

Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue Upper, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Celebrating 100 years – 1914 to 2014

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Newsletter 14th December 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Is 61:1-2, 10-11

Psalm Ps 146:1-5, 53-58, R/ Is 61:10

2nd Reading 1 Th 5:16-24

Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass times

Daily Mass Monday to Friday at 10.00am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.15pm

Sunday 10.00 (Irish) and 11.30am (Family Mass)

Masses on Holy Days :Vigil Mass of the Holy Day at 7.30pm with Masses on the day at 10.00am and 7.30pm

Confessions before and after Saturday Mass.

Baptisms

The parish baptisms are held on the first Saturday and last Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Prior booking with the Parish Administrator is essential. A copy of the child's civil birth certificate must be provided at the time the booking is made. Please note also that godparents must be at least 16 years of age and must be confirmed.

Wedding bookings strictly by appointment with the Parish Administrator.

Child Protection Representative contactable via childprotection@beechwoodparish.com or through the Parish Office.

Notice to parents/guardians

Children are welcome to use the bathroom in the sacristy during Mass. We request that they be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Automated Door At Albany Road Entrance

The automated door at Albany Road works using sensors. We would ask that parishioners do not try to pull the inner door open – it will open automatically. Pulling it open causes disruption to the mechanism and may cause it to malfunction.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 14th 10.00am William Orr (A)

11.30am

Monday 15th 10.00am Lewis Leary (3rd A)

Tuesday 16th 10.00am Paulette Sweeney (1st A)

Wednesday 17th 10.00am Maire Ui Shithigh (RD)

Thursday 18th 10.00am

Friday 19th 10.00am Kathleen Collins (A)

Saturday 20th 10.00am

6.15pm Gearoid de Burca (A)

We pray for Rafel Lussa I Torra, Dean of Faculty of Arts at Girona University, who died recently .May he rest in peace and may his brother Albert be consoled by our prayers.

Collections for last weekend including Holy Day

First collection € 990

Second collection € 741

Shrines/books/family offerings € 384

The annual appeal for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses this weekend. We appeal as always for your most generous support for the Society. They help thousands of people each year, including some who live in our own neighbourhood. They need your support to enable them to continue their most important work.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting in Parish Office on Monday 15th December 2014 from 6.45pm to 7.45pm. All are welcome.

Oiche Nollag : Aifreann na Gine.
Seipeal na hOllscoile, Belfield 9.00
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Parish Office (church grounds) opening hours Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 1pm

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Sr. Teresa McAllister Parish Sister c/o Parish Office, Tel 01 (4967449)

Visit of President Higgins next Sunday

President Higgins will arrive at the church at 9.50am on Sunday 21st. He will be greeted by Fr. Kennedy, Parish Administrator, and will be introduced to Fr. Patrick Mangan who will be his Chaplain for the duration of his visit with us. He will be invited to plant a tree on the front lawn and local children will provide a guard of honour for him.

He will then enter the church and will be escorted to the front left pew where he will be joined by Fr Mangan and the Presidential Aide de Camp. The remainder of the presidential party will be seated in the pews immediately behind. Mass will be concelebrated with the main celebrant being an aAthair Micheal McGreil s.j. who is a long standing friend of President Higgins. A great amount of time and energy has gone into preparing the liturgy and music for this Mass and we thank all who have been involved for their support and expertise.

At the end of Mass the procession will go to the front door of the church. President Higgins will be greeted by Mr John Stanton, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Centre who will escort him to the Parish centre where refreshments will be served and a presentation will be made.

We have been asked by Aras an Uachtarain to remind parishioners that the President will not sign autographs (even for children) and that they request that people do not take 'selfies' with camera phones!

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a wonderful occasion in the life of our parish in its 100th year.

Our Centenary Hymn

In September Madelene Grant-Nelson composed a Centenary hymn entitled "We Love our Church" with inspirational words from members of The Beechwood Childrens/Youth Choir. This hymn will be performed for the first time by the choir at the 11.30am Family Mass on Christmas Day. Printed copies of the hymn will be made available at the back of the church so that parishioners may join in!.

The choir will also sing "The Beechwood Carol" which is another of Madelene's compositions.

Inter Religious Dialogue

Cardinal Jean Louis Tauran, President of the Pontifical council for Interreligious Dialogue attended the Third Catholic Muslim Summit, December 2nd to 4th. He was joined by His Royal Highness Hassan bin Talal of JORDAN, Episcopalian Bishop John Bryson, Ayatollah Sayyed, Director of Islamic studies at Iran's Academy of Sciences. The Theme was '*Believers in society*'.

Beechwood Avenue Parish Pastoral Community Center AGM was held last Tuesday at 8pm in the Center.

Four community members, Mary McCormack, Bernard Ryan, Philip Daly & Sheila Flanagan were elected to the committee. They will join Fr. Bernard Kennedy ADM, Fr. Joseph Doran and four Parish Pastoral Council members, Anita Fitzgibbon, John Stanton, Louis Eves and Pat O'Connor.