



BALBRIGGAN PARISH

Inc. Balbriggan,
Balrothery & Balscadden

December 14th /15th December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year A



GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday because of the first word "Rejoice" in the *Introit* or entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. "Rejoice" is also repeated throughout the readings and prayers. The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy.

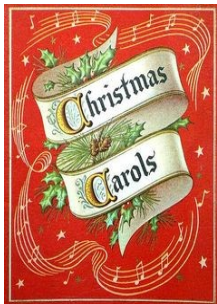
Planned Giving Envelopes For 2020

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.

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 at all Christmas Masses. The Parish Shop is located at the back of the Church and is open before and after all Masses at the weekends and now also during the week. The Parish Shop is looking for Volunteers.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES IN OUR PARISH



You are invited to take some time out from all the rushing around to come and join us at our Carol Services in the Parish.

Ss Peter & Paul's Choir and Balbriggan Gospel Choir will join together on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm. Balscadden Church Choir, 'O Holy Night Carol Service in The Church of the Assumption, Balscadden, on Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave so generously last weekend. In addition to the gifts and food that were given an incredible amount of €12,700 was raised between both Balscadden & Balbriggan. This will do so much to make a difference to those in need at this time of year through the work of the St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks also to the Scouts and Guides who came along to the gift Mass.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will close on Friday 20th December at 13.00pm for the Christmas break and reopen on Thursday 2nd January at 9.30am.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE WITH CONFESSION

Will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in Ss Peter & Paul's Church.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER (Vigil Masses)

Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 5pm
Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 7pm
Ss Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 9pm

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

The Church of the Assumption, Balscadden: 8.30am
Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 8.30am
Ss. Peter & Paul's, Balbriggan: 10am
Ss. Peter & Paul's Balbriggan: 12 noon

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
01-8020185
Curates: Fr Tony Gill SMA
Fr Donal Toal SMA
Secretary: Anne McNally

PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Friday (Closed for Public Holidays)
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Mass Intentions Weekend of December 14th /15th December	
Saturday 6.30pm:	Joseph Bergin; James & Bridget Hamilton; Noeleen Bently; Kathleen & Noel Grant; Chris Sweetman; Jack O'Connor; Eugene Scanlan
Sunday 8.30am: Balscadden	Oliver Casey
Balbriggan 10am:	Martin Tuite (1st Ann) Alice Flynn; Tom Brennan; Johnny Weldon; Helena Weldon Raferty & Baby Brendan; Molly Davis; Noeleen Robinson Davis; Mary Teeling; Jack Kevitt
12noon:	Nancy Webster ; Joe Matthews; James McBride; Michael & Annie Dunne Michael, Winifred & Michael jnr Lyons; Mary McCarthy
15.30pm	Polish Mass
Weekday Mass Intentions	
Monday 10am:	Patrick & Elizabeth Callaghan; Liam O'Carroll; Hugh McKenna; Charlie Traynor; Thomas & Catherine Murphy
Tuesday 10am:	Patrick, Gabirel & Annie Howard Howard & Cromwell families; Sean & Bridie Collins; McGuinness & Finn Families; Special Intention
Wed 10am	Special Intention
Thursday 10am	For all those who sympathised with the family of Patrick Coary Padre Pio Prayer Group Mass
Friday 10am:	Thanksgiving Intention
Weekend December 21st /December 22nd	
Saturday 6.30pm:	Helen Garvey (1st Ann) Jack & Michael Kennedy; James Richardson; Tom & Margaret Cleary Paddy & Marie Cahill; Jack & Mai Cummins; Michael Kiernan
Sunday 8.30pm: Balscadden	Oliver Casey
Balbriggan 10am:	Christopher `Bo`Donnelly (1st Ann) John & Elizabeth Bergin; Alice `La La`Cullen; Catherine & James McCormack; Joanne & Tommy Grogan; Margaret Brnagan
12 noon:	John & Bridget Newcomen; Catherine Tiernan Fisher; Johnny & Olivia Bell Patrick & Esther Baugh; Pat Gilsenan
SPIRITUAL REVIVAL MINISTRY On Friday 20th December after the 10am Mass there will be Adoration with prayers and hymns with the Spiritual Revival Ministry here in Ss Peter & Paul's.	

	PLANNED GIVING The Planned Giving Collection for the Weekend of December 7th /8th December amounted to €1,120. Many thanks for your contributions.
	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 At the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday, December 21st, 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, where you will light it over the Christmas Season.
	BALROTHERY HERITAGE SINGERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT On Saturday 21st December at 8pm. Tickets available at the door. Light refreshments served afterwards.
ORDER OF MALTA Monthly party on Monday 16th December at 8pm in the Order of Malta Hall Hampton Street. All welcome.	
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.	
O'DWYERS GAA Bingo every Wednesday night at 8.45pm. Club members are collecting donations of non perishable foods, etc to support the Capuchin Day Centre. New Year's Day swim in aid of Balbriggan Senior Citizens. We extend our sympathies to the Collins family on the death of Betty & the Reilly family on the death of Jimmy. May they Rest in Peace.	
GARDA VETTING Balbriggan Parish has been asked by the Archdiocese of Dublin for all Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, Choir members to renew their Garda Vetting to meet the new criteria that has been recently introduced. The Archdiocese of Dublin can no longer accept Public Service Cards as a means to validate identity. 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.	