



Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6
Parish Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Mrs Anne Dollard

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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.

SEEING YOUR LIFE

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 1:26-38

1. We are all favoured ones and God is with us. Sometimes we are more aware of this than others. How have you experienced being a favoured person, one blessed by God? How have you experienced God's presence? Who has been Gabriel to you – a messenger of good news?
2. 'Do not be afraid.' Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?
3. Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord.' What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?
4. Mary's response serves as a model for us – she is one who says 'yes' to what life offers. What is it like for you to say 'yes' to life? Perhaps at this moment in your life you are being invited to say 'Here I am, Lord'?

John Byrne osa

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 Masses 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

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 see our website for more detailed information.

Wedding bookings are strictly by appointment with the Parish Administrator.

Child Protection Representatives may be contacted at childprotection@beechwoodparish.com or through the Parish Office.

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**24th December**

6.15pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) Nora Palmer

10.00am Mary Keane

11.30am Anne Dollard, Colman Boylan, Rita Lovett

6.15pm Nora Palmer, Donal McCarthy

9.00pm Catherine Carew, Anne Dollard, Yvonne Cooney

Gascoigne Home Catherine Carew

25th December

10.00am Joe Foyle, Matt McHugh

11.30am Rita Lovett, Colman Boylan, Anne Dollard,
Frances Murphy, Mary McCormack

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

10.00am

11.30am

6.15pm

9.00pm

Monday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am

11.30am

Tuesday 26th St Stephen's Day

10.00am

Wednesday 27th

10.00am

Thursday 28th

10.00am

Friday 29th

10.00am

Saturday 30th

10.00am

6.15pm William & Kathleen O'Hagan (A)

Sunday 31st

10.00am Sarah Bower (A)

11.30am

Recent Collections**8th December**

1st Collection € 97

2nd Collection € 71

10th December

1st Collection €714

Shrines, books, family offering € 173

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.

We thank all who have returned Christmas Dues. All Christmas dues are remitted to the Diocese and are used in support of the priests of the Diocese.

A Christmas Reflection

Peace and Goodwill to All

Once again we celebrate the season of peace and goodwill. 'What is peace?' what is this precious gift that Jesus brings?

Peace is not just the absence of war, violence and conflict.. It is a deep and profound sense of contentment within ourselves, knowing that we are loved by God, and known to Him by name.

The Christ Child is evidence of the faithful love God has for humankind and for every human being

The peace of Christ brings with it an understanding of who and what we are. That inner peace enables us to face life, to cope with the difficulties and contradictions life throws at us from time to time.

Goodwill on the other hand is an attitude towards others; a positive attitude, which wishes only what is good and beneficial for our fellow human being.

It is about trust, justice, honesty, respect, willingness to put others first.

Peace and goodwill are great aspirations but not easily attained. They are essentially about reaching out to others; they are vital and indispensable because they are at the very core of what makes humanity and every individual human being, potentially beautiful, wonderful and amazing.

We are all too aware of the consequences of the absence of peace and goodwill in our relations with others.

Peace and goodwill are what we all want and badly need in our world today. They are the richest and best of the gifts Jesus brings to us.

Remember this, that very little is needed to make a happy life. Faith – family – Friends, the very things we celebrate and enjoy so much at Christmas.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Fr. Paddy

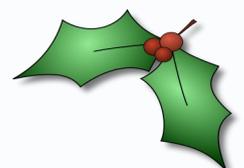


We ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Tony Farmer whose funeral took place here this week. May he rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Parish Office Christmas Closing

The Parish Office will be closed this week. We will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

There will be no newsletter next Sunday 31st December. Our first newsletter of 2018 will be available on Sunday 7th January!