



Holy Trinity Abbey Church

Founded 1230

Sunday 10th December 2017

Rev. Joseph Noonan, P.P.
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Parish Office - 061 396172:

Monday to Friday – 9.30am to 1.15pm - Parish Secretary: Rita Hickey

<u>Eucharistic Ministers: 16/17 Dec. 2017</u>		<u>Mass Readers: 16/17 Dec. 2017</u>
Sat. 7.00pm	Mary O'Connor Catherine Hickey Bernie O'Halloran	<i>First Holy Communion Parents</i>
Sun. 9.30am	Rose Brennan Mairead Dowling	Sue Foley
11.30am	Deirdre Jordan Anne Keohane Siobhain O'Connell	Trish Canty

Daily Mass during the week: 10am

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. We are an Advent people, a people who wait in hope for our Saviour. Today, in the Gospel, we are introduced to John the Baptist and his message to prepare for the One Who Is To Come.



Feast Days:

Wednesday 13th December – *St. Lucy, virgin and martyr*

Thursday 14th December – *St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church*

- We welcome the **First Holy Communion** Children and their families to our 7pm Vigil Mass next weekend.
- Cards for the **Christmas Season** will be available for sale after all masses this weekend.
- **Remembrance Tree** at Adare Village Hall. Sponsor a light on this year's community Christmas tree in memory of a loved one and receive a lovely keepsake card as a memento. The cost is €5 per light/name. Contact: Declan McCarthy 0876799306, Maria Hoare 0871247609, Tom O'Keeffe 0876732071 or Valerie Shine-O'Kelly 0862221746 (after 6pm).

➤ **Adare Community Council** is holding its Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend.

December 11 - 19th: A Festival of Families - WMOF2018

Bishop Brendan Leahy has urged people across the diocese to take time during next week's Festival of Family to redouble their appreciation and celebration of those who are dearest in their lives. The festival is built around the arrival in the diocese of a special icon developed for World Meeting of Families in Ireland next year and, Bishop Leahy said, it is perfectly timed given that we approach the most special time for the family - Christmas.

The WMOF Icon will visit Limerick Diocese 11-19 December at the following venues - Limerick: St. John's Cathedral 11-13 December; Kilmallock: St's Peter & Paul Church 14-16 December and Newcastle West: Church of the Immaculate Conception 17-19 December.

This is a unique opportunity, in a unique journey of preparation. The Icon will not return to Limerick again, so please note the dates and make your plans to come along. www.facebook.com/WMOF2018Limerick/

- ❖ Annual **Mary Immaculate College Carol Service** – Tuesday 12th December at 8pm in St. Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue.
- ❖ **Redemptorist's Carol Service** – Sunday 17th December at 8pm.

Live Crib – Sunday 17th December - 2pm to 5pm in the Village Hall (NEW VENUE). (Traditionally part of Christmas in Adare for the last 22 years).

Preparation of the Venue will commence on Saturday morning next, December 16th @ 10.30am. Some help required for the preparation on Saturday. **Extra help** definitely required on Sunday from 1.30pm to 5.30pm to supervise safe entry and exit to busy roads and queue movement, collectors, etc. Present yourself to Tony Sexton or Anne Mordan on the day.

Times for Choirs:

- Shountrade School – 2pm to 2.30pm
- Scoil Naomh Iosaf – 2.30pm to 3.00pm
- Our Lady's Abbey – 3.00pm to 3.30pm
- Croagh Church Choir – 3.30pm to 4.00pm
- St. Nicholas School – 4.00pm to 4.30pm
- Holy Trinity Abbey Church Choir – 4.30pm to 5.00pm

Dominican Talks: Reformation – Martin Luther and his message for today: An Advent series of talks.

December 12: The Church – always in need of reform. Eugene Duffy.

Venue: Blessed Terence Albert Hall (side of St. Saviour's Church) at 7.30pm. Donation €5 please.

