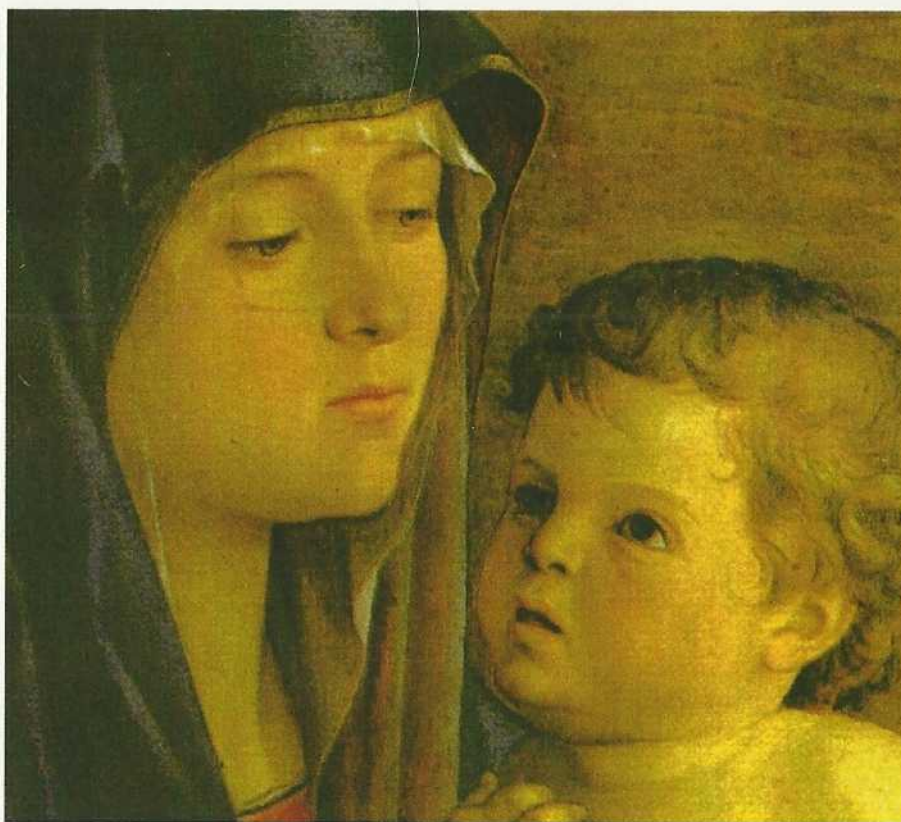


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*“Christmas Blessings”*

*2014*

## LITURGY FOR ADVENT CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

**Tuesday, 16th December** Beginning of the Annual Novena to the Holy Infant Jesus, Mass and Rosary 9.30am

**Wednesday, 17th December**  
Morning Mass at 9.30am and Novena

**Saturday, 20th December, Vigil Mass of the FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
6.30pm Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Sunday, 21st December, Masses, 9am, 11am and 6.30pm**  
**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Novena to Holy Infant** 4.00pm Prayers for Expectant Mothers

**Monday, 22nd December (also Tuesday & Wednesday)**  
9.30am Novena, Mass and Rosary

***THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, SAVIOUR (CHRISTMAS)***

**Wednesday, 24th December CHRIST EVE**  
6.30pm: **THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS**

*This Mass is especially for young children and parents. The image of the baby Jesus will be carried in procession by a child of our school, and be placed in the crib.*

Carols will be sung from 6pm, before the Mass - so come early

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS at Midnight!** Carols will be sung from 11.30pm. *The ringing of the Bells will usher in the Solemn Midnight Mass of Christmas to proclaim the Saviour's Birth and the Crib will be solemnly blest after Holy Communion*



**CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING - 25th December**

Masses at 9am and 11am only (NO EVENING MASS)

**Friday, 26th December St Stephen's Day  
(Boxing Day)**

Mass at 11.30am

**Saturday, 27th December, St. John the Aspostic**

Mass 11.30am, Confessions 12pm & 5.30pm

**Sunday, 28th December, Holy Family**

Masses: Vigil 6.30pm, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm

**Thursday, 1st January**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE and DAY**

**2015**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

11.30am

**Sunday, 4th January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Masses: Vigil 6.30pm, 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm



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*CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST 2014AD*

My Dear People,

The great feast of the Lord's Birth is upon us very soon. Time is made holy through our Saviour's birthday. God entered our time frame and became part of our story and participated in our human condition.

This is why we can come to Him with such confidence. The child of Bethlehem who opens his arms to welcome each and every one of us to the Crib is the same one who stretched out his hand to touch us in healing and who drew the Little Ones to his side in blessing. The same arms stretched out on the cross which became the tree of life for all humanity.

How blessed is this feast in that Divine Son, born before time descended into our time and became so little that we could hold him and cuddle him.

It is a feast for family life for sure and however imperfect our family is, it is the one we have been given and we must treasure it and cherish it and do as much good as we can to make it happy and blessed.

Some of you will close this year for the first time without the presence of someone who you have loved much and who has died. Others will look back on this year with joy and gratitude for a wedding, a new baby or some other great joy. In good and bad times, the Christ child is with us. He too suffered the "Herods" of this world as soon as his mission got underway so he knows our problems.

May Jesus, newly born and his all holy Mother and step father St. Joseph bless you all this Christmas.

*From Father George and myself - every grace & blessing*

*Father Tom Connolly*