

# Killinarden Parish Sacred Heart Church



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**25th December 2022**  
**THE NAVIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## THE CULTIVATION OF CHRISTMAS TREES BY T S Eliot (1888-1965)

There are several attitudes towards Christmas,  
Some of which we may disregard:  
The social, the torpid, the patently commercial,  
The rowdy (the pubs being open till midnight),  
And the childish – which is not that of the child  
For whom the candle is a star, and the gilded angel  
Spreading its wings at the summit of the tree  
Is not only a decoration, but an angel.

The child wonders at the Christmas Tree:  
Let him continue in the spirit of wonder  
At the Feast as an event not accepted as a pretext;  
So that the glittering rapture, the amazement  
Of the first-remembered Christmas Tree,  
So that the surprises, delight in new possessions  
(Each one with its peculiar and exciting smell),  
The expectation of the goose or turkey  
And the expected awe on its appearance,

So that the reverence and the gaiety  
May not be forgotten in later experience,  
In the bored habituation, the fatigue, the tedium,  
The awareness of death, the consciousness of failure,  
Or in the piety of the convert  
Which may be tainted with a self-conceit  
Displeasing to God and disrespectful to children  
(And here I remember also with gratitude  
St.Lucy, her carol, and her crown of fire):

So that before the end, the eightieth Christmas  
(By “eightieth” meaning whichever is last)  
The accumulated memories of annual emotion  
May be concentrated into a great joy  
Which shall be also a great fear, as on the occasion  
When fear came upon every soul:  
Because the beginning shall remind us of the end  
And the first coming of the second coming.

## Mass Times

Tuesday-Friday	9.15am
Saturday Vigil:	6:30pm
Sunday:	11:00am

**Confessions: On request**

Diocesan safeguarding procedures  
are on the noticeboard at the back of  
the Church.

**Adoration every Wednesday  
after Mass until 12 noon.**

## Parish Team

**Fr. Fintan O'Driscoll MSC, P.P.**

**Fr. Con O'Connell, MSC**

**Parish Secretary 01 - 452 2251**

**Parish office hours:**

<b>Monday -Thursday</b>	<b>9am to 1pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am to 12.30pm</b>

**Killinarden Family Resource Centre:**  
**01 - 452 7143**  
**KPCE (CE Scheme)**  
**01 - 4621973**



## WORDS OF WISDOM

*Every end is a  
beginning. -Ralph  
Waldo Emerson*

**PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE**

# Mass Times and Intentions

Day	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday 24th December</b> <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	8.00pm	Christmas Masses
<b>Sunday 25th December</b> <i>THE NAVIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i>	11.00am	Mary Walsh RIP 6th Anniversary Pat Price RIP
<b>Monday 26th December</b> <i>ST.STEPHEN'S DAY</i>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 27th December</b>	10.00am	Avril Boyle Mary Kearney RIP
<b>Wednesday 28th December</b>	10.00am	Christmas Masses
<b>Thursday 29th December</b>	10.00am	Bishop Larry Duffy Intentions
<b>Friday 30th December</b>	10.00am	Mary Donal and family Intentions
<b>Saturday 31st December</b>	6.30pm	Deceased members of the Curran and Byrne Families. John Masterson RIP Month's mind Margaret Burrows Intentions
<b>Sunday 1st January</b> <i>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	11.00am	Christmas Masses Bouquets The Greene family Intentions John Byrne Intentions

**Thanks to the Gardaí of Hackettstown for their donation of toys and food. It is much appreciated.**

**Fr. Con and Fr. Fintan wish you all a very happy Christmas. Thanks for your support of the parish over the year.**

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially: Charlie Solan, Mick Muhall, Noeleen Lawlor, Elizabeth Keane, Kathleen McTaggart, Eileen Tuohy, Paddy Greene, Ashley Shortt, Anthony Fox, Michael Boylan, Mick Morrissey, Tom Cummins, Clodagh Higgins, Joe Bonny, Baby Harvey, Theresa ,Billy Kiernan & Adam Folan. Mary Keating, Baby Jade, Phyllis in hospital, Catherine Sheehan, Arthur Farrell, Brendan Darcy, Ryan Moffatt, Mary Byrne, Noleen Farrell, Gary Lowe

**PARISH LOTTO:** Thanks to all those who have supported the parish Lotto over the last year and a special thanks to the agents. The next lotto will be on the 11th of January and the jackpot will be €1,800.

## **JOKES:**

- Q.** What did Mrs. Claus say when she looked up at the sky?  
**A.** 'Looks like rain dear.'  
**Q.** What's a cows favourite holiday?  
**A.** Moo Years Eve.

