

# WHITECHURCH PARISH

DECEMBER, 2019.



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“THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL PEOPLE SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER” (Isaiah 40, v.5).

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Date of issue: Sunday 1 December, 2019.

## CHURCH SERVICES

- **SUNDAY**, the weekly commemoration of the Creation, the Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit, is the principal Holy Day. Saints Days at this time are:
  - (1) The Feast Day of St. Stephen (26<sup>th</sup> Dec.),
  - (2) The Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist (27<sup>th</sup> Dec.),
  - (3) The Feast Day of the Holy Innocents (28<sup>th</sup> Dec.),
  - (4) The Feast Day of the Naming of Jesus (1<sup>st</sup> Jan.).
- Prayer Book Days of Irish Church commemoration are:
  - Finnian of Clonard, abbot, Meath Diocese, circa 549 (12 Dec.).
  - Flannan, Killaloe Diocese – 640 (18 Dec.).
- **HOLY EUCHARIST** is celebrated in the Church every Wednesday morning, with prayer for those who are sick, 10.30 a.m. (except, N.B., Wednesday 18 December).
- **SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER** (Advent 2).
  - ♦ 8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.
  - ♦ 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
    - ♦ Sunday Club.
  - ♦ 11.30 a.m., Healer Prayer Union.
  - ♦ 7.00 p.m., Compline.
- **SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER** (Advent 3).
  - ♦ 8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.
  - ♦ 10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer.
- ♦ **N.B. Sunday Club “Advent Adventure” party, Old Schools, 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.** Parents, kindly leave your child in to the Old Schools, by 10.30 a.m.
  - ♦ 7.00 p.m., A Service of Healing and Wholeness.
- **FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER**: Whitechurch N.S. End of Term Christmas Service, 11.00 a.m.
- **SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER**: Community Carol Service, in the Courtyard of Marlay House. This annual community service is supported by all the parishes in the general locality of Marlay Park. Please bring lanterns, torches. Service sheets are provided. 4.00 p.m.

- **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER** (Advent 4).
  - ♦ 8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.
  - ♦ 10.30 a.m., Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
  - ♦ 7.00 p.m., Carols by Candlelight.
- **TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER** (Christmas Eve).
  - ♦ 11.00 p.m., Holy Communion.
- **WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER** (Christmas Day).
  - ♦ 8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.
  - ♦ 10.05 a.m., Service for children.
  - ♦ 11.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- **Note: All church collections at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be given to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal Fund for overseas aid and development (Details, with envelopes, are provided along with the Christmas edition of "Whitechurch News").**
- **THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER** (Feast Day of St. Stephen, the first martyr).
  - ♦ 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- **SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER** (Christmas 1).
  - ♦ 8.00 a.m., Holy Communion.
  - ♦ 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

❖ Note: There will be No evening service this day.

**WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY, 2020** (The Feast Day of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus).

- ♦ 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

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• All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the Old Schools after 10.30 a.m. service.

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**CHURCH BIBLE READINGS**  
(Year A, the Book of Common Prayer).

**Sunday 8 Dec.**

Isaiah 11, v. 1 – 10.  
Psalm 72, v. 1-7, 18-19.  
Romans 15, v. 4 – 13.  
Matthew 3, v. 1 – 12.

**Sunday 15 Dec.**

Isaiah 35, v. 1 – 10.  
Psalm 146, v. 4 – 10.  
James 5, v. 7 – 10.  
Matthew 11, v. 2 – 11.

**Sunday 22 Dec.**

Isaiah 7, v. 10 – 16.  
Psalm 80, v. 1-8, 18-20.  
Romans 1, v. 1 – 7.  
Matthew 1, v. 18 – 25.

**Christmas Eve and Day 24/25 Dec.**

Isaiah 9, v. 2 – 7.  
Psalm 96.  
Titus 2, v. 11 – 14.  
Luke 2, v. 1 – 14.

**Sunday 29 Dec.**

Isaiah 63, v. 7 – 9.

Psalm 148.

Hebrews 2, v. 10 – 18.

Matthew 2, v. 13 – 23.

**26<sup>th</sup> Dec.(St. Stephen's Day).**

2 Chronicles 24, v. 20-22.

Psalm 119, v. 161-168.

Acts 7, v. 51-60.

Matthew 10, v. 17-22.

**27<sup>th</sup> Dec. (St. John the Evangelist).**

Exodus 33, v. 7-11a.

Psalm 117.

1 John 1, v. 1-9.

John 21, v. 19b-25.

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec.(Holy Innocents).**

Jeremiah 31, v. 15 - 17.

Psalm 124.

1 Corinthians 1, v. 26 - 29.

Matthew 2, v. 13 - 18.

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan. (Naming of Jesus).**

Numbers 6, v. 22-27.

Psalm 8.

Galatians: 4 v. 4-7.

Luke 2 v. 15-21.

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**Notes / Dates.**

- **Monday 2 December:** The last meeting of this 'terms' chapter studies of St. Matthew's gospel. Study sheets are provided. From this Advent Sunday, note the Gospel readings for the coming Year (Year A) are from St. Matthew's Gospel, replacing the Luke Gospel readings (Year C), of the Church Year just finished.....Vicarage, 8.00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 10 December:** Mothers' Union branch assembling of Hampers, for local agency distribution, Old Schools, 8.00 p.m.
  - There is a box in both the church and in the National School where contributions of non-perishable foodstuffs would be warmly welcomed, towards the Hampers. We are this year again very grateful both to parishioners and to School parents for their generous support towards these hamper contributions.
- **Tuesday 10 December:** Board of Management meeting, Whitechurch N.S., 7.30 p.m.
- **Thursday 12 December:** Select Vestry meeting, Vicarage, 8.00 p.m.
- **Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 December:** Whitechurch N.S. presents the Pantomime – style musical, "Pirates of the Curry Bean", in St. Columba's College, (by kind permission), at 7.00 p.m. Well done to the school children, who all participate in this every second year school event, for all their hard work, and also many thanks to the Principal and Staff for all their hard work, and for all the support given by the School's parental body.....The School's current Board of Management Chairperson, aka the Rector, even makes a brief cameo appearance on stage – as 'Pirate Boris'!

P.T.O.

- **Saturday 21 December: Decoration of church for the Christmas Festival – we would very much welcome both volunteers to help with the decorating and also would welcome seasonal contributions, 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Even if your skills are not those of decorating, help would also be appreciated with lifting, carrying and indeed tidying up. Contact: Irene Cole, 085 7269446.**
  - **CHRISTMAS DECORATION: Poinsettias are required for the decorating this year. They are currently available in most supermarkets. So, if you would wish to contribute to the Poinsettia purchase, kindly see the noticeboards' notices in both the church and the Old Schools, where you can 'sign up', giving your telephone number, to make a contribution. Please ring Irene Cole at 085 7269446, if you have any enquiries, or need further information on this.**
  - **Private Communion: If, through oversight, we overlook any person who would wish to receive private communion at this time, please contact the Rector and this will, of course, be dealt with.**
  - **Bible Reading - Would some Bible explanatory Notes help you as you read the Bible? – There are 35 people within the Parish who find these a great asset. If you are interested, contact Rhodanne Heaney 4931167 or [rhodanneheaney@gmail.com](mailto:rhodanneheaney@gmail.com). There is a large range of these available online and in print.**
  - **School parent, Anna Penar-Turner, is involved in a charitable Committee which is organizing a Charles Dickens evening and also raising funds, through carol singing, on 14 December, 5 – 6 p.m., in Molesworth St. Any school parent or parishioners who would wish to be a carol singer volunteer, and for which there is a need, please now contact Anna at 085 8339498. Proceeds are in aid of the Simon Community, Doctors without Borders and the R.N.L.I.**
  - **We are always very grateful to the service kindly being rendered by our Holy Communion chalice bearers. We are also grateful to Joy Gordon who has now been approved by the Archbishop to join our parish chalice 'team'.**
  - **Parish Website: Please keep up to date with our parish news by logging on to our parish website [www.whitechurch.dublin.anglican.org](http://www.whitechurch.dublin.anglican.org)**
  - **Parish Office: Tel/Fax: 4934972 (For P.A. and Secretary).**
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