at 6.00pm.

St Michael's Darver Sun. morn at 11.15am.

One month's notice must be given at Darver prior to Baptism. Parents to avail of Parish Baptismal Programme.

**Parish Collection: Weekend of Dec. 10th**

St. Michael's Env. €255.60 Cash €328.70

St. Peter's Env. €308.30 Cash €114.13

### **CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

**PARISH: Wed. 20th @ 7.30pm in St. Peter's Dromiskin**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:**

**St. Peter's Dromiskin 6.00pm St. Michael's 8.00pm**

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:**

**St. Peter's Dromiskin 9.00am St. Michael's Darver 10.30am.**

**A Great Parish Occasion:** Our Farewell and Thank you

to Fr. Liam Pentony was a great occasion. He himself so appreciated all who attended and the generosity afforded him. To all who contributed to the wonderful occasion I thank you. Cardinal Brady was very articulate in appreciation of Celebration of the Mass. So thanks to those who cleaned, decorated, & prepared our beautiful Church our sacristan, gift bearers: readers of Word, prayers and reflection. Ministers of Eucharist and our combined choirs sang magnificently. Our servers drew positive comment of appreciation.

**Stage two:** Community Centre

- food was yummy good with so many hands volunteering made a great difference, those who prepared and set up tables in the centre so well. And a jolly and friendly atmosphere sang around the Centre. Yes - all in all it was a great Parish Occasion. Congratulations to all concerned. And a big thank you to those who worked the plan for weeks -

### **St. Michael's Darver**

Sun Dec. 17th 10.30am Av. Michael McDonnell Av. Roseanne McKeever

Sun Dec. 24th 10.30am All Families of our parish Community

### **St. Peter's Dromiskin**

Sat. Dec. 16th 7.00pm Av. Anna & Gerry Sharkey. Av. Mary Pat & Pat McKeown

Sun. Dec. 17th 9.00am Special Intention

Mon. Dec. 18th 7.30pm Av. Tommie Hamill

Sat. Dec. 23rd 7.00pm Av. Eileen McParland .

Sun. Dec. 24th 9.00am Families of our Parish

### **Recently Deceased**

Fr. Brendan McNally, Fr. James Crowley, Oliver Rankin, Sheila Castles, Leo Geraghty, Fr. Louis Eustace, Alice Curtis & May McGeough.

### **Mar Iosa Prayer Hour**

St Peter's Tues. @ 7.30-8.30p.m. Time of Prayer - Reflection - Adoration.

### **Gospel Matters**

Jesus uses the words of the prophet from Isaiah, to announce His mission i. e. His programme for our salvation. Of bringing good news to the poor, healing hearts that were broken, freed those in prison, He brought liberty to captives and proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. John, the Baptist, was the final witness to Jesus' arrival in the world and he stated. "there stands among you, One unknown to you" He is coming after me and I am not fit to undo His sandal straps." Jesus is born. Christmas rekindles our awareness of how near God is to us. Jesus born and clothed in humanity where God is perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed. To "see Jesus is to see the Father" Jn. 14:9. Jesus replaces the ancient image of God who was seen as distant, remote, not involved with us, a judge or a spy - ready to pounce and punish. Through Jesus we see God as interested, immediate, loving, compassionate and a forgiving God who passionately loves us. Loves us to death on Calvary. We are all called to be John the Baptists - witnesses to Jesus in a real and noticeable way. For many people in the world today, our neighbours, perhaps family members, Jesus has become a very distant figure. The words of today's Gospel ring true and are literally accurate: "There stands One among you, whom you do not know" so witnesses are need - credible witnesses - committed witnesses. We cannot be witnesses if we are living in darkness or are over-ridden by doubt, or are casual, cowardly, convenience Catholics, crowd followers, indifferent or cynical. Real witnesses do all and only "What Jesus commanded" i.e. Love our God with your all and love your neighbour as God's Commandments say. Without witness of Christians the face of Christ, already blurred, will continue to fade from the world, our world. He will continue to stand among us, unknown and unrecognised. And hearts will remain broken, people will remain imprisoned in darkness and the good news will not be preached to the poor. And hope and Light will fade. And so I repeat with conviction and passion for our sake and God's - Christmas is not about us -

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### **PARISH €OTTO RESULTS**

**Monday Dec. 11th 2017**

**Numbers drawn: ( 05 ) ( 14 ) ( 17 ) ( 27 )**

**2 players with 3 numbers this week shares €400**

**Next week 3 numbers win/share €200.**

*Patricia Kieran & Kathleen Wallace*

## **JACKPOT €2,800**

**Turkey: Saidhbhín Gorham Ham P.J. Killeen**

**Uisce Beatha: Dee Mooney**

**Sellers prize Margaret McEnteggart**

**Thanks for your support!**

*Coffee Morning*

*In St. Josephs on Wed. 11-1pm. ALL WELCOME*

### **Choir Rehearsal for Christmas**

**in St. Peter's Church Mon 18th @ 8.00pm. All members of St. Peter's Choir please plan to attend.**

**In St. Michael's on Wed. @ 8pm Thank you.**

### **DROMISKIN FIT CLUB ANNUAL ONE MILE**

#### **WALK/JOG IN AID OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

on St. Stephen's Day morning at 11am. Meeting at the Joes pitch at 11am with the walk/jog taking place on the nearby cycle track. Donations on the morning for St. Vincent de Paul. Christmas attire welcomed! Contact: Sarah @ 087-2629377.

**The best of all gifts around  
the Christmas Tree**

**is the presence of**

**a Happy Family  
all wrapped up**

**in love for each other**