



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

Reflection: "Mark opens his gospel by describing it as 'the good news about Jesus Christ'. Think of the different ways in which the Gospel stories have been good news for you".
John Byrne OSA - Intercom

I líontaibh Dé go gcastar sinn

Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Mk 1: 1-8 10th December

This Sunday's Gospel passage introduces the person and work of John the Baptist. He reveals to his contemporaries an itinerary of faith similar to the one that Advent proposes to us: that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas. This itinerary of faith is an itinerary of conversion. Receiving baptism was an outward and visible sign of the conversion of those who had listened to his preaching and decided to repent. That baptism occurred with immersion in the Jordan, in water, but it proved worthless; it was only a sign and it was worthless if there was no willingness to repent and change one's life.

Conversion involves sorrow for sins committed, the desire to be free from them, the intention to exclude them from one's own life forever. To exclude sin it is also necessary to reject everything that is connected to sin and that need to be rejected - a worldly mentality, excessive esteem for comforts, excessive esteem for pleasure, for well-being, for wealth. This is the first aspect of conversion: detachment from sin and worldliness: Commencing a journey of detachment from these things.

The other aspect of conversion is the aim of the journey, that is, the search for God and his kingdom. Detachment from worldly things and seeking God and his kingdom. At times the yearning we feel towards the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is silent; his promise of consolation seems far away and unreal to us, like the image of the caring and attentive shepherd, which resounds today in the reading from Isaiah. And so one is tempted to say that it is impossible to truly convert. How often have we heard this discouragement! 'No, I can't do it. I barely start and then I turn back'. When you have this discouraging thought, do not remain there, because this is quicksand. What can we do in these cases, when one would like to go but feels he or she cannot do it? Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.

Pope Francis - Advent -Intercom

Seisiún Carúil Nollag

In Eaglais Nmh Peadar agus Pól,
Dé Satharn, 16 Nollag ag 3.00pm
Bailiúchán ar son
St. Michael's House Special School Baldoyle
Carols & Singalong - All Welcome

Christmas Retreat 2023 -

St. John the Evangelist Church,
Kilbarrack Foxfield Parish

Saturday 16th December 10am to 3pm

Find some peace and tranquillity away from the hectic pre-Christmas activity.

Day will involve:

Introduction and short talk. Silent Time before the Blessed Sacrament. Sharing God's Word Together.

Lunch (bring a small, packed lunch).

Tea/Coffee will be provided.

Confession, Mass

Voluntary Donation

Tuesday Tea, in Parish Hall

We welcome all to join us for a Cuppa every Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall from 10.30am

We will have tea and mince pies on Tuesday 12th of December. Our Christmas break will be from the 12th December and return on the 9th January 2024.

Happy Christmas to all, from the Tea Ladies.

THE CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE

WILL BE CLOSED

THIS TUESDAY, THE 12th DECEMBER

FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/TREE CUTTING

St. Mary's Secondary School

St. Mary's School Transition Year Mini Companies will hold their annual Christmas Fair on Wed. 13 December in the School Hall. open from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.. An ideal time to drop in and get some great Christmas gifts.

There will be free tea and coffee for Senior Citizens.

Former students, drop in! We would love to see you.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 3rd December

Jackpot €700

Numbers Drawn: 8 ,15 ,19

No Winner:

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Sunday 10th December

JACKPOT

€800

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support

ANNUAL DIOCESCAN CHURCH
COLLECTION FOR THE SOCIETY OF

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

THIS WEEKEND 9-10th DECEMBER

This collection will replace the SHARE collection.
It is vital for the assistance of those in need
throughout the Diocese during 2024.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.
THANK YOU.**

Comhghairdeas

Two of the wonderful musicians who are part of our
Aifreann Gaeilge every Sunday,
in St. Peter & Paul church at 10am.

Lughaidh agus **Eilish** recently graduated in:
**Higher Diploma in Irish Traditional Music
Performance.**

The Lounge Lizards will perform in Baldoyle
Library on Saturday December 16th, 3pm –
4.30pm. Sing a song, play a tune or just come to
listen!

All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions for week commencing:
10th December**

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (A) Judy Griffin, Sandra Bell
(R/D) Evelyn Curley, Sean O'Meara
Tuesday: 10.00am (R/D) Tommy Sharkey, Marie O'Connor,
Shane Lynch
Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Jim Deegan, Geraldine Burke,
Thomas Foran, Rita Foran
(R/D) Tom McCarthy
Sunday: 11.30am (B/R) Joanna Hayes
(A) Sean Shields,
(Rem) Lillian & James Jones,
Please pray for deceased members of the
Gallagher and McCann Families
Monday: 10.00am Special Intentions.
(R/D) Shane Lynch
We'day: 10.00am (R/D) Larry McCormack, John Gallagher

(A) Anniversary, (R/D) Recently Deceased, (M/M) Month's Mind,
(B/R) Birthday Remembrance, (Rem) Remembrance.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR
PRAYERS:**

**Member(s) of our community who died recently:-
DEREK QUINN**

Recently Deceased:-

Tommy Robinson, Farrell Reilly, Mary Munds

Anniversaries:- John Fitzgerald, Gerard O'Neill,
Brendan McHugh, Patsy Murphy, Kevin Jackson

Birthday Remembrance:- Joseph Byrne, Patrick Boucher

**Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that
supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent
Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th
December at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide
Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.**

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