



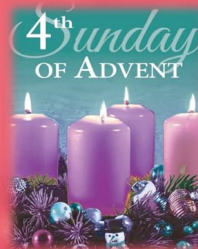
Clondalkin Village Parish

Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church

Clonburris & Knockmitten

Sunday 22nd - 29th December 2019

Christmas Newsletter



Firstly, may I wish all our readers whether reading the paper or the online edition a very happy and peaceful Christmas. As always we welcome those far from home and for whom Clondalkin is their new place of residence. We think of those from Clondalkin, who are living overseas away from the familiar sights, sounds and rhythm of the Christmas season. We are mindful of members of the Defence Forces and An Garda Síochána serving overseas on peace keeping missions.

We also think of those spending Christmas in hospital, hospice or in prison.

I found myself at a loose end in Parnell Square on Monday afternoon and passed by the Dominican shop which for sixty three years has hosted the Moving Crib and is open until Sunday 5th January. Last year over 23,000 visited the Crib. Despite spending all but one of my fifty four years living in Ireland I never paid the crib a visit. It was very advanced for its time and is a joy to visit. I would recommend a visit (admission is free) and the thirteen bus stops nearby.

There can be a danger of reducing Christmas into a saccharine event about a baby born in a stable. Fr. Steve Grunow, from World on Fire, wrote "We should all be in wonder about the mysterious revelation of Christ's Incarnation, not as a sentimental event that is to be situated in a fantasia on winter themes, but as an event incomparably and inescapably important all year round and into eternity." He cites the haunting Appalachian carol, *I Wonder as I Wander*:

*I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky
Why Jesus our Saviour, Did come for to die
For poor ordinary people, Like you and like I
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
If Jesus had wanted for any old thing
a star in the sky or a bird on the wing
for all of God's angels in heaven for to sing
He surely could have had it, for he is their King.*

How can we repay God for such generosity? Can we ever do so? Maybe not, however, we can try and two recent events illustrate this. Almost €11,000 was donated by churchgoers from our three churches to the annual collection to the Vincent De Paul Society and last Monday following the annual carol service led by Clondalkin Youth Band and Knockmitten Youth Choir we collected over €2,400 for the Capuchin Day Centre. This 'Christmas' generosity makes a difference all year round.

May you and yours have a peaceful Christmas

Fr. Damian Farnon

On behalf of the Parish Teams around Clondalkin, we would like to sincerely thank all those people who have volunteered in various ministries and roles throughout the parishes in the past year. Your help and witness has been invaluable to the continued success of our Parishes. We acknowledge especially our Sacristans and those who help to maintain our Churches to such a lovely standard. Thank you for all the time and energy you so willingly give. Thank you also to all who helped to prepare our Churches for Christmas. Merry Christmas and may God bless you all.

Some Useful Numbers

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Childline- tel. 1800 66 66 66 Samaritans - tel. 116 123
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Masses and Liturgical Celebrations in the Clondalkin Area over the Christmas Period

KNOCKMITTEN

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

First Mass of Christmas (for children) at 5pm
Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.30pm
12 Midnight Mass in Polish

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass (with Band and Choir) at 10am
Mass in Polish at 1.30pm

CLONBURRIS

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

First Mass of Christmas at 9pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass at 11am

CLONDALKIN VILLAGE

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Mass as usual at 07.30 and 10.00

Confessions: 10.30-12.00

4.30pm Nativity play for children (not mass)

First Mass of Christmas (with Clondalkin Youth Band) at 7.30pm

Carols at 9.45pm followed by Night Mass of Christmas at 10pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Aifreann na Nollag at 9am

Sung Mass at 10.30am

Gospel Mass at 12 noon

Thursday 26th December to Friday 3rd January

The weekday daily Mass will be at 10am only.

(The 7.30am Mass resumes on Monday 6th January)

Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve)

The annual Last Lights ceremony of quiet, candlelit prayer is in the Village Church from 4pm to 5pm

SRULEEN

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Children's Mass at 5pm,

Mass at 9pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass at 11am

Saturday 28th December/ Sunday 29th December Normal Mass times

DEANSRATH

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Mass at 8.00 pm

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass at 11.00

Weekends normal Services 6 p.m. Sat evening and 11 a.m. Sunday

BAWNOGUE

No morning mass on Tuesday 24th Dec or Thursday 26th Dec

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 a.m. and 12.00

Saturday 28th December/ Sunday 29th December

Normal Mass times

Tuesday 1st January - Mass at 10.00 am

NEILSTOWN & ROWLAGH/QUARRYVALE

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Rowlagh-Quarryvale 12noon Malayalam Indian Community

Rowlagh-Quarryvale 5pm Children's Mass

Neilstown 7pm Family Mass

Rowlagh-Quarryvale 9pm Solemn Vigil Mass

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Rowlagh-Quarryvale 10am

Neilstown 11.30am

Feast of Holy Family 28th & 29th December

Rowlagh-Quarryvale - Saturday 28th @ 6pm & Sunday 29th @ 10am

Neilstown - Saturday 28th @ 7pm & Sunday 29th @ 11.30am

PARISH OF THE TRAVELLING PEOPLE (CCPC)

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Our Christmas eve Mass will be in St. Oliver's Park, Cloverhill Road, Clondalkin, at 7pm.



Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve

By Warren D. Jennings

The sleigh was packed, the reindeer were fed,
but Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

Dear Father', he prayed,

'Be with me tonight, there's much work to do
and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the
sky,

knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.

I will visit each household before the first light,
I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part, so I'll
slide down the chimney of each little heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes,
the supply will be endless like the loaves and the
fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track,
I'll eat every cookie that's left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You..

I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this is to honour the birth of the One that
was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends lest your Glory I rob,
please Lord, remind them, who gave me this job.'

**Confession is available before and after
all masses**



We hope to see you there!

Clondalkin Village Church



Sunday 22nd December

6.30pm (vigil) Helen O'Donoghue (1st An), Gretta Gallagher (Rem)
George McDonnell (An), Elizabeth & Nicholas West (Rem) & dec'd members of
the West family, Mary & Patrick Hendley (Rem), Kathleen Boland (An)
Kathleen & Danny O'Neill (Rem), Joseph & Ellie McDonagh & Eamon McDonagh (An),
John Henney (An) & Seamus Egan (12th An)

10.30am James (Snr) & Bridget Norton,
Chris Stapleton (Christmas Rem),
Jack & Katie Fitzgerald (An) & dec'd family members
Patrick & Mary Cosgrove (An),
Bernard Byrne, Michael & Kathleen Scanlon (An),
Mary Kirwan & Geraldine Larnihan (An),
Bridget Brannigan (An), Pauline Murphy (3rd An)
12 noon Eugene McNamara (3rd An) & dec'd
members of the McNamara family

Monday 23rd December

7.30am Seamus Egan (12th An)
10.00am Joseph Cleary (An)

Tuesday 24rd December

10.00am Patrick, Sarah, Brandon & Frank Byrne (An),

Christmas Day

All Masses today are offered for the intentions of all
Parishioners and for the recipients of the Parish Christmas
Cards

Thursday December 26th

10.00am Christopher, Lillian & Brendan Behan (An)

Friday December 27th

10.00am Nora Sheridan (An), Joseph Byrne (An)

Saturday 28th December

10.00am Doreen Rackley (An)

Sunday 29th December

6.30pm (Vigil) Brandon & Esther Callaghan (An)
10.30am Maureen King (An), Frank King (An),
David & Ellen Minogue (An)
12 noon Tony O'Neill (30th An),
Johnny Delaney (An), William O'Neill & Karl Walsh (An),
Madeline Hodgins (An), Gerry Fallon, Una Bruce & dec'd
members of the Fallon family
5.30pm Gerlinde Will (An),
Francis "Fran" Mulholland (3rd An)

Tuesday 31st January 2019

10.00am Percy Reeves (An)

Wednesday 1st January 2020

10.00am Catherine & Luis Delgado

Thursday 2nd January

10.00am Florence Moloney (An)

Friday 3rd January

First Friday - Mass for all whose names are on the Altar
List of the Dead

Sunday 5th January

6.30pm (Vigil) James McDonagh (An)
12noon Minnie Murphy (MM), Martin
McLoughlin Jnr (An)

Clonburris

Sunday 22nd December

11.00am Elizabeth O'Sullivan (40th An), Brian Kenny (An),
Rosanna Farrelly (An)



Clondalkin Village at a Glance

Christmas Eve

Mass at 10am only. Confessions available at
10.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 3pm

Nativity Performance at 4.30pm performed by
the Children preparing for First Holy
Communion under the guidance and direction of
Christina, PPW

Christmas Day

Christmas Day and indeed Christmas Night can
be a lonely time for some people. The majority of
places are closed and there can be a void in the
lives of many people. The Village Church will be
open at 7pm Christmas Night and Fr. Padraig O'
Sullivan will lead a short prayer service which will
conclude 8pm. Tea, Coffee and maybe some cake
will be available afterwards. All are welcome,
please do spread the word.

Thursday 27th December Adoration after
10am until 11.45am
Holy Hour 8 to 9pm

December 31st - Last lights Ceremony 4.30pm

As 2019 breathes its last we gather in reflection
and gratitude to bid goodbye and welcome in
2020 with anticipation and complete trust in God
and pray for the Grace to accept whatever comes.

7.30pm to 8.30pm Intercessory Prayer for
Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. The Tuesday
Group praying in Parish Pastoral Centre. All
Welcome.

Wednesday 1st January

Charismatic Prayer Group Our Lady Queen of
Peace in Parish Pastoral Centre 7.40pm- Evening
Prayer of the Church. 8.00pm Prayer Meeting.
Come and join us if you can.

Thursday 2nd January

Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Morning: In the Church 10.45 to 11.45am
Evening: In the Church 8.00 to 9.00pm Hour of
Prayer. All welcome.

Saturday 5th January

First Saturday, Fatima Devotions after 10am Mass

Please Note:

NO Intercessory Prayer for Clondalkin Cluster of
Parishes on Tuesday 24th December, Christmas
Eve

NO Charismatic Prayer Group on Wednesday
25th December, Christmas Day

NO Adoration in the Church or Sisters' Oratory
on Thursday 26th December, St. Stephen's Day

CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Marie Harrington (24/12)
Vera Rogers (31/12)

Cleaning: Teams resume early in the New Year.
All hands on deck during the Christmas Season

Flowers: Maintenance of flowers and
decorations. Teams resume after Christmas.

Monday Club 16 December 2019 - Today we had our last club meeting for 2019. We ended the year with a Christmas Party and had the usual tea/coffee together with the mince pies etc. We also had a visit from a certain festive man who took time out of his very busy schedule to come and pay us a surprise visit. We must be all very good during the year for him to take the trouble to come and deliver gifts for us all. He was assisted by two elves called Adam and Alex who gave him a cheerful hand. Thank You Santa and elves Adam and Alex.



We had a minutes silence and prayer in memory of Minnie. There was a rose left in the place where she always sat. You were missed Minnie. Rest in Peace. We had a card from Our Lady's Hospice wishing us well for Christmas and New Year and thanking us for our support with the coffee morning held in September.

Fr Bala sent us a beautiful card wishing us all well and thanking us for the time he spent with us and the friendship, support and donations we have given him throughout the year.

A lovely "Thank You Card" from Anne Brett, "past parish secretary". We wish you a very

Happy Christmas and New Year Anne.

Unfortunately we have lost a few people during the year. We miss Kay, Magdalena, Anne, and Josie who were regulars. We wish them and those who used to come and are unable to come a very Holy and Happy Christmas.

At this time of year it's good to say "Thank You" to all who supported us during the year. We had a few guests e.g. Greg Ryan, solicitor came to talk to us about legal issues, Eleana, Latvian/Russian who came to tell us about herself and show us her magnificent eagle quilled from shredded paper, Siuki from Hong Kong and Ljiljana from Croatia come to tell us about their life in Ireland and show some of their work. Ljiljana was on a "Taste of Home" on 2 December on RTE 1. Ljiljana is a writer and received an award for her writings in Croatia this month. We had Fr Bala tell us about his new parish and its needs. We had musical mornings with Sean Coughlan with his guitar getting us in the mood for a good sing-song. Sean Browne playing a wide selection of tunes on his accordion. A man of many talents. Sean also has surprised us many times with his lovely cakes and tarts. Minnie (RIP) with her musical selections. Timpeall na Tithe with their selections of traditional music and waltzes. Noel on his harmonica, quizzes to test the brains, bingo in the hope of winning the jackpot, taking part in the craft competitions in Tallaght and Clondalkin and being lucky to win prizes, testing our brains with Frank's "Brain Teasers", making St Brigid's crosses with Frank & Anna, cards, and our outing to Avoca and Glendalough. "Thank You" everybody who came and gave your time to us and entertained and supported us in anyway. Our continued thanks too to Collette, Joan, Stephen, Frank, Anne, now Julie, Martin (retired) Frs Damian & Padraig, Sr Anne, Teresa and all who donated gifts for the club.



We wish you all a Very Happy, Peaceful, Healthy New Year. We will be back on **Monday 13 January 2020** please God. Until then, take care. Kathleen R



A FAMILY PRAYER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS MEAL

Loving God, on this Christmas day we give thanks that Jesus, your Son, has come into our world bringing us gifts of peace and joy. Bless us as we sit down together at this table for our



Christmas meal. Bless the food we share and help us to remember those who are hungry. Be with our neighbours and our friends, those who are lonely, sick or away from home. We pray that our departed loved ones may now sit at your table in heaven. May the joy of this feast give us strength and light, now and in the days ahead. We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen**



Beithilín Beo – Live Crib 2019

In Áras Chrónáin

Congrats to all who took part and put on this spectacular and moving performance!!

Before Christmas Day Read **Sunday's Gospel**, two or three times (**JN 1:1-5, 9-14**) It's one we know very well. Read it a few times – come back to it again over the next few days. ***Is there something about the story that maybe you never noticed before? Is there a word, phrase, idea that strikes you? In the stillness repeat that word or phrase in your mind. Stay with this for a few moments and let its meaning sink into your heart.***

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.



**As 2019 is coming to an end Think of all the things you are thankful for
YOU ARE BLESSED! Do you let yourself believe this, really feel this?**

In what ways has the Lord visited you, your family, and your community this year?

How are you asked to be and bring the 'true light' to others?

What is this gospel challenging you to do, to be?



Something to Consider

It was once said "there has been only one Christmas. The rest are anniversaries." It's a time for keeping the memory of God's greatest gift alive in our hearts... In recent years many people have expressed concern that Christmas has drifted far from its religious roots. We have also witnessed an attack on religious displays in public places while watching the corporate world hijack the Christmas celebration as an excuse to sell their latest wares. Massive traffic jams, packed shopping malls, and lines stretching around the block have become hallmarks of today's Christmas activities. Ad campaigns for holiday sales can lead to pandemonium as shoppers are knocked down and trampled in their frantic efforts to buy the latest gadget. However, I suggest this is a good time to reflect upon the distinction between what we want and what we need or what we give instead of what we get. The true value of a gift isn't necessarily measured by its price tag. In fact some of the most precious gifts cost nothing at all... and can be life changing. Many people simply need to be loved, listened to, or appreciated. Some gifts, such as taking time to listen to someone who is hurting emotionally or giving a word of encouragement, can make a tremendous difference in a person's life and bring joy to the giver. This holiday season consider how our community would be affected if everyone looked for opportunities to give someone a life-changing gift for Christmas. As Helen Steiner Rice wrote; "Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind." May we receive this most precious of gifts ourselves and be that gift for others!



*The
Greatest
Gift
is not found
in a store,
but in
THE HEART
of TRUE
FRIENDS.*



Sunday of Word of God

Pope Francis is passionate about the Word of God. He has

declared a special Sunday (3rd Sunday of Ordinary time - 26th Jan 2020) dedicated to the Bible. All of us are invited to respond imaginatively and actively to this new Feast.

Here in Dublin, there will be a number of initiatives including pastoral resources for the day itself. The Feast marks the start of a year of increased engagement with the Word. Closer to the day, there will be more information and resources.



Mary – her yes, our yes!

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make the difference.

You see, it's up to you

The Best Christmas Gifts

To your friend: Loyalty
To your enemy: Forgiveness
To your boss: Service
To your child: A Good Example
To your parents: Gratitude
To your spouse: Faithfulness
To all people: Love
To Jesus: Your life

Our community of faith, our world
would be less without you in it!

You CAN & DO make a difference.

You DO matter

You Can change the world!!

Just Believe & Care!



This Christmas

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny tinsel, but do not show love to my family or friends, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family and friends, I'm just another cook. If I work at the soup kitchen, carol sing in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family and friends, it profits me nothing. If I trim the Christmas tree with shimmering angels and sparkling snowflakes, if I attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing carols with the choir but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point. Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to help another in need. Love notices and reaches out to support a friend in difficulty. Love is kind, even though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't expect or demand. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way. Love doesn't cry for attention. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, gold necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, designer clothes will wear out, but giving the gift of **LOVE** will endure forever.



The Meaning behind our Advent Wreath

As all candles are lit on Christmas Eve

Set on the branches of the wreath are four candles: three **purple candles** and one **pink candle**. In the centre of the wreath sits a white candle. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle was lit. This candle is typically called the **"Prophecy Candle"** in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming

Messiah. Each week on Sunday, an additional candle was lit. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this

the **"Bethlehem Candle"** symbolizing Christ's manger. On the third Sunday of Advent the pink coloured candle was lit. This pink candle is customarily called the **"Shepherds Candle"** and it represents joy.

The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the **"Angels Candle"** represents peace and was lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. On Christmas Eve, the white centre candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the **"Christ Candle"** and represents the light of Christ that has come into the world.



The meaning behind our - "O" Antiphons

December 17 marks the beginning of the **"O" Antiphons**, the seven jewels of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies. The antiphons beg God with mounting impatience to come and save His people. The order of the antiphons climb climatically through our history of Redemption. In the first, **(O Sapientia)**, *O Wisdom* - we take a backward flight into the recesses of eternity to address Wisdom, the Word of God.

In the second, **(O Adonai)**, *O House of Israel* - we have leaped from eternity to the time of Moses and the Law of Moses (about 1400 B.C.).

In the third, **(O Radix Jesse)**, *O Root of Jesse* - we have come to the time when God was preparing the line of David (about 1100 B.C.).

In the fourth, **(O Clavis David)**, *O Key of David* - we have come to the year 1000.

In the fifth, **(O Oriens)** *O Rising Dawn* - we see that the line of David is elevated so that the peoples may look on a rising star in the east, and hence in the sixth, **(O Rex Gentium)**, *O King* - we know that He is king of all the world.

On Christmas Eve, and before coming to the town limits of Bethlehem, we salute Him with the last Great O, **O Emmanuel**, *God-with-us*

The antiphons are part of the evening prayer of the Divine Office, the antiphon before and after the Magnificat. They are also the alleluia verse before the Gospel at Mass. They have been prayed since the 4th Century. They are our ancient prayer of preparation for Christmas.

Each of us is an innkeeper
who decides
if there is room
for Jesus!

Neal A Maxwell

A Prayer for Families

We pray for our families, big and small,
For all our children, small and tall.
It is our family that gives us strength
And time together is time well spent.
As we sit and listen to our grandparent's sharing, we thank God above for their part in our caring.
Father, son, sister and brother, Nephew, niece, uncle and mother.
Each member of the family has a part to play,
And is loved by God in a special way.
We pray for families this Christmas time,
That love and peace, they all may find.

AMEN



Did You Know?

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. The carol was written as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The **partridge in the pear tree** also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

The **two turtle doves** were the Old and New Testaments, **The three French hens** stood for faith, hope, and love. **The four calling birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The **five golden rings** represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe creation and the great love of God in sending a Saviour. The **six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation. **Seven swans a-swimming** represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The **eight maids a-milking** were the eight Beatitudes. **Nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency. The **ten lords a-leaping** were the Ten Commandments. The **eleven pipers piping** stood for the eleven faithful Apostles. **The twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed. So, how many presents are there altogether in the song 12 Days of Christmas?

Partridges: $1 \times 12 = 12$, Doves: $2 \times 11 = 22$, Hens $3 \times 10 = 30$
 Calling birds: $4 \times 9 = 36$, Golden rings: $5 \times 8 = 40$, Geese: $6 \times 7 = 42$
 Swans: $7 \times 6 = 42$, Maids: $8 \times 5 = 40$, Ladies: $9 \times 4 = 36$
 Lords: $10 \times 3 = 30$, Pipers: $11 \times 2 = 22$, Drummers: $12 \times 1 = 12$
Total = 364



MERRY CHRISTMAS

H	V	I	S	H	M	Y	I	D	S	S	B	U	Z	P
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he thought,
doesn't come
FROM A STORE.
Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,
perhaps, means
A LITTLE BIT MORE.
- The Grinch -

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Pick-a-Card Prayer Time

A favourite Christmas traditions is to put all the Christmas cards we receive into a basket on the dining-room table after you've read them. After Christmas, when life is less rushed, pull one card each day and take the time to truly cherish it and the message from its sender. Then we say a prayer of thanks for the person or family who sent the card. It is a way to truly cherish the gift of being remembered.

yummy gingerbread men

★ 350g flour ★

1tsp ground cinnamon

★ 1 EGG ★

4TBSP GOLDEN SYRUP

130g Butter

1tsp bicarbonate of soda

175g light soft brown sugar

1/2tsp ground ginger

Mix flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger, cinnamon & butter. Then add sugar, egg & syrup. Cool for 15mins, roll, cut and bake - 180 degrees for 8-10 mins



New Year's Resolutions

2020

HAVE hope
TRY new things
BE active
SEE the good
SAY "I Love You," more
CHALLENGE yourself
CHOOSE to be happy
EAT better
ENJOY today
FORGIVE more readily
READ more often
BECOME your best you

pray
Resolve to do one thing each day that will lead you to know your loving God who is with you always!



Wishing you and yours every blessing for the season & a very happy Christmas from...

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Christmas
Afternoon Tea

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