

# Christmas in Dublin!

*"When they saw the star' they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother and they fell down and worshipped Him" Matthew 2:10-11*

In these past few weeks, we have been reminded of these words **"worshipped Him"**. The importance of just being in His presence and worshipping Him. The challenge is that everything we do should be a response of worship to the Lord and to have a lifestyle of devotion and worship that is integrated into every part of our lives. Our service for Him should come from a place of worship and awe. So others will be encouraged to worship Him too. Every choice we make, every action, every response should be in an attitude of worship to the Lord. We can only do that when we are filled with His Spirit.

May we all at this Christmas time, take time to worship the Lord and spend time in His presence. To do as the wise men did. That as we move into 2026; everything we do will be in the attitude of worship. We are thankful for all that the Lord has done in 2025. We pray that God will do greater things in 2026! He is able!



## Christmas Teens Camp!

The Christmas Teens camp was from the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November in the FM Centre in Durrow, Co Laois. We praise God for the 70 teens who came, all aged between 12-15 years old. The teaching was based on characters in the Christmas story. The obedience of Mary and Joseph, the witness of the Shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the presence of Christ in it all.

We are thankful for all the leaders! Do please pray for these young people. Many come to **Youth at the Bridge** on alternative Saturday nights. There are between 60-80 young people attending. We praise God for what He is doing and we pray for much fruit in these young lives.

The next camp (**Youth Camp**) is from the 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> **January** for those aged 16 and older. This is also held at the FM Centre in Durrow. Pray for James Martin as he would come and teach at this camp.

The **Rooted Bible study group** has been encouraging too with up to 10 young people attending. We are studying the book of Romans together. These are mostly camp leaders.

We are so thankful to God for opportunities to serve alongside local churches during midterm break. We did the children's programme at our own church camp weekend in October. We also served alongside Hope Church in Naas for a midterm camp. Over 40 children attended. It was so encouraging.

We also organised the children's programmes at the National Praise Day on the 31st October. It was held in 2 locations in Dublin this year for the first time. Over 70 children attended both venues as families gathered to worship and pray against the darkness.

We have also had opportunities to share about the ministry here in Dublin. We are thankful for each of you who pray and support the ministry here.

We are praying for you. We trust that you have a blessed Christmas and a Spirit-filled 2026.

*Stephen, Tanya, Caleb, Faith & Matthew!*



## Good News Clubs!

It's been a busy season in the GNC ministry. For all of the clubs we needed more leaders and thankfully God has provided. **The Jobstown club** has been challenging this term. Over the past 2 years, there have been lots of challenges in relation to behaviour. This term we decided that some of the children couldn't attend club. That was a really difficult decision to make but we believe it was the right one, so that all of the children could enjoy club. Do pray for the children and their families as some come from difficult home backgrounds.

**The Balgaddy club** has been going well. Some older children have moved on but some new younger children have joined. We have between 30-40 children attending each week. **The Esker Club** also has been going well with around 40-50 children each week, sometimes more. Again younger children have joined this year. Do pray for all the children that attend, that they would know Jesus as their Saviour.

The **Athy club** started again in November. Numbers are small at present. Do pray for Juliet as she connects with families again after the year away, and builds up the ministry again. Pray that she will have committed leaders. The **Portlaoise club** is on hold due to Shalomi's health. Please pray for the **Kids Camp Weekend** planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March for those children aged 8-11. It is held in the FM Centre in Durrow. Please pray that many children will book in!



## Training!

This has been a busy season of training. We have been involved in teaching at the 3 training courses. The **Preschool teacher's course**, the **JYC leader's course** and the **TCE 1 course**.

It's been so encouraging to see how much people do learn from the courses and how they feel more equipped for ministry. Do pray for each student who attended these courses, that God will really use them in amazing ways where He has placed them. Pray for the JYC course students as they finish on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and for the TCE 1 students as they finish on the 4<sup>th</sup> December by doing their Bible lesson practicals.

The next **TCE 1 course** will start in January on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All 3 modules will be offered over 12 weeks on a Thursday evening. If you are interested in this, please get in touch.

Please pray as we teach at the **Reach and Teach** night in Donegal on the 9<sup>th</sup> January in Newtowncunningham Presbyterian Church. This is organised by the Donegal committee. Pray that many would come and be blessed!

## Prayer Points...

- Please pray for the 5000 calendars that will be distributed and the gospel booklets too!
- For Tanya as she speaks at Grace Baptist's ladies Christmas dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec as we do the Children's Christmas programme at Lighthouse CFC.
- For a Christmas Party club in Dunshaughlin, Co Meath on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5pm. For other Christmas clubs planned in counties Dublin, Kildare and Offaly.
- For the YATB Christmas party on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
- For a Christmas family programme we are doing at King's Church, Dundalk, Co Louth on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- For a Christmas Party club in Sandyford hosted by the Living Word Church on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.
- For the churches using the Christmas pack to share the gospel.
- For the Christmas parties at the GNCs and new children that will be invited!
- For a week of deputation meetings in Co Armagh from the 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- As we plan for St Patrick's outreach in March.

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