

# Zion Parish Notices

Thursday 26th November 2015

Issue 13

## Services



### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

9.00 am - Holy Communion

10.30 am - A service of readings, poetry and carols for Advent.

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### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

10.30 am Holy Communion.

*A full list of services for Christmas may be found on page 5.*

## Carols at Zion Church



**High School Carol Service –**  
Monday, 7th December 7.30 pm.

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**Zion National School Carols –**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December (school to advise time).

**Zion Carols by Candlelight –**  
Sunday 20th December, 5.00 pm.



Deli pop-up,  
December 6th  
in the parish hall  
after the main Sunday  
service.

*More overleaf*

## Baptism



On December 13<sup>th</sup> we welcome Freya McDonnell, Joe O'Connor and Laura Mitchell in Holy Baptism.

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This is the final newsletter of 2015. **Zion Matters will be available in hard copy and online next month.**

Zion Parish Notices will return in January 2016.

# Rathgarevents

### Thursday, December 3rd –

Santa Claus arrives on his sleigh 7.00 pm, Christ Church Rathgar. Arrive early to be sure of a good spot.

### Friday, 11th December at 6.30 for 7.00 pm –

Christmas Carols for all, Rathgar Village, at Christ Church.

There will be refreshments at both events.

Thank you to the Rathgar Business Association.

*Please support your village.*



## Zion Parish School Cake Sale & Café - Time to get baking.

We are having our Christmas Cake Sale and Monster Raffle on Monday 7th December at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

There will be Christmas decorations on sale, along with custom printed tea towels designed by the pupils and plenty of wonderful home baking.

Before school there will be a 'Pop Up' Café kindly supported by the **Bretzel Bakery** in Lennox Street. Coffee and pastries will be available from 8.30am onwards. **Please support the school and enjoy a good breakfast.**

*Cakes may be brought into school on the morning of the sale. Raffle tickets will be sent home in schoolbags during the first week of December.*

### Sandford Parish Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 am until 2.00 pm  
At Sandford Parish National School, Sandford Close, Dublin 6.  
**Admission free.**

## Zion Parish School Children's Christmas Charity

In response to feedback from parents suggesting that they would prefer to help local charities and families in the current economic climate, we will continue to support Barnardo's by providing Christmas gifts for local children under their care.

Barnardo's will identify families in need and will tell our children about them. Children will then have the opportunity of selecting and buying a Christmas gift for a child they know something about. The gifts will be forwarded to Barnardo's for distribution.

*School closes for the holidays on Tuesday 22nd December after a visit from Santa Claus.*

## Deli pop-up for Christmas

There will be a Deli Stall in the Parish Hall after the main service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

You will find plenty of delicious seasonal fare for sale in plenty of time for Christmas – Cranberry sauce, chutney and savoury onion jam; marmalade and sweet jams, chocolates and fudge, mince pies, home-made elderflower cordial and a ready bottled vodka and elderflower cocktail mix....and no doubt, many things not listed here.





A primary school pupil, Monantsa, Lesotho.

## Habitat for Humanity Sleep-Out

**We are delighted to publish a short note from Linda Hackett, parent member of the High School Dublin Habitat for Humanity Sleep Out committee:**

'I am writing on behalf of the parent group who organised the High School Sleep Out held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November.

I wish to thank most sincerely, the Rev'd Stephen Farrell, for his words of support and encouragement to the pupils participating in the Sleep Out and to all those supported by his chaplaincy during the year. Our bond with Zion Parish is much valued and acknowledged by all.

The Sleep Out was completed by all twenty pupils who have been selected for the Habitat for Humanity 2016 trip to Lesotho. We were most fortunate with the weather overnight and everyone slept under a clear sky with the stars shining on us – no pop-up tents were needed. It was a wonderful team experience for those involved, raising the profile of Habitat for Humanity and the High School.

A street collection was held through the day of November 7<sup>th</sup> enabling the High School team to make a substantial contribution to the charity for their continuing work within Ireland.

Again, many thanks to Zion Church community.'

## Prayer for the People of France

The Most Rev'd. Michael Jackson,  
Archbishop of Dublin &  
Glendalough

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Almighty God we lay before you  
the people of France and  
in particular the citizens of Paris.

We pray for those who have been  
killed in the atrocities of Friday  
evening November 13  
and we ask for your mercy  
towards those who mourn the lost  
and tend the sick and injured.

We pray for  
the security and support services  
and for all who exercise political  
and civic leadership.  
Most of all we pray for peace in a  
world of violence.

We offer our prayer for your  
grieving and devastated children  
in the name of the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

*Read at all services on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.*

## Climate Summit March - 2.00 pm, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Join us\* on Sunday afternoon as we take to the streets of Dublin, Cork and Belfast for the People's Climate March. Millions of people will be marching in cities around the world just before our leaders travel to Paris for the climate summit in December. We hope this will be the largest climate change mobilisation in history. Join the Facebook events and receive updates of all that is happening.

Dublin march – 2.00 pm Custom House Quay. Supported by \*Christian Aid, Trócaire and Eco-congregation Ireland.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/432542056954797/>



# Put your name on the Register of Vestrypersons

At the end of January the Register of Vestrymen (and women) will be updated. If you wish to record your membership of Zion Parish Church put your name, address and signature on one of the small forms and return to the box provided at the back of the Church.

If you need more information please ask one of the Church Wardens on any Sunday morning.

The Register of Vestryman is the official record of parishioners in our church. If you regularly attend Zion Church and you are a parent of a young child whom you hope to send to Zion Parish School, registration is important. Though making contact with School Secretary, Sue Barber, and having your child's name on the school list is also essential.

If you attend church and are not yet involved with Church Giving, please speak to Joyce Rorke about regular giving through participation in our envelope scheme. As a subscriber we can claim tax back on all monies gifted to the church, this makes a great difference to church income which is raised through parish donations. The Church Wardens will introduce you to Joyce if you are new to the parish.



## Readings, Poetry and Music for Advent On Sunday at 10.30 am

As we move into the month of December it is easy to forget what it is that keeps us going. We will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a service combining seasonal readings with much-loved Christmas music and the poetry of Kavanagh, Donne and Yeats.

Give something to yourself. Join us on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am



Our new Advent Candle Stand will be in use on Sunday morning.  
Made by Mark Foley of Foley's Forge (since 1842),  
Dunshaughlin, Co.Meath



# Services for Christmas at Zion Church

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Matins

5.00 pm Carol Service by Candlelight

**No Service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Christmas Eve**

11.00 pm - The First Eucharist of Christmas

**Christmas Day**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am a Family Service of Holy Communion for Christmas

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30 am - Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – The First Sunday of Christmas**

**St. John the Evangelist**

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 Holy Communion

**No Service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016**

**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

9.00 am Holy Communion

