

Ministry Update

Getting Ready for Advent 2015

A Newsletter for Priests, Parish Sisters and Workers, and all those involved in ministry in the parish

from Kildare and Leiahlin Faith Development Services.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



See kandle.ie for parish suggestions to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year and other useful resources for this year.

The Jubilee **Door of Mercy** will be solemnly opened by Bishop Denis in Carlow Cathedral at 11 am Mass on **Sunday, December 13**, the Third Sunday of Advent. This ceremony will begin with prayer by the Icon of St Fiacc in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen at 10 a.m. before joining in a solemn procession to the Cathedral.

All are welcome to join Bishop Denis for this special event.

Scripture Sharing this Advent

Order forms for our Scripture Sharing books for Advent have already been sent out. If you haven't had a chance to place your order and would like to do so please contact the office as soon as possible, fds@kandle.ie. / 059 9164084

Books cost €2.50 + post and packaging.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

'BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL' is a resource that parishes are very welcome to use this Advent, drawing on the context of the forthcoming Jubilee Year.

See kandle.ie to download this resource.

Morning & Evening Prayer in Advent

A Morning Prayer for Advent is available from FDS and will be posted on kandle.ie
Four sets of Evening Prayer resources are already up on the website.

Parishes might like to look at **A Shorter Morning and Evening Prayer** from Collins publications as an on-going resource.

Give us this Day from St John's University, Colledgeville is a welcome addition to resources for praying the Prayer of the Church that also has a very handy phone app to support it, as well as reflections on the daily Gospels.

Advent Website Resources

Check out kandle.ie for existing resources for advent including:

- * Keeping Advent in the Home
- * Advent Blessings for the Home
- * Daily Prayer Suggestions for Advent (Based on Year C Sunday Readings)
- * Some Bulletin and Parish Website Advent reflections

Praying the Scriptures in Advent

ANOTHER SCRIPTURE RESOURCE

HEARING, HAPPENING, HOPING (*HHH*) is a support for the reading and prayer of the Sunday gospel. Designed to be used by groups or by individuals, it attempts to be a framework that permits people to come face-to-face with God's word. It is not a Bible course, but a focus for reading, reflecting and praying. It requires no training—the Word is already in our hearts. Just try it!

<http://maynoothcollege.ie/pontifical-university/hearing-happening-hoping-an-advent-resource/>

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
seek quiet places to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, 'Come Lord Jesus!'

Henri Nouwen

"COMFORT MY PEOPLE" A Morning of Quiet Reflection

12th December, Solas Bhríde,
Tully Road, Kildare,
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Facilitated by Monica Brown & Hilary Musgrave. **(€20 per person, including morning tea).**

A chance to pause and attend to the advent call to prepare, to wait and be ready... to listen to the longing within...to give expression to the desire for the healing, comforting Presence of Emmanuel, God with us. Using a creative integrated approach with scripture, imagery, music and ritual, Hilary and Monica will engage participants in a meaningful Advent journey.

Booking essential: either through Solas Bhríde 045 522890 / info@solasbhríde.ie
Or
Emmaus Productions 0894966995/
emmausireland@emmausproductions.com

THE ADVENT CALL TO JUSTICE



As well as the Church gate collection SVP are offering parishes the chance to support two other appeals: the ANNUAL FOOD APPEAL for Christmas and the GIVING TREE gift appeal. Check out svp.ie for further details.

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Among the ways people can continue to support the work of Trócaire is through its CHRISTMAS APPEAL and the TRÓCAIRE GIFTS. Again see trocaire.org for details.

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus