



BALBRIGGAN PARISH

Inc. Balbriggan, Balrothery & Balscadden

November 30th /1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend we'll celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Over the next four weeks, as we light candles that represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, we are preparing and reminding ourselves of the real meaning of Christmas.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminds us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).



CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Available from the Parish Office & Parish Shop, we have Christmas Mass bouquet cards for €5 the proceeds of which will be given to our local St. Vincent De Paul Society. Mass intentions will be offered here in the Parish over the Christmas period.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our local Conference of St. Vincent De Paul does a tremendous amount of work in supporting those in need in our community and especially at this time of the year. Their annual appeal takes place next weekend 7th/8th December at all Masses. We will be joined at the 12 Mass by our local Scouts and Guides for their Gift Mass in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Please give generously.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please return to the Parish Office or Sacristy as soon as possible so that their names can be recalled and prayed for on the First Fridays throughout the year.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS.

A reminder to parents/guardians of children from Balrothery, St. Teresa's and Scoil Chormaic, Enrolment Mass on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm in Ss Peter & Paul's Church. Also St. Benignus Enrolment Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Balscadden on 4th December at 7.30am. Request forms for Confirmation along with Baptism Certificates are now due and can be returned to the Parish Office.



GARDA VETTING

Balbriggan Parish has been asked by the Archdiocese of Dublin for all Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, Choir members and all Church volunteers to renew their Garda Vetting to meet the new criteria that has been recently introduced.

Please be advised of an amendment to the 100 point identification check for Garda Vetting. The Archdiocese of Dublin can no longer accept Public Service Cards as a means to validate identity. There are however a number of other identification options available to you. Essentially, the GNVB requires Relevant Organisations to verify the name, date of birth and current address of the applicant in addition to a form of photographic identity proof. This will mean at least two different forms of ID, one of which should be photographic. Garda Vetting Forms are available from the Sacristy to be returned to the Parish Office.

MASS TIMES




BALBRIGGAN:
Monday-Friday: 10am
Holy Days: Vigil 7.30pm & 10am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am & 12noon
BALSCADDEN:
Sunday and Holy Days: 8.30am

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr John McNamara
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Curates: Fr Tony Gill SMA
Fr Donal Toal SMA
Secretary: Anne McNally

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Intentions Weekend of November 30th /December 1st		 PLANNED GIVING The Planned Giving Collection for the Weekend of November 23rd /24th amounted to €1,335. Many thanks for your contributions.
Saturday 6.30pm: Theresa Dowling; Sean Cromwell Catherine Gaffney; Sheila, John & Maurice Hagan; Patricia Lacey Michael, John & Kathleen Kiernan Tommy Freeman		ALTAR SERVERS Please collect your new rosters in the Sacristy after Mass.
Sunday 8.30am: Anne (Nanch) Hagan Balscadden		 CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTISED Clara Tess; Kaiya
Balbriggan 10am: Eileen & Noel O'Neill; Kate & Richard Oonan; Ryan Family; Rose, Peter, Christopher & Paddy Cannon Deceased members of O'Dwyers GAA		PARISH SHOP The Parish Shop is located at the back of the Church and is open before and after all Masses at the weekend, stocking a range of religious items. Advent Calendars and new stock now available. Volunteers needed to help out in the Shop.
12noon: Olive Morgan (1st Ann) Anne Mangan (1st Ann) Lionel Robinson; Breen Gough; Hugh Devlin; Olive Pollis; Susan Rita McCormack; Monica Marry; Nicholas McNerney		ADVENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION Sung in Latin with Gregorian Chant 5pm on each Sunday of Advent 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December In Silverstream Priory Benedictine Monks, Stamullen, Co. Meath Tea in the Gatehouse afterwards
15.30pm Polish Mass		
Weekday Mass Intentions		COMHALTAS BAILE BRIGIN Weekly tin whistle every Wednesday, children 7-7.30pm and adults 8-8.30pm. Set dancing 8.30am-10pm. Monthly session Wednesday 4th December, music by Cieli Time in Glebe North.
Monday 10am: Fr. Jim O'Sullivan; Paddy Mooney Tom & Peggy Linsay; Special Intention		 SUNSHINE HOUSE CHRISTMAS MARKET/ FUNDAY Come along on Saturday 14th December 10am-6pm to the Sunshine House, Church Street to our Christmas Market. Free entry. Raffle prize draw on the Day. Entertainment for the family, movies, music and Santa may even stop by!
Tuesday 10am: —		
Wed 10am Donal Mc Menamin		
Thursday 10am Josephine Rooney; Olive & Frank Andrews; Joe, Christine & Joseph Leonard; John, Jane & Peter Andrews		
Friday 10am: Altar List of the Dead		
Saturday 10am: Barlow family; Eric Rooney; Breda Farrell; Nick Dunne		
Weekend December 7th /December 8th		MEDJUGORJE 2020 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Holy Week 2020, April 8th for seven days. Spiritual Director Canon Brendan Kilcoyne. €689. For more information contact Bernie on 087 9353953.
Saturday 6.30pm: Baby Bell (1st Ann) Vincent McGettrick; Callaghan family Eric Griffin; Henrietta & Patrick Richardson; Lil Fox; Kate Murphy; Margaret Doherty		O'DWYERS GAA Christmas Dinner Party in the clubhouse on Friday 6th December @8pm. Music by: Stage Two. Tickets available from Freda / Marie. Congratulations to the Scór na nOg question time team who won the Dublin final on Monday 25th Nov. Good luck to the other participants in Scór na nOg this Sunday 1st Dec in Fingallians Set dancing class on Monday nights at 8.15pm. Bingo every Wednesday night at 8.45pm. Skills camp has moved indoors to Flemington Community Centre on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.30pm. For more information visit our website www.odwyersgaa.com .
Sunday 8.30pm: Bridget Dillon; Patrick & Margaret Murray; Alice & Richard Collins Balscadden		BALBRIGGAN SENIOR CITIZENS CHIRSTMAS PARTY Sunday 15TH December in the Bracken Court Hotel at 5pm. €25 per person. 66yrs and over only plus. Book by 10th December. Contact a committee member.
Balbriggan 10am: Jimmy Murphy; Elsie, Paddy & Patsy Nally; Kay Courtney; Paddy Blanche John & Catherine Dunne Jordan Guildea		
12 noon: Declan Walsh (Months Mind) Scouts & Guides Sean Dunne (1st Ann) Gift Mass Patrick Hickey; Hickey Family; Feast William & Anne Cochrane; David Harper; Robert Beggs; Philip Curtis		
CHY FORMS Many thanks to those who have already returned their CHY Forms. If you have not already done so, you can return your form to the Parish Office.		