



Christmas Carols



Please Join with us in Singing Our Carols this Christmas and New Year

1. Adeste Fideles

1. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, regem angelorum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum, Venite adoremus, venete adoremus, venete adoremus dominum.

2. Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, the star in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

3. While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around

2. "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread, Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind"

3. "All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease.

4. Once in City.



Royal David's

January in Orlagh

A Breathing Space: Wednesday, Jan 9th
Come away and rest a while in the quiet and beauty of Orlagh. Helped by guided reflections in tranquil surroundings, find the peace and tranquility you need to recharge, and refresh your mind and body. The day starts at 10.00 am and ends with lunch (optional) at 1.00pm. €25 (including a 3-course lunch), €15 (without lunch). Bernadette Toal and John Byrne

A Day for Yourself: Saturday, Jan 12th
Valuing yourself again for the first time 10.00am-4.30pm with the option of staying on for Mass at 4.30. €50 Bernadette Toal & John Byrne.

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin, mother and child; Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, loves pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

6. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains

Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong? Say what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ our Lord the new born king. **Refrain**

4. See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of Heaven and earth. Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

7. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they

lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

8. O Come All ye Faithful

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain.**

3. Now Lord, we greet you, born this happy morning, Jesus to you be glory given, word of the Father now in flesh appearing. **Refrain.**

9. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born king, peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled; Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, with angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Refrain: Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

2. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb; veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**

Christmas Dues

The Dues envelope you receive through your door at Christmas And Easter helps to support the priests of the Parish.

They are an important source of income for the Clergy. All working people in the house should be asked to contribute.

Spare envelopes are available at the Church exits.

We thank you for your generosity

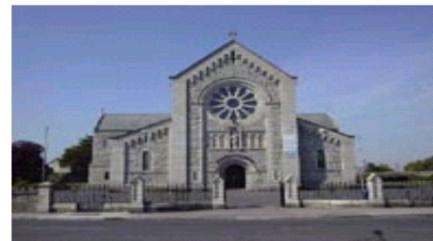
C.A.D.R.A.

A full range of activities for retired people will resume Mon 7th Jan.

Interested in becoming a member? Please call to the reception in the Parish Centre, where there is more information available.

Adoration.

Adoration will resume on Monday January 7th. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



Recently Deceased

Elizabeth (Betty) Travers, Cashel Rd.

Andy Doyle, Cherryfield Avenue

Robert Blake, O'Brien Road

We express our deepest sympathies to Their families at this time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

St Agnes Parish Readers Roster

Saturday January 12th 2013

7.00pm Jean Cleary

Sunday, January 13th 2013

9.30am Vera Brennan

11.00am Mary Finnegan

{Family Mass}

12.30pm L Buckley & C Nagle

7.00pm Pat Corrigan

If you cannot make your reading, please contact John Green.

St Agnes Parent and Toddler Group will resume in the Parish Hall from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday January 10th. All welcome

St. Agnes Parish Walk and Talk group will resume on Tuesday January 8th Meet at the Parish Centre at 10.30am. New members always welcome.

St. Agnes Thursday Afternoon Social Group

Meets in the Parish Centre Coffee Dock on Thursday's from 2.30 - 4.30pm. Take your pick-Cards, board Games, Knitting/Crochet, Irish Conversation and 'The Men's Club'. **All Welcome.**

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Our next meeting will be On Thursday January 10th in the Camac Room in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

All Are Welcome



Recently Baptised

Madison Howell

We welcome her into our Christian Community, and wish them every blessing in their lives ahead.



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Thought for the Week

"Lord God, teach me to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence." - Anon

"Go and search diligently for the child"

Isn't it strange that it should be that arch-tyrant King Herod who gave what is perhaps the best advice anyone could give at this time of the year? that it should be he, the brutal murderer of the babies of Bethlehem who spoke those words to the Magi, words which inspire us today as much as they encouraged them, "Go and search diligently for the child."

God is full of surprises. We do not always find him where we expect him to be and then suddenly here comes a piece of advice from Herod and there he is. Of all the characters in the Christmas story-Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, the Magi - Herod is not the one we'd single out as having anything to say to us. But there it is, "Go and search diligently for the child." We of course know Herod's scheming heart and that, far from wanting to follow on and offer his own homage as he would have those learned men believe, he plotted to do away with the child as soon as they found him. He would exterminate any rival to the his throne. The three wise men took the advice and followed the directions given by this cruel king. They found the One they were looking for in the place Herod sent them. It was the end of their long search. And it was too the beginning of another journey. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod and they went back "by another way". When we meet Jesus the direction of our life is changed. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" Rom 8:28. All things- even the advice of enemies, even the not so nice things done to you. This can be hard to believe. Well that is where you're wrong. And if you want proof, take Herod's advice and, "Go and search diligently for the child." Go down the road of your own heart and look for him there. Search for him in your own heart, but not only there. You do not have to go to Bethlehem today to bring your gifts to the child. bring them to the poor and needy, the forgotten the neglected neighbour, and you bring them to him. Let us take Herod's advice this season.

Let us search 'diligently' for Jesus. Search for Him beyond all the noise and parties. Let us look for the child with all our hearts. We can be sure that like the Magi we will find him "with Mary his mother".

Sr Margaret

Comedy Spot.

During the Second World War and the Blitz of London many a child spent nights in bomb shelters. A little boy prayed every night for various intentions, especially for dads serving in the armed forces. The child ended his nightly prayers "Dear God, please take care of Yourself, because if anything happens to you, we are all sunk".

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