

# **BALBRIGGAN PARISH**

Inc. Balbriggan, Balrothery & Balscadden

December 21st /22nd December 2019 4th Sunday of Advent







We look forward to welcoming you and your family at our Celebrations. We Wish you and your family a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE (Vigil Masses)** Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 5pm Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 7pm

Ss Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 9pm



CONFESSION Will be available on Tuesday 24th December after the 10.30am Mass and again at 2pm-3pm in Ss Peter & Paul's Church.

# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

The Church of the Assumption, Balscadden; 8.30am

Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 8.30am Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 10 Ss. Peter & Paul's Balbriggan: 12 noon

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office is closed for the Christmas Holidays and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January at 9.30am.



## **Planned Giving Envelopes For 2020**

Planned Giving boxes for 2020 are available from the Parish House and can be collected after Mass. If anyone would like to help with the distribution of boxes in their area we would really appreciate the help, to do so please call in to the office.

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to thank all those who contribute by weekly envelope, standing order or annually, which goes towards the running costs of the Parish. It is very much appreciated and we wish you

every blessing.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our readings remind us of the coming of Christ that first Christmas. Dare we, like Mary and Elizabeth, really believe that the promises God makes - to love us unconditionally, to be with us always, to bring us peace and joy and hope - will be fulfilled for us? This week, try to be mindful of what it is you would like the Christ-child to bring you this Christmas... and how you might be able to be that gift to your family and friends as you celebrate together. Have a great Christmas!



# **CHRISTMAS DUES**

The Offering known as Christmas Dues is part of the income of the Priests of the Parish and Diocese, Priests who are sick, retired or in poor parishes. Since we don't distribute Christmas dues envelopes door to door, we ask that you please take an envelope and enter your name and address when returning it with the offering to the Church, Parish Office or Sacristy. These envelopes are available throughout the Church.

#### **MASS TIMES PARISH TEAM PARISH OFFICE**

**BALBRIGGAN:** Monday-Friday: 10am

Holy Days: Vigil 7.30pm & 10am

Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm Sunday: 10am & 12noon

BALSCADDEN:

Sunday and Holy Days: 8.30am

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# Mass Intentions Weekend of December 21st /22nd December

Saturday Helen Garvey (1st Ann)

**6.30pm:** Jack & Michael Kennedy; James

Richardson; Tom & Margaret Garry Paddy & Marie Cahill; Jack & Mai Cummins; Michael Kiernan

Sunday 8.30am: Balscadden

Balbriggan Chirstopher `Bo`Donnelly (1st Ann) 10am: John & Elizabeth Bergin; Alice `La

La`Cullen; Catherine & James

McCormack; Joanne & Tommy Grogan;

Margaret Brnagan

12noon: John & Bridget Newcomen; Catherine

Tiernan Fisher; Johnny & Olivia Bell Patrick & Esther Baugh; Pat Gilsenan

15.30pm Polish Mass

**Weekday Mass Intentions** 

Monday 10am: Jack & Cecilia Carton

Tuesday 10am: John, Rita & Annie Knight

5pm: For the intentions of all Parishioners &

7pm: all those on our Christmas Mass

9pm: Bouquets

Wed For the intentions of all Parishioners &

Balscadden all those on our Christmas Mass

8.30am Bouquets

Wed Balbriggan

8.30am: For the intentions of all Parishioners &

10am: all those on our Christmas Mass

12noon: Bouquets

Thursday 10am Betty McGinley; Margaret & Tommy

Moore; Andrew & Molly Johnson

Friday 10am: Terri Bellew: Mary McCarthy: George

Gaffney; Edward McGoldrick; Jim

Richardson; Aidan, Eileen & Mary Smith

Weekend December 28th /December 29th

Saturday Jack Kevitt (1st Ann)

**6.30pm:** Jimmy, Stephen & Eileen Melia; Patrick,

Christina & John McEvoy; Maureen &

Peter Kelly; Rose Duff

Sunday 8.30pm: -

Balscadden

**Balbriggan** Catherine McGowan

10am:

**12 noon**: Frances Pearl Downes; Enda & Don

Kelly; Joan Rock; John Russell; James Bertram; Thomas & Margaret Fanning

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please collect your new rosters in the Sacristy after Mass.

#### PLANNED GIVING



The Planned Giving Collection for the Weekend of December 14th /15th December amounted to €1,310. Many thanks for your contributions.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

We offer our sympathies to the family of Nuala Reid late of Bath Road

Elizabeth (Betty) Cannon late of Craoibhin Park

## CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTISED

Marcus Patrick; Killian James; Tracy; Alfie David John;
Mason Edward

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

'O Holy Night 'Carol Service in The Church of the Assumption, Balscadden, on Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US AT CHRISTMAS

To remember those people who can't be with us at
Christmas we will have a Book of
Remembrance in which you are welcome to write their
names to be included in Masses over the Christmas
Season. This Book is available in front of

Our Lady's Altar.

#### PEACE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

We are delighted to have the Peace Light of Bethlehem present in the Parish. This Candle was lit in Bethlehem in the Shrine of the Nativity, and has travelled by land and sea across the Continent before arriving here in Ireland.



The Scout Association has the responsibility of looking after the Candle, and it is passed from Troop to Troop before arriving at our door. This Peace Candle symbolises the Light of Peace for ourselves, our families, our communities and our world. Parishioners are welcome to take a light from this candle and bring it to their homes or to a loved ones grave, where you will light it over the Christmas Season.

#### **CHRISTMAS SUPPORT SERVICES**

For those who find Christmas difficult, below are some phone numbers that may be of help to you

Below are the phone numbers of some organisations that are available should you need support or someone to talk to over the Christmas period. Remember, you are not alone.

Samaritans **FREEPHONE** 116 123 Teenline FREEPHONE 1800 833634 Childline **FREEPHONE** 1800 666666 Women's Aid **FREEPHONE** 1800 34190 Amen (male victims of domestic abuse) 046 9023718 1800 247 247 Pieta House **FREEPHONE** 

Or text "HELP" to 51444

#### **IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE**

The opportunity to give blood will arise at Balbriggan Sports Centre, Balbriggan Community College on Sunday 29th December 2019 11.30am-3.00pm & Monday 30th December 2019 4.30pm-8.00pm.

#### S.S. PETER & PAUL'S J.N.S.

Parents who wish to register their child for September 2020, please be advised that the closing date is Friday, January 10th 2020.