Week ending 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

Zion Christmas Market

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SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025:
11.30am-2.00pm (In Zion Parish Hall)
THIS DAY NEXT WEEK…….

THIS WEEK – we are asking for your help as follows:

- **SET UP AND DISMANTLING** – *This doesn't sound like fun. But it usually is – if we can get loads of people to agree to contribute one hour at 6.00pm on Saturday 29th November, and/or Sunday 30th November from 10.00am, and/or 2.00pm on Sunday 30th November, the job will be a very quick and easy one. Many hands make light work. Please volunteer to help – we promise not to delay you too long. Talk to Brian Hunt – 087 6999 712.*

- **STALL ASSISTANCE** – *if you've not already committed to assisting at a stall, please consider it for just some of the event. Talk to Brian or any of the stall holders below.*

- **CAKES** – *can you commit to baking a cake/some cakes please? If we had many people baking one cake for delivery to the office between 9.00am & 2.00pm on Thurs 27th Nov, Sat evening 29th Nov between 6.00pm/7.00pm or on the morning of the Market, that would be fantastic. Please get baking asap! Many thanks. More info from Sheena Bailey (086 382 6060) or Alisa Hayden (087 417 5214)*

We also seek your help with the following

- BOOKS – ESPECIALLY CHILDRENS BOOKS. ALSO JIGSAWS (in their original boxes, and without pieces missing) - *Please leave books & jigsaws either at/outside the parish office.* (Deirdre is generally in the Office from 9.00am-2.00pm on Mondays & Thursdays). *More info:- John/ Margaret Anderson (087 149 7744/087 417 6864)*

- BOTTLE STALL – *we are seeking donations of bottles of every sort – wine, minerals, olive oil, etc etc. Christian Schaffalitsky 086 2537948 or David soden would love to hear from you – bottles can be left at the parish office. Please ensure all items are in date and unopened*

- HOMEMADE DELIGHTS. *The Deli counter needs lots of Fudge, truffles, jams, hummus, chutney, etc – your contribution will be hugely appreciated. Please talk to Jenny O'Regan, (tel – 0868892320), or leave your item with Deirdre in the office.*

- BIG RAFFLE - *donations of Cosmetics sets, bottles of spirits, novelty gifts, wine, home-knits and anything else you can think of that you'd like to win in a raffle would be welcomed! – Please talk to Alison on 087 6999712 or leave with Deirdre in the office*

- PRE-LOVED SMALL TOYS - *We need toys which are in good-condition and small enough to display on a table top –no large toys, bikes prams etc please! Please leave on the stage in the Parish Hall if not in use, or at the parish office , or bring to the hall any Saturday afternoon (ask for Girls Brigade Leader Gillian Lesware)*

FURTHER INFO FROM BRIAN HUNT – TEL: 087 6999712, EMAIL : brianhunt77@gmail.com

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Notices

An evening in Advent: There will be a showing of the Christmas episode of 'The Chosen' in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday 11th December from 8pm-9pm.

Readers required: We are looking for readers for our Advent service on Sunday 30th November. This is a lovely service of readings and poems to celebrate Advent. If you would like to do a reading, please let Deirdre know zionparish@gmail.com

Zion Mothers' Union: Calling all M.U. members present and past to a Lunch get together on Monday 1st December at 1pm at "EXCUSE MY FRENCH" Restaurant, 25 Dunville Ave, Ranelagh, DO6 F8N8, near Beechwood Luas stop.
Cost approx €25 payable in cash. Names to Susan Grimason 086 336 7283

Friday Womens' Gathering: Gather for a cuppa and chat on the first Friday of the month – all are welcome. 3pm-4.30pm in the Meeting Room off the Parish Hall. Next gathering is Friday December 5th.

Zion Mother and Toddler Group: Numbers have been low in September and October so we would love if you could spread the word about this lovely hangout for pre-schoolers and their carers. Wednesdays from 10am-12 noon in the Parish Hall.

The Gardened Soul – An Emotional Connection to more: What a wonderful morning in the church last week launching Rev'd David's lovely book. As you are probably aware the books sold out so a few people asked where they could be purchased. Here is the link: https://www.amazon.ie/Gardened-Soul-Emotional-Connection-More/dp/B0FKT3TW67

Alice Leahy Trust: Donations of clothes for the homeless are always very welcome. There is a box at the back of the church. Jeans and tee shirts especially welcome.

Pastoral Visits & Home Communions: If you would like a pastoral visit, or to be added to the home communion list, please let the Rector know.

Reading & Tea/Coffee Rota: There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for Sunday readings and refreshments.

Around the Parishes – More dates for the diary

See main noticeboard in church for more information

Rathfarnham Parish Winter Fair: This will take place in the Church grounds in Rathfarnham on Saturday 22nd November from 2.30pm-6pm. The Rathfarnham Christmas lights will be switched on at 4pm.

Winter Hymns for Gaza: Friday December 5th at 7.30pm at St Philip's Church, Temple Road Dartry featuring Sandford and St Philips Choral Union and Friends.

Sandford Christmas Market: Saturday 6th December from 11am – 1.30pm in the grounds of Sandford Parish Church.

Be Enthralled and Inspired: **African Gospel Choir and Band Tullow Church, Brighton Road, Foxrock**: Saturday 6th December 7.30pm. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening that promises to be both enchanting and inspiring. Tickets €20 (including booking fee) on Eventbrite.ie here https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/african-gospel-choir-tickets-1910113925169?aff=oddtdtcreator

Carols for All: Rathgar-Terenure Fellowship invite you to the annual Carols for All in Saint Philips Church, Temple Road Dublin on Monday 8th December at 7pm.

O Holy Night – Lux Brumalis Choir: Saturday 20th December at 7.30pm. Please support these lovely singers who supported Zion Heritage Day and Rev'd David's Book launch. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

Advent

A time of waiting and preparation

Sunday 30th November 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

10.30am

A Service of Readings, Hymns & Poetry

CHURCH OF IRELAND