

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

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Newsletter 7th December 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8

2nd Reading Pt: 3:8-14

Gospel Mk 1:1-8

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist 7th December

6.15 pm F. Murphy

10.00am J. Foyle

11.30am C. Carew, L. Eves, G. Marry

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

S. Clarke, M. Stokes

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 7th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am Noreen Mulvihill

Monday 8th 10.00am Bernadette Grimes (RD)

Tuesday 9th 10.00am

Wednesday 10th 10.00am

Thursday 11th 10.00am

Friday 12th 10.00am Paddy Wallace (2nd A)

Saturday 13th 10.00am

6.15pm Ina McLaughlin (A)

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 779

Second collection € 649

Shrines/books/family offerings € 422

This Sunday 7th December Masses are at 10.00am, 11.30am & 7.30pm for Vigil of Immaculate Conception. Monday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses on Monday will be at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Centenary Advent Service

There will be a very special Advent Service on this Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm. A festival of readings, music and light will mark the beginning of our Christmas season here in Beechwood. All are most welcome to attend.

Parish Centre AGM

The Parish Centre AGM will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 8.15pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Ranelagh Singers Carol Concert

The annual Ranelagh Singers Carol Concert takes place here in the church on Monday 15th December at 8pm. It is always a wonderful occasion and we would encourage you all to come and enjoy the evening. There will be a collection during the concert in aid of Alice Leahy's Trust charity. Trust provides support for those who are homeless and have nowhere to turn to. Homelessness is very much in the news at the moment and we remember Jonathan Corrie who died in Dublin city centre earlier this week and we pray for the repose of his soul.

Crosscare Food Bank Appeal 2014

The Crosscare Food Bank appeal starts this weekend. We are asking you to bring non-perishable food items to the church over the next few days. You may leave them in the wicker hamper at St Joseph's Altar. We will arrange for Crosscare to collect them during the week.

Annual St Vincent de Paul Collection

The Society of St Vincent de Paul are appealing for your support for their annual collection which will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 13th/14th December. This year they have provided assistance to a greater number of people than ever before and the demands on their resources continue to grow.

The Beechwood Meals on Wheels Committee wish to thank all those who supported their recent Sale of Work to raise funds for their service. They are delighted to announce that they raised over €5,000 for which they are very grateful.

We offer our best wishes to Kate O'Connor (Merton Road) and Fionan Moriarty who were married here last Saturday. We congratulate them both and wish them a long and happy life together!

The Christmas mailing is being delivered to all homes in the parish at present. The details of the Christmas Liturgies are included. You can also find this information on our parish website www.beechwoodparish.com. We would like to thank all of those who helped to deliver them.

Bell tower repair works

We have appointed a contractor who will shortly begin works to repair the damage to the bell tower caused by dry rot. This work will not impact on the opening hours or normal daily business in the church. We will, however, switch off the bell for the duration of the works.

The church was deep cleaned last week and we hope you agree that it was a job well done. We have also cleared out the basement, choir balcony and mortuary chapel areas. The grounds will be tidied up in the next week or so in preparation for the visit of President Higgins on 21st December.