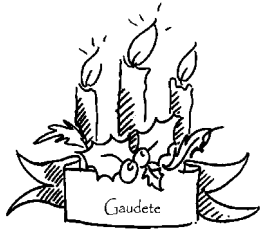


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, GREENHILLS

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1st Collection for Clergy Support

2nd Collection (Share) for Diocesan Development & Administration.

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday or 'Rejoice Sunday'. In our churches, the rose coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the person who does not lose faith in me'. We have reason to be happy. Let us make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration

Christmas Timetables available on the tables at the back of the Church..

Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service is a free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in St. Vincent's Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, St James and the Mater Hospital. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Gail in the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566.

ACCORD Relationship Counselling Service. If you cannot talk to each other - talk to us. Marriage and relationships are today experiencing more complex challenges than ever before. ACCORD offers a safe,

professional and confidential process helping couples and individuals to explore and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationship. Clients are only asked to make a donation if they can afford it. Contact ACCORD at 39 Harcourt St. Dublin 2, Phone: 478 0866 or email: admin@dublin.accord.ie

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the exits of the church .They are also included in the family offering envelopes given out in April. Please take an envelope and return it with your contribution over the Christmas period.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES		
Parish	Dec.	Time
St Jude's	18th	8pm
St Pius x	19th	8pm
Greenhills	20th	8pm
Greenhills	22nd	12 noon
Kimmage Manor	22nd	7.30pm

The Greenhills Conference of the Holy Spirit of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul gratefully acknowledge with thanks the sum of €9,885 donated last

weekend in response to the Society's Annual Diocesan Christmas Appeal.

OUR SENIOR CHOIR will hold a Carol Service starting at 8.15pm-before the



9pm Mass- on Christmas Eve.

They have a lovely programme of

Christmas Carols arranged... ..they will sing from the steps in front of the altar.

Do come along and enjoy!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the families, relatives and friends of the late Christina Sinclair, St Patrick's Road, Lachman Mehta, St Peter's Crescent, and Sandra Rossister, Tallaght (formerly Greenhills) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

The Spirit of Christmas Concert in the National Concert Hall with St. Mary's Pro Cathedral Girls' Choir on Thursday 21st December at 1.05pm. Conductors, Bláinaid Murphy & Amy Ryan, Accompanist, David Grealy. Favourite carols and seasonal music featuring all the traditional favourites. Tickets €15, concessions €12.

Reflection: Advent Stillness before

Christmas- Advent is a season that looks back and looks forward at the same time. We look back to the birth of Jesus in simplicity over 2000 years ago. We also look forward with hope to the unfolding of the kingdom of God as Jesus comes in tenderness and love to meet us face to face. Advent is a season of waiting. What is that waiting like? Is it calm and tranquil as each day flows in simplicity from one to another – as the season's customs become as comfortable as your favourite sweater. You might take more time with prayer during these weeks – sitting comfortably with the prophets - Isaiah and John the Baptist. Advent is a season

of patience. It is like the Advent Calendar with its daily thoughts and treats - one at a time – a surprise each day – no need to rush ahead.

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2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or

email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Christmas Goal Mile – Tallaght Athletic Club, Greenhills Road(beside Westpark Gym) Christmas Morning 9.30-12 noon.

All welcome.

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

SEPTEMBER 2018... in Holy Spirit Junior Primary School, Greenhills,.. We urge parents/guardians if you have not already done so to obtain an "Express of Interest Form" as soon as possible in order that Holy Spirit Junior Primary School can forward an Enrolment Application Form in the New Year. To obtain an "Expression of Interest Form" please call 01 4569173

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential