

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

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Newsletter: Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages

Is 11:1-10

Rm 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist 7th/8th

December

6.15 pm F. Murphy

10.00am M. Keane

11.30am Anne Dollard, Colman Boylan,

David K'Eogh

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

Nora Palmer

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 625

Second collection € 441

Shrines/books/family offerings € 455

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 8th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am May Blake-Murphy (A)

Monday 9th 10.00am Grace Mhic Giolla Bhrí (RD)

Tuesday 10th 10.00am Thomas O'Rourke Clancy (A)

Wednesday 11th 10.00am Dermot Cassidy (RD)

Thursday 12th 10.00am

Friday 13th 10.00am Jo O'Neill (A)

Saturday 14th 6.15pm pro populo

St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The annual collection for the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul takes place at all Masses this weekend. We appeal for your generosity yet again for this most important collection. There are people in need of help in our own parish and the Society of St Vincent de Paul have more demands on their time and resources than ever before. This collection is their single biggest source of support during the year and your help is most appreciated.

Guadete Sunday 15th December

Also known as Bambino Sunday. We would encourage everyone in the parish – young and old – to bring the Christ child from the family Christmas crib to either the 10.00am Irish Mass or the 11.30am Family Mass next Sunday. The figures will be blessed during the Mass.

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Crosscare Food Bank Appeal

There is a large hamper at St Joseph's Altar (near the sacristy door) and items may be left there. If you wish to bring goods directly to Crosscare they are located at 35 Portland Row (Dunne St), Dublin 1. The appeal continues for the rest of Advent.

Important survey for the Synod on the Family. Deadline 15 December 2013

In line with Pope Francis' intention for church reform the Vatican has prepared a global communication survey to help them prepare for an Extraordinary General Assembly, Synod of Bishops, in October 2014. The name of the survey and the focus of the Synod is 'Pastoral Challenges to the family in the context of 'Pastoral Evangelization''.

We would encourage you to complete the survey which takes approximately 30 minutes. You can complete the survey on line at

www.surveymoneky.com/s/ACP-Synod-Survey

We have left copies of the survey at the back of the church. You can drop them to the parish office or to the sacristy when completed.

"Do this in Memory of Me" Mass

We welcome all the children preparing for First Holy Communion to the special Masses next Sunday. Children from Scoil Bhríde and Lios na nOg are invited to the 10.00am Irish Mass and children from Sandford Parish National School are invited to the 11.30am Mass. We would encourage families to come to Mass every Sunday.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place here in Beechwood on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.15am to 1.00pm.

There is a Family Hour on Thursdays from 11am to 12noon. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus we invite you to join with Mary and Joseph to watch and pray for a peaceful and happy Christmas for all our families through this hour.

Adoration also takes place Saturdays from 5pm to 6pm. We are dedicating this hour in prayer for all priests that they may be anointed by the Holy Spirit in their own journey through Advent.

This time is an opportunity even for ten minutes to be refreshed and restored in the still and quiet of the company of our precious friend Jesus.

Christmas Mailing

We will be delivering the Christmas envelope to all homes in the parish over the next week. We need more volunteers to help with distribution. If you can help please contact the parish office.

This Advent we are offering you the opportunity to buy the Magnificat Advent Companion at €3.50. It contains daily readings for Advent, prayers and reflections and is an excellent preparation for Christmas.

Church Unity Octave 2014

Church Unity Octave takes place each year between 18th and 25th January. This year it is the turn of our parish to host the annual ecumenical service. This will take place here in Beechwood on Sunday 19th January 2014. All are welcome to attend.