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December 1st/2nd 2018– First Sunday of Advent

❖ **Mass for the coming week:** Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.
 Saturday next 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate
 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Vigil Mass on Friday
 7th December at 6.30p.m. and Saturday at 10.00a.m.

Day of Pardon (Sacrament of Penance) will be held before all Masses
 next weekend.

❖ **First Sunday of Advent**

The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare for Christmas. Advent
 takes us back in time so that we may appreciate the greatness of
 what we are heirs to. We are heirs to the promises God made to the
 prophets. Jesus is the one who fulfilled the promises for the coming
 of the Messiah.

First Reading: (Jer. 33:14-16)

The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised
 one – the Messiah.

Second Reading: (1 Thess. 3:12-4.2)

Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians
 have for each other, and so prepare them for the second coming of
 Christ..

Gospel: (Luke 21:25-28. 34-36)

In the language borrowed from the Old Testament, Luke describes
 the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare with
 vigilance and prayer.

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament will take place after the 10a.m. Mass until 11.30a.m.

❖ **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Christmas Appeal**
 will take place during all Masses next weekend. It will replace the
 Share collection. Thank you very much for your continued support.

❖ **Christmas Pastoral Offering Envelopes (Dues)**

An envelope containing the Christmas Schedule is in the process of
 being distributed to parishioners' homes. If you are not from the
 parish and would like to know our Mass times please take an
 envelope from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you.

❖ The parishes of Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock,
 St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Brigid's Church of Ireland
 Castleknock will present a **United Advent Carol Service** this Sunday
 2nd December in this church at 4.00p.m. All welcome.

Castleknock Celtic will hold its Open Day for new players for the 2019
 season on Saturday next 8th December. Please check website
www.castleknockceltic.com for full details.

Annual **All-Night Vigil in Knock** in honour of the Feast of the
 Immaculate Conception.
 Bus leaving Church Ave., Blanchardstown next Friday 7th December at
 4.30p.m. Contact Michael Frawley 086 8650708 for bookings.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Saturday:	6.30pm	Sr. Mairead Langley Recently Deceased
Sunday:	10.00am	Dan and Martha Kelly Anniversaries
	11.00am	Terry Lawless 1 st Anniversary
	12.15pm	Kay O'Neill 15 th Anniversary

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Pray for the souls Patrick Reilly, Margaret O'Brien,
 Dermot Gribbin, and Bartley O'Flaherty, (brother of Sheila
 Dowling C/k Dr), all recently deceased.*
*Also, Agnes McCarrick whose anniversary occurs at this time and all
 those whose names are on the November Altar List of the Dead.*