



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent and Christmas in Templebreedy** Full list on the weekly email

*Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Monday 22 December* at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven—5.00 p.m.

*CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday 24 December*—11.30 p.m. First Eucharist of Christmas - Holy Trinity, Crosshaven

*CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday 25 December* 10.00 a.m. Eucharist and Carols Nohoval Church & 11.30 a.m. Eucharist and Carols Holy Trinity, Crosshaven

*The Holy Innocents Sunday 28th December 2025* 08.30a.m. Holy Trinity Holy Communion, Service of Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Nohoval & 11.30 a.m. Holy Trinity

*The Epiphany Sunday 4th January* Eucharist in Nohoval 10.00am and Holy Trinity, Crosshaven 11.30am

*St Brigid Sunday 1st February* Group service in Holy Trinity, Crosshaven at 11.00am

**Diocesan Magazine** Subscription's are now due for the Diocesan Magazine for 2026. Payment of €35, if you would like a copy please give your envelope to a churchwarden— Della in Holy Trinity and Jackie in Nohoval or directly to the Parish Office.

**CDYC** 17th Jan, Baltimore Church, a cinema night at 7pm. If you know of anyone who would like to book a place, email Hilda Connolly dyo@corkchurchofireland.com. Rescheduled 5-a-side soccer tournament at 6pm on the 27th Feb in Bandon Grammar. Cost: €5 Age: Secondary School

**Certificate course for Christian Studies** (2026/27) will begin in January. Details to follow

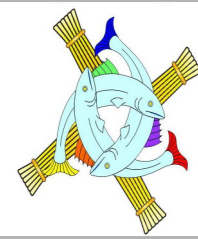
**Seamans Christian Friend Society** If you would like to contribute items, the following gives an idea of what goes into the bags ~ Soap, shower gel (ideally 250ml bottles as these fit perfectly in the large zip lock bags), heavy socks, warm hats, razors, snack bars, writing pads, toothbrushes etc.,



*If you would like something to be announced on this sheet,  
please contact the Parish Office before 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, thank you.*

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**Sunday 21st December 2025**  
**Welcome to Holy Trinity Church**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8.30a.m. Service of Holy Communion

11.30a.m. Service of Holy Communion

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



For our services you may need:

- this announcement / readings sheet
- a copy of the *Book of Common Prayer* (except when a service sheet is provided by the Wardens)
- a copy of the *Church Hymnal*

There are activity sheets at the back of the church for our younger worshippers. These include a take home sheet for completion during the week.

If you would like someone prayed for during the service today please put their name on the Prayer Sheet in the aisle.

Large Print Copies of all texts used in the service are available. Please ask a Churchwarden.

If you are visiting us, or are with us for the first time, we would be delighted to meet you after church today and if you would like a pastoral visit please complete your name and contact details and give this sheet to one of the Churchwardens on your way out.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Next Sunday: 28th December 2025 – The Holy Innocents**

08.30 a.m.	Holy Trinity	-	Service of Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	Nohoval	-	Service of Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m.	Holy Trinity	-	Service of Morning Prayer

**Pastoral matters should be directed to the Rector**

**Rev. James Power - 021 4831236 or 085 2514242**

**Churchwardens: Della MacSweeney & David Chambers**

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## **COLLECT**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God,  
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 7: 10-16**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman\* is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## **PSALM**

**80: 1-8, 18-20**

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 1: 1-7**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 1: 18-25**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.