

Mass Intentions 6th & 7th January

Sat. 6.00 p.m. Sean Ó Mathúna (RD)

Sunday

10.00 a.m. Josie Berkery (A)
Ellen Flynn (A)
Mark Flynn (A)
Muriel Flynn (A)

11.30 a.m. Peg Murphy (A)
James McDonald (1st A)

Mass Intentions 13th & 14th January

Sat. 6.00 p.m. Andrew Crotty (A)
Frederick & Bridget Jones (A)
Sadie Fulcher (A)
Mary Ann Quinn (A)
Seamus McCann (A)

Sunday

10.00 a.m. Sean & Mark Flynn (A)
Jimmy Galvin (A)
Deceased members of the O'Reilly &
Connolly families

11.30 a.m. Mary Collins (1st A)
William Collins (2nd A)
Peadar Mulready (A)
Lily Fitzgibbon (A)
Peadar Mac Niallais (MM)

Christmas Dues

The Priest of the Parish wish to thank all who have sent in their Christmas Dues. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The Irish Catholic is available each week at a cost of €1.80. There are on the wall stands around the Church.

SUNDAY INTRODUCTIONS

First reading **Isaiah 55:1-11**

Our Gospel today is Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom and his call to conversion. The first reading explores the experience of conversion using a rich variety of experiences and images. The very last lines about God's word contain great confidence and hope.

Second reading **1 John 5:1-9**

Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus today? These modern-sounding questions lie behind this reading. It was written at a time of failing faith in Jesus, both in his real humanity and his real divinity. The very first line puts it up to us today: if we claim to know who God is, then we must also have faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

Gospel **Mark 1:7-11**

Again and again, we Christians need to go back to the core teaching of Jesus, in all its simplicity and richness. Jesus began his ministry with this ringing proclamation about the Kingdom of God and conversion of heart.

Family Contribution Envelopes for 2018 are available now for collection from the Sacristy or Parish office during the week.

The next meeting of the Active Retirement will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday 8th January at 2.15 p.m. New members welcome.

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Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) is the document written by Pope Francis after the Synod on the family. It is the central document to read in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018. Below in a very practical way he highlights one issue affecting many families today:

The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formal relationships. It should be kept in mind that "the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community".²³ Families and homes go together. This makes us see how important it is to insist on the rights of the family and not only those of individuals. The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected.²⁴

We know that the lack of housing is at a crisis level in our country and within this area I meet many more couples that in previous years living with their parents and preparing their wedding. In **January 2018** I will facilitate three evenings for discussion about family life and relationships today. Fr Tony

Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Monday 8th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Anam Cara South Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

We would encourage you each week to take home the Sunday Message. This format gives the Readings for Sunday along with some Reflection and the Parish news on the inside. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week contact the Parish office - kilmacudparishoffice@gmail.com

Parish Lotto Jackpot is €6,000

Winning numbers 16th December were:

First Jackpot: 10,14,24,27 Second Jackpot 10,20,23,24

Clarks Lakelands won the Sellers' Prize, and there were the usual Consolation Prizes. Two draws on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Tickets available at usual outlets at €2 each.