

Zion Parish Notices

January 2025

*Santa visits the Zion Parish
Christmas Market*



Zion Christmas Market

The Christmas Market on Sunday 8th December was once again a huge success with €4,600 raised for parish funds. More importantly it was a wonderful, happy, parish community event.

My thanks to all the stall leaders, their helpers, to those who baked, cooked and made foodstuffs, to those who donated items for sale, to those who did the unseen work of setting up and cleaning up before/after the event, and to everyone who came and supported the event on the day. It was hugely appreciated - Brian Hunt



Services in January

There will be no Wednesday service on January 1st.

Sunday 5th

The Eve of the Epiphany
9am Holy Communion (*trad.*)
10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th

10.30am Wholeness and Healing

Sunday 12th

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
9am Holy Communion (*trad.*)
10.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15th

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
9am Holy Communion (*trad.*)
10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
9am Holy Communion (*trad.*)
10.30am Morning Prayer

December in Zion



Young European Strings Concert in the Church on Saturday 14th December



Isaac John Hanna with his parents Emma and Kevin on Sunday 15th December



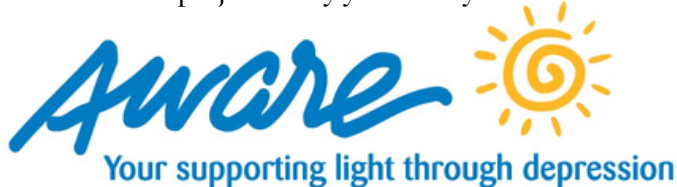
Charities supported by Zion at Christmas 2024

POS Children's Education Fund was founded in 1828 (originally Protestant Orphan Society). The Funds aim is to minimise the disadvantage that can arise on the death of a parent. They provide grant aid to over 100 young children and 2nd/3rd level students from 56 families.

St Luke's Cancer Research Fund aims to facilitate education, training and research in the area of radiation oncology in Ireland. All research funded will ultimately provide improved patient care and outcomes in cancer care.



The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are based on Bushy Park Road. Sister Monica helped out by reading at our carols service this year. The Sisters help around fifteen mission projects every year mostly in Africa.



Aware was founded in 1985 in response to the need for information, understanding and support, both for individuals who had a diagnosis of depression or bipolar as well as family members supporting a loved one. Since then, what began as one support group in Dublin has grown and flourished to become a nationwide presence which has saved many lives and has, for countless others, eased the suffering and distress that depression can bring.



CMS Ireland is a Christian mission organisation and is part of the CMS global family, which was established in 1799 to work towards the abolition of slavery, social reform at home, world evangelisation. CMSI's own story started in 1814, with the formation of the Hibernian Church Missionary Society. Most of their work is associated with the Anglican Communion, but we work across denominations to equip the Church in mission. www.cmsireland.org/about-cmsi

Country Air Association work to provide rest and change for poor Protestants and their children living in Dublin. The activities of the association being for the advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age or ill health. Some examples of grants allocated are for a break in Ireland, a sun holiday abroad, or a contribution towards an air fare to visit relatives overseas. <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2022/03/07/country-air-association-grant-applications>



ALICE LEAHY TRUST

....a social & health service for people who are homeless

Alice Leahy Trust was founded in 1975 and grew out of work by Alice Leahy and a group of doctors, all working in a voluntary capacity visiting people in shelters, hostels and people sleeping rough. Their work has a dual focus, promoting frontline health and social services for those who are homeless (assisting with showering/washing, footcare) and ensuring that they have access to statutory supports.



Protestant Aid
CARE AND COMPASSION IN ACTION SINCE 1836

Protestant Aid was established as a charity in 1836 to relieve deprivation. Activities include grants to alleviate poverty/distress, annuities for the elderly, allowances for heating/energy costs, school expenses, second-level grants, third-level loans, sheltered housing and nursing care for 200+ elderly people through sister companies – The Brabazon Trust and St. John's House. As you can imagine, the cost of living crisis is placing more strain on available resources. <https://protestantaid.org>

The Church's Ministry of Healing encourage companionship with God and each other, companionship with those we meet along the way and companionship with God, through worship and prayer. Services of worship place particular emphasis on healing and support. <https://dublin.anglican.org/ministries/ministry-of-healing>



The Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Board of Education works with 47 schools across the United Dioceses to arrange training courses for teachers and Boards of Management on obligations imposed by legislation, arrange church services for Primary level students, allocate grants to schools and students and ensure that properties vested in the Board are managed appropriately. <https://dublin.anglican.org/ministries/board-of-education>

Pact is accredited by the Adoption Authority of Ireland to provide a range of adoption services to families. It was founded in 1952 as an independent charity and its services include: information and support on matters relating to adoption, domestic and inter-country adoption assessments and a temporary short term pre-adoptive foster service. <https://www.pact.ie>



Put the date in your diary

Zion Parish Fete

Saturday 22nd

March 2025



A planning meeting for the Zion Parish Fete will take place on Thursday January 9th at 8pm in the Meeting Room. Please come along and help get this important parish fundraiser off to a good start.

Thank yous

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the wonderful delivery of new underwear, hats, gloves and sets delivered to us last week by John Gibson. These will be very much appreciated by the people who use our service.

We thank you all so much in Zion Parish for your support in so many ways throughout the year.

Christmas as you are aware is a sad time for so many of the people we work with, and we are daily reminded of just how lucky we are. We keep Christmas low key and ensure our centre remains a place of welcome and calm. Our work at times can be challenging, and especially so at Christmas time when many of the people we work with may be reminded of happier and often simpler times. A candle in our fireplace as we have throughout the year, simple decorations and of course Christmas cards from all our friends and supporters. Carols come to us courtesy of Lyric FM to remind us of what Christmas is all about.

Jeanette O'Brien, Manager Alice Leahy Trust

A donation of €520 was made to St Luke's Hospital in December. This was collected since April at post-service tea/coffee in parish hall. Thanks to all who contributed



Well done to the children in Zion Parish School for their Advent food collection for those in need this Christmas. A great result! Thanks to all who donated items.



**ADVENT
FOOD
COLLECTION**



FROM 1ST TO 15TH DECEMBER
The ZPS Student Council invites every school and parish household, to donate non-perishable food to the value of €5 or over, for those in need this Christmas.

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS: BABY DISPOSABLE NAPPIES, TINNED BABY FORMULA, GRANULATED (AS OPPOSED TO MERE POWDER) COFFEE, DRINKING CHOCOLATE, CEREALS (OTHER THAN CORN FLAKES OR PORRIDGE, BUT ESPECIALLY VARIETY PACKS), EASY COOK RICE, DOLMIO TOMATO SAUCES, CHUTNEY PASTE, RIBENA, LUCOZADE, SEASONAL SELECTION BOXES, ICED FRUIT CAKE, PLUM PUDDING, MINCE PIES



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