

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

**PARISH CHURCH**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

**Vigil of the Nativity: 7.30pm**

**Night Mass of Nativity: 10.00pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day:**

**Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am & 11.30am**

**(Note the extra 10.00am morning Mass)**

**N.B.: No Evening Mass on Christmas Day**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - St. Stephen's Day - Mass 11.00am**

**Weekday Masses from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December.**

**26<sup>th</sup> December (St. Stephen's Day) 11.00am**

**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG:**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day: 10.00am**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN:**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve: 6pm**

**Confession:** It is important that we receive the Sacrament of Confession regularly; it keeps us in the Grace of God, as we face life's difficulties and it prepares us for the day when the Lord will call us.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

**PARISH CHURCH - MITCHELSTOWN**

**ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

*Priests will be available to hear confession.*

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES:**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, MITCHELSTOWN**

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - 12 noon - 1pm, 3pm - 4pm, 7pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Eve) - 12pm to 1pm & 3pm to 4pm.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BALLYGIBLIN**

Confession after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILLACLUIG**

Confession after 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

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**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS:** You can use the Offering envelope supplied with this leaflet. The Priests wish to thank all the parishioners for their generosity to their collections.  
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

will close on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and resume after the 11.00am Mass on New Year's Day, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

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**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY** - The tradition, called Baminelli Sunday, was begun by Pope John Paul II, to take place on the third Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete Sunday. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses all the statues and figurines of Baby Jesus held up by the children in the crowd under the Holy Father's window, which the children then take back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas Trees, waiting for Christmas Eve, when the Baminelli can be placed in the Manger to mark the birth of the Baby Jesus.

We invite the children of the Parish to bring their Baby Jesus to Mass on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December**. After Mass we suggest that the Baby Jesus is wrapped up and placed under the Christmas Tree and on Christmas Day the youngest member of the Family places the Baby in the Crib.