

REFLECTION

Mary's Dream

*I had a dream, Joseph:
I don't understand it,*

*but I think it was about a birthday
celebration for our son.*

*The people in my dream had been
preparing for about 6 weeks.*

*They had decorated the house and bought
new clothes.*

*They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate
gifts.*

*It was peculiar, though, because the
presents weren't for our son.*

*They wrapped them in beautiful paper
and stacked them under a tree.*

*That's right Joseph, a tree, right inside
their homes!*

*They'd decorated the tree with sparkling
ornaments.*

*There was a figure like an angel on top of
the tree.*

Everyone was laughing and happy.

*They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph,
not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never
mentioned his name,*

*I had the strangest feeling that, if our son Jesus had gone to this
celebration, he would have been intruding.*

*How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday
party.*

I'm glad it was only a dream.

Imagine how awful Joseph if it had been real.

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 25TH DECEMBER 2009



*The above image is a photograph of the crib in the
Church of the Holy Redeemer.*

**Fr. Padraig & Fr. Patrick wish each and every one of you a
Happy & Holy Christmas, with a peaceful New Year to follow.**

Thank you for all your support of us throughout 2009

Parish Flag



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25th December 2009.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Priests of the Parish: Fr. Padriag Keenan & Fr. Patrick Rushe.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to create a vibrant parish for the enrichment of all. Learning and communicating with each other and, energised by the Spirit of Pentecost, we will work to build a spiritual community and witness to Jesus Christ.

The Nativity of The Lord

The season of Christmas creates within all of us many emotions.

We trust, as one lives through this season, that the spirit of Christmas, in the humble birth of Jesus, give to all of us, a sense of hope and peace.

Jesus came to us through his birth to save us, may that saving grace enable all of our lives to be enriched this Christmas.

We acknowledge the support of one and all to the life of our parish. May we continue to build up our parish that will be vibrant for all.

May this Christmas strengthen all of us to witness to Jesus in our lives.

Christmas Crib:

You are invited to spend some time in prayer at the Christmas Crib.

May our time give us peace and joy, feeling very close to God and to one another.

Saturday 26th Dec.

Mass Times: 10.00am.

Sun 27th Dec. *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.*

Mass Times: Sat 26th Dec (vigil) 7.30pm

Sun. 27th Dec. 10.00am, 11.30am
12.30pm & 6.00pm.

Friday 1st Jan '09 *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - World Day of Peace.*

Mass Time. 10.00am.

A Special Collection for Sean Cardinal Brady & Priests of the Parish at all Masses today.

2010 Parish Calendars available at the entrances to the Church.

Involving Youth

A group of young people and adults have come together initiating a process of involving youth in our parish community. Some of the initiatives that have been suggested:

- ◆ Youth Mass—Sunday 31st Jan 2010
- ◆ Young people engaging in an Alpha programme.
- ◆ 'Charity Cause' in Lent.

Further details will be published in the Bulletin and on Facebook.

Church gate collection today in aid of Society for Old & Under Privileged

The Liturgy Group from the Parish Pastoral Council invite you to sing along with these carols at Mass on Christmas Eve & Christmas day.

Joy to the World

Joy to the World! the lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him come,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the Earth! The Saviour reigns:

Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the worlds with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove,
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Silent Night

Silent Night, holy night, All is calm,
All is bright;
Round young Virgin mother & Child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace,

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.

Silent Night, holy night, Wondrous Star;

lend your light,
With the Angles let us sing,
Al-le-lu-ia! To our King,
Christ the Saviour is Born
Christ the saviour is Born.

O Come all ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angles;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing Choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to god in the highest.
O come, let us adore him,

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