



# Chapelizod Parish

## Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Presbytery No 2, Chapelizod Road, Dublin 20, D20 T448    Mobile 087 2525196



**First Sunday of Advent December 3rd, 2023**

*Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming*

### MASS TIMES

#### Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday  
10.00 a.m.

#### Sunday

11.00 a.m.

**Mass from our Church is available  
online via the Parish Website**

*The Church is open*

*from 9.30am - 12.00pm, Monday—Friday.*

*You are welcome to drop in to light a candle, say a prayer  
or simply have a quiet moment.*



On each Sunday of Advent, there will be  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from  
10am until just before Mass.

Confession is available for those who  
would like to avail of it.

### Word of Thanks

A sincere 'thank you' to those who tidied the grounds of  
the Church on Saturday. A great afternoon's work was  
done by all and the place looks the better for it!

### Returning Forms

If you took a Volunteer Form over the past few weeks,  
could you return it to Fr. Eugene please. As we approach  
Christmas, the more people we have to help, the better!

### Music for Christmas

For Christmas, it would be wonderful to have some  
music to help us celebrate this great Feast. If you know  
someone who plays organ or keyboards, guitar, fiddle or  
even the spoons, you might encourage them to get in  
touch. There is no long term commitment required.

### Christmas Tree

To decorate the Christmas Tree, there are labels  
available at the back of the Church. You can write the  
names of those you would like us to remember over the  
Christmas Season—living or dead— and place your label  
on the tree. We will pray for all these people during our  
Christmas Masses.

### HYMNS FOR MASS

Entrance:

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Recessional:

When creation was begun,  
God had chosen you to be  
Mother of his blessed Son,  
Holy Mary, full of grace.  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

When creation was restored,  
You were there beside the Lord  
Whom you cherished and adored,  
Holy Mary, full of grace.  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.



This Friday, December 8th, we  
celebrate the Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception which is a  
Holy Day of Obligation.

In 1854, Pope Blessed Pius IX  
declared that Our Lady was  
conceived without any stain of sin on  
her soul. This doctrine was further  
confirmed four years later in a small  
village in southern France called  
Lourdes where Bernadette Soubir-  
ous said that a lady had appeared to

her. After asking the lady for her name several times,  
Bernadette said she eventually replied  
"I am the Immaculate Conception"

*O Mary conceived without sin,  
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*



### Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

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 spaces 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!"