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| *VALENTIA PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th Dec 2024*  *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT* | | |
| **Masses and Intentions**  **Sun 8th 11 30**  Kevin Curran  (Chapeltown)  **-------Knightstown**  **Tue 10th 9 30**  John & Catherine  Burns & deceased family  (Coromore)  **------- Knightstown**  **Fri 13th 6 pm** Catherine Burns  (Coromore)  **-------- Chapeltown**  **Sun 15th 11 30**  David (Dá)  Annie & David John Lynch  (Coromore West)  **-------Chapeltown**  ***Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday evening from 5 30 pm – 6pm followed by Mass at 6pm.*** | Remembering our DeadRecent Deaths Kathleen Mangan (nèe O’Sullivan Marcus), Dromid.  Eileen O’Neill (nèe Dennis), Blackrock & Valentia.  Fr Seamus MacGinneá, Ballyferriter.  **Anniversaries**  Kevin Curran, John & Catherine Burns & deceased family, Catherine Burns.  **Priests of the Iveragh Pastoral Area**  **Fr Larry Kelly 087 2324171**  **Fr Seán Jones 0872032455**  **Fr Patsy Lynch 087 0564348** | ***Parish Notices***.  **Offertory Collection:** amounted to **€565:**  **Diocesan Collection** €213. Thanks to all.  **Counters:** **Sun 8th:** Anita Guiney & Donal Donoghue: **Sun 15th:** Seamus Lynch & Muiris Donoghue.  **Live Streaming** available on ***church ervices.tv/valentiaknightstown/chapeltown.***  **Parish Office:** 10am-2pm Monday-Friday: 066 9472210.  **Safeguarding Children. Contact No:** 087 6362780: **Reader: Sun 8th:** Denise & Tony Curran.  **The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday**, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter’s Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. We will celebrate “Bambinelli Sunday” at all Masses on December 14th/15th, Gaudete Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that weekend to be blessed. A suggestion: Following the blessing, take your “bambinelli” home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas morning. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.  ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception!***  *This feast keeps the vocation of holiness before us.*  *For a Christian, there is no holiness without love.*  *Here Mary shows us the way.*  *From the few glimpses we get of her in the Gospels,*  *It is clear that she was a loving and compassionate person.*  *Lord, grant that inspired by Mary’s example,*  *And helped by her prayers,*  *We may walk faithfully in the way of love,*  *And that everyone will recognise us as your disciples.*  ***Final Blessing!***  *May the example of Mary inspire you to serve the Lord*  *in holiness and uprightness all the days of your life.*  *May her prayers protect you from evil and bring you to the joy of heaven.*  *May you know the Lord’s goodness as Mary did,*  *And sing his praises for ever.* ***Amen.*** |

**IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST AND WITH ONE ANOTHER**