

### Pilgrimage to Knock

Thursday, 8th December. Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Coach from Holy Child at 8a.m.

For more info and to book please contact Marie McAllister  
Tel: 086 3990998



### Special Collection next Weekend for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas Appeal will take place next weekend **10th & 11th December**. It will replace the usual SHARE Collection. Please give what you can.

### Parish Mailing

We are looking for people to help with the delivery of the Family Envelope Boxes. If you are available and are willing to help please call into the Parish Office in Holy Child to collect the envelopes. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. We would really appreciate your help with these deliveries. Many thanks.



## PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



# NEWSLETTER



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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

4th December 2022

*"People of faith waited many centuries for the coming of the Messiah."*

*"The message of Advent doesn't fit neatly into a sound-bite or vignette. It's too complex, too deep, to compete with glitter and noise; and it's a hard sell in a culture that would rather skip straight to the big finish. But Advent is too important to be forgotten, because it is this season that prepares us to encounter our Lord."*

### Kerry van der Vinne, Advent: Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

Our Gospel today has a strong Advent theme where John the Baptist asks for a conversion of our hearts and also of the way that we live our lives. Today we light the second candle on our Advent wreath a sign that the light and hope of Christmas draws ever nearer to us. He tells us: *"I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with*

*the Holy Spirit and fire."*



It's a Gospel that I often read at Baptisms as I think it's a real call to mission and to ministry for us all. Each of us has a very important part to play in the great story of salvation which we may not fully appreciate in this life.

The message of Isaiah in our First Reading is most certainly one of hope. People of faith waited many centuries for the coming of the Messiah. There was a long period of expectation before the birth of our Saviour. In this reading, we are told *"A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse...on him the Spirit of the Lord rests."* God is true to his promises and Jesus was born at the appointed time.

The Church gives us the Season of Advent at a very busy time of the year when we have a lot of things to do. We are run off our feet

### PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Combined Parish Choirs & Folk Group directed by Kathryn Browne Present the first Carol Service since Covid **11th December 2022 at 7.30p.m.** in the Church of the Holy Child. All Welcome

### Recently Deceased:

We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ.

Patrick Coughlan,  
William (Bill) Anderson  
William Quearney  
Kathleen O'Neill



*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.*

### Crosscare Christmas Food Poverty Appeal.

You can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches.

### Christmas Fair

Beaumont Parish Centre, Montrose Park  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
From 1pm to 5pm  
All Welcome



### Church Shop

Christmas Cards, Mass Bouquets, Candles, Diaries, Church Art  
Calendars now on sale.

buying presents, shopping, meeting friends and attending Christmas events. We recently had “Black Friday” in our shops and shopping centres, an idea that has reached us from America. The idea is to encourage people to do their Christmas shopping a bit earlier and to make significant savings.

Advent is calling us then to reach out to others. Perhaps that may to people who have become lost on their journey of faith, the lonely, the bereaved and those who find life challenging for different reasons. The light of Advent, which is symbolised by the candles on our Advent wreath, gives us hope at this time of the year as the evenings get shorter. It’s a good reason to get out and about in the middle of the day if we can. The Advent wreath reminds us that God is always present in our darkness and that his loving presence never leaves us. In less than a month, from December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the days will gradually get longer again as the low light of the coming Spring begins to extend slowly.

Advent provides us with an opportunity to grow in faith individually and as a community. We should all allow time for some prayer and reflection during these four weeks. It may help to read a book such as “*Dipping into Advent*” by Father Alan Hilliard which is published by Messenger Publications. In fact, we might buy a second copy and share it with a family member, friend or neighbour.

The scripture scholar, Father Kieran O’Mahony describes Advent well when he says: “*the Advent call is to wake up from our slumbers. Metanoia (conversion or repentance) means a whole change of mindset, going right down to the roots of our being. It’s the only project. Of course, it takes time, but the time is now*”.

This is particularly appropriate in the light of the Archbishop’s letter entitled “*The Time Has Come*” which was distributed and read in churches throughout the Diocese last weekend in which new parish structures are proposed.

Archbishop Farrell writes:

*“Within each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils, all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and voluntary parish leaders, including catechists into the future, are encouraged to renew the missionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically towards the partnership of local parishes.”*



As we begin the last month of the year, let us give thanks to God for all the graces and blessings that we have received and to ask for his assistance as we move forward on our Christian pilgrimage during this Season of Advent.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.

**Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child**

Sat 3rd Dec	7.00p.m.	Anthony Groves – Month’s Mind Ann Corcoran – Anniversary
Sun 4th Dec	10.30a.m.	Margaret (Rita) Brady – Recently Deceased Anthony Kinnear – 1st Anniversary Frances O’Byrne – 1st Anniversary Anne Galvin – Anniversary
	12.30p.m.	Imelda Macken – Month’s Mind Benny McDonald – Anniversary
Mon 5th Dec	9.15a.m.	Mary & Freddie McInerney – Anniversary` Tom & Mary Connolly – Anniversaries
Tues 6th Dec & Wed 7th Dec	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Thurs 8th Dec	9.15a.m.	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	11.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri 9th Dec	9.15a.m.	Eva Towell – Birthday Remembrance Roisin Curran – Anniversary
Sat 10th Dec	7.00p.m.	Frances O’Byrne – 1st Anniversary Deceased members of the Flanagan, Sheridan, McCann, Robertson & Connelly Families – R.I.P.
Sun 11th Dec	10.30a.m.	Mary Gilligan – Month’s Mind Ronald Downey – Month’s Mind
	12.30p.m.	Mary Gray – 1st Anniversary Gary Emmett, Daniel Kearns – Anniversaries Sean O’Reilly – Anniversary Florence Farren – Anniversary
<b><u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u></b>		
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Sun 11th Dec	10.00a.m.	Maura Barry – Anniversary

**November Mass of Remembrance** – On Friday 25th Nov we celebrated our annual Remembrance Mass. Many thanks to the Funeral Ministry/ Bethany Team whose commitment and dedication to this Mass was a credit to themselves and the Parish. The Mass gave all present space to remember their loved ones who died during the past year and hopefully provided some comfort. Thanks to everyone involved, Kathryn & our Choir for the most beautiful music which enhanced the liturgy. Not forgetting the Ministry Teams, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word and the Sacristans. The names have now been placed in the Bethany Shrine for the coming year. Fr. Paul