



# Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2024

**Reflection:** “Repent and believe the good news’. Jesus was calling for a change of heart. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart”.

*John Byrne OSA - Intercom*

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Please take the newsletter home with you

## Gospel Reflection: Mk 1: 14 - 20 21st January

It is at once striking and quite probably revealing that Mark's version of the gospel story gets off to such a humble, modest start. Matthew has his mysterious star in the east and the Magi who follow it. Luke gives us layer upon layer of drama surrounding the birth and later appearance of Jesus. John brings us to the rim of the galaxies and the beginning of all things with that all-creating Word of God, who was with God in the beginning. But not Mark. Mark allows Jesus merely to appear from out of nowhere, emerging humbly from the heat vapours emanating from the desert floor to be baptised by John

The message we have to proclaim and to embody and to exemplify is the same now as it has always been: the kingdom of God is at hand. Today as much as ever, people need to know that this Kingdom is real and available. They need to see the joy and the possibilities of that Kingdom in us. Because often people are too easily satisfied just to make do with what is quick and easy and cheap. People settle for sex or drink or the distractions provided by entertainment or new technology. They look to these things to save them, or at least to help them move forward in a grim world. But, as C.S.Lewis once wrote, we are a child who turns down an invitation for a day at the beach and chooses instead to stay sitting in a slum alley making mud pies just because the child really can't imagine how much better a day at the seaside can be.

Maybe the kingdom is like that: It's here, it's real, it's right outside your door. The kingdom of God is at hand! Don't be so easily satisfied with the temporary pleasures. A better, exciting, hopeful, joyful kingdom of life is real. The kingdom of God is at hand. We live knowing that this is true! We live to help others believe it, too.

*Scott Hazeo cpreaching.org*

## St Mary's Secondary School Baldoyle

were delighted to be the first school to be featured on RTE's Operation Transformation which aired on Wednesday 10th January. Ms. Rachel Flynn and her Transition Year Home Economics students featured and cooked a healthy and delicious Tofu Pad Thai dish. The girls spoke really well and did a fantastic job cooking the dish. Our new Home Economics kitchen, recently opened by celebrity chef Donal Skehan, looked great as did the new St. Mary's aprons.

Everyone did St. Mary's proud!

A reminder that St Mary's Secondary School Baldoyle Transition Year students are continuing to run **Free Log On Learn classes** for Senior Citizens on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12.10 pm. Senior Citizens are welcome to drop in for a tea/coffee and then brush up or learn new IT skills whether on your phone, computer or tablet. Absolute beginners welcome. Learn about emails, social media, buying online, booking flights, Whatsapp etc.

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January

**Theme:**

**“You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27)**

**Prayer:**

**Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.**

# Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 14th January

Jackpot €1,200

Numbers Drawn: 4 , 14 , 16

No Winner:

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Sunday 21st January

JACKPOT

# €1,300

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support.

## Baldoyle Library January Events

**Getting to know your Android Smartphone & Tablet!**

Mon 22 Jan & Mon 29 Jan 12pm – 1pm

Participants must be free to attend both sessions

**Childrens Crafts**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 3pm – 4pm 5 to 10 year olds

Booking essential.

**Chess for Adults**

Thurs 6.30pm – all levels welcome

**Baldoyle Mens Shed**

Baldoyle Library every Tuesday morning at 10.30am

**Library Storytime for Children**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30pm – all are welcome!

**Art Exhibition** by Ankita Nishant Khimesra

Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

**Antique & Contemporary Furniture**

**Restoration Class, with Pat Cooke**

**Baldoyle Community Hall**

Starting Wednesday 21st February

7.30pm to 9pm for 6 weeks. Costs 90 Euro.

Phone 089 2397194

[www.baldoyleforum.ie](http://www.baldoyleforum.ie)

## Baldoyle Whist Club

Come along for a friendly game of whist every Friday night at 8.00pm.

Baldoyle Parish Hall (beside Parish Office).

Lessons given if required.

All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions for week commencing:  
21st January**

### Church of SS Peter & Paul

**Sunday: 10.00am** (A) Catherine Kane, Carrie Larkin & her grandad Patrick Burke  
(R/D) Kathleen Morris  
Special Intention

**Tuesday: 10.00am** (R/D) Bridie O'Brien, Betty Fields, Paddy Malone

**Thursday: 10.00am** Prayer Service

### Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

**Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm** (M/M) Kathleen Morris  
(A) Leo Toal, Fiona Mason  
(Rem) Sr. Clodagh Moran  
(R/D) Marcella McCormack

**Sunday: 11.30am** (A) Dermot, Michael & Maisie Kelly  
Fr. Finbar Lynch  
(R/D) Tommy Whitter

**Monday: 10.00am** Special Intentions.

**Wednesday: 10.00am** (A) James Curtin  
(R/D) Ann Bourke, Billy Bourke,  
Billy Bourke Jn.

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

**Please also remember in your prayers:  
Member(s) of our community who died recently:-**

***BRIGID (BREE) TRACEY, BETTY CAULFIELD***

## Welcome to our Parish Tea Morning

Each Tuesday morning we welcome our parishioners and friends to join us, in the Parish Hall,

(beside St. Peter & Paul's Church),

for a cup of tea/coffee and a friendly chat.

The Parish Hall is a welcoming place for all on Tuesday mornings between 10.15 and 11.30.

## Baldoyle Parish Team

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