



# Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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## Parish Pastoral Council

**Chair:** Mrs Anne Dollard

## Parish Finance Committee

**Chair :** Mr Pat O'Connor

**We welcome items for publishing in the weekly newsletter. If you wish to submit an item please send it to us by 10.00am on Tuesday for publication on the following Sunday. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let us know.**

## THE DEEP END

### Light and Darkness

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John's voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means 'rejoice'; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be a good opportunity to ask today, 'who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey'? Who testified to the Light of God and passed the torch on to you? We thank God for them.

Lord, there is much darkness in society and in our church. We become cynical and settle for mediocrity. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light, teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend, they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome.

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**Mass Times**

Monday to Saturday 10.00am

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.15pm

Sunday 10.00am (Irish)

Sunday 11.30am (Family Mass)

**Holy Days**

Vigil Mass of the Holy Day 7.30pm with Mass on the day at 10.00am.

**Confessions** before and after Saturday Masses

**Baptisms**

The Parish baptisms are held on the first Saturday and last Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

If you would like to arrange baptism for your child please contact the parish office on (01) 4967449.

**Wedding** bookings are strictly by appointment with the Parish Priest.

**Child Protection Representatives may be** contacted at [childprotection@beechwoodparish.com](mailto:childprotection@beechwoodparish.com) or through the Parish Office.

**Mass Intentions for coming week**

**Saturday 16th**

10.00am Mary McMahon (12th A)

6.15pm Una Callaghan (1st A) also remembering Brendan Callaghan

**Sunday 17th**

1000am William Orr (A)

11.30am Joe O'Neill (A)

**Monday 18th**

10.00am

**Tuesday 19th**

10.00am

**Wednesday 20th**

10.00am

**Thursday 21st**

10.00am

**Friday 22nd**

10.00am Margaret Dowling (A)

**Saturday 23rd**

10.00am

6.15pm Gearóid de Búrca (18th A)

We pray for all our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace.

We also remember all our ill and housebound parishioners and all those who care for them

**First Friday Visits**

Communion is brought to our ill or housebound parishioners on the First Friday of every month. If you, or someone you know, would like a First Friday visit, please let us know.

**Ministers of the Eucharist 17th December**

6.15pm Nora Palmer

10.00am M Keane

11.30am Anne Dollard/Colman Boylan/Rita Lovett  
Gascoigne Home Mary McCormack

**Recent Collections**

**3rd December**

1st Collection €535

2nd Collection € 485

Shrines € Books € 12

Family Offerings € 243

*Thank you for your support*

*The 1st collection is remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese and is used for the support of the priests who are in active ministry in the Diocese and also for those who are ill or retired.*

*The Share collection is also remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese and is used to support parishes who are in need of financial assistance.*

*Christmas and Easter Dues are also remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese.*



Our Annual Advent Service took place last Sunday. It was a memorable occasion with beautiful choral music and reflective readings. Many hours of rehearsal and organisation were required to enable this event to take place and we are very grateful to Albert, the Choir and the Liturgy Team for all their good work.

### On Line Advent Calendar

As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar, which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. This year's Advent Calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 – 26 August. Each day during Advent you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish. During Advent, families are invited to take special time together to pray, to talk, and to be together. Family members are encouraged to undertake a daily act of kindness or charity – as suggested by the calendar – and by so doing reaching out to help those around us. <http://www.dublindiocese.ie/advent-services/>



Our food hamper in aid of Crosscare was delivered to the Outreach Centre in Finglas last Monday by a generous parishioner. Parcels will be delivered to needy families in the diocese before Christmas. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

News reaches us of a number of parishioners who are ill at the moment. We offer them our support and prayers at this time

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who helped with the distribution of our Christmas Mailing last week.



We were greatly encouraged by the offer of assistance from thirty volunteers and demonstrates the health and vitality of our Parish. It gives great hope to us all going forward.

Thank you again.

### Collection for Habitat

Habitat for Humanity Ireland is a non-profit, development organisation which seeks to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Students from Gonzaga College will be holding a collection after all masses this weekend.

Please be as generous as you can.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are very grateful for your generosity to their collection last weekend. The amount raised was €12,565,



Ranelagh Singers, under the direction of Rosemary O'Brien and special guests, Sandford Parish National School Choir, eased us gently into the Season with a beautiful selection of Christmas Carols and Festive Music. The Trust are very grateful for your generosity to the collection on the night.

We offer our sympathy to:

Lonan, John and Mark McDowell on the death of their Mother, Nora

Maura, Aoife, Roberta and Jessica McMahon on the death of their husband / father Ross

May they Rest in Peace