



Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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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.

Thought for the Day

We are surrounded these days by the commercial 'circus' of Christmas shopping and 'getting ready'. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: 'Where do I see God being born around me today?' In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart?

Have a more 'aware' Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, be aware of your thoughts. By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us. Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be.

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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 or through the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for coming week

Saturday 2nd

10.00am Special Intention

6.15pm Fr John Leahy (RD)

Sunday 3rd

1000am Deceased Members of the Marry Family

11.30am

Monday 4th

10.00am

Tuesday 5th

10.00am

Wednesday 6th

10.00am Thomas Stokes (38th A)

Thursday 7th

10.00am

7.30pm

Friday 8th

10.00am Edward Boyle (A)

Saturday 9th

10.00am

6.15pm John Corbett (RD)

Sunday 10th

10.00am

11.30am Thomas O'Rourke Clancy

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

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 3rd December

6.15pm Joe McFadden

10.00am P Knight / Matt McHugh

11.30am David K'Eogh / Mary Burke

Gascoigne Home Nora Palmer

Recent Collections

1st Collection € 1,086

2nd Collection € 748

Shrines € 164, Books € 19

Family Offerings € 238

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.



Advent Service

Sunday 10th December

Please join us for a Liturgical Service of Choral Music and Reflective Readings on the Advent Season next Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm.

All are most welcome.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection last weekend in aid of the Holy Rosary School in Crumlin. The amount raised was € 1,750 for which they are very grateful.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times for this Holy Day are as follows:

Thursday 7th December — 7.30pm

Friday 8th December — 10.00am

In honour of the Feast, the Parish Office will be closed on that day.

Annual Christmas Concert

The Ranelagh Singers under the direction of Rosemary O'Brien present O Magnum Mysterium, a festival of Christmas Carols with special guests Sandford Parish National School Choir on Monday 11th December at 8.00pm.

A collection will take place in aid of the Alice Leahy Trust.

Do come and bring a friend.



Christmas Mailing

Could you spare an hour or two to help with the distribution of our Christmas Mailing? If so, please leave your name with Mary or Rosina in the Parish Office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal



Archbishop Martin is seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal to support the Crosscare Foodbanks.

Suggested items for donation are soups, tinned meats, seasonal biscuits, cleaning products, shampoo & hygiene products.

All donations can be left in the basket which is located at St. Joseph's Altar and will be delivered to Crosscare on Friday 8th December.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair

The Gonzaga College Christmas Fair will take place next Sunday 10th December from 12.00—4.00pm. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Items for sale include Christmas Trees, books, gifts and lots more.

All are welcome.



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will hold their Annual Christmas Appeal at all masses next weekend 9th/10th December.

This Christmas over 140,000 in communities across the country will ask SVP for help with food, fuel and basic clothing.

They cannot say 'Yes' without your help. Please be as generous as you can.

Mass Cards Now Available

The gift of a Mass has long been a way for Catholics to express support, sympathy and care for relatives and friends, living or deceased.

Various cards to suit the occasion, including Christmas, are available from the Parish Office.