



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2024

Reflection: “ Let us not forget the two fundamental aspects of Christian prayer: listening to the word and worshipping the Lord. Let us make room for the prayerful reading of Jesus’ words. Then we will have the same experience as those first disciples. ‘They left their nets and followed him’ (Mk 1:18).”

Pope Francis

I líontaibh Dé go gcastar sinn

Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Mk 1: 21 - 28 28th January

Teaching With Authority

Someone recently asked me, “Why do I care so much about what other people say and think about me?” I thought about today’s gospel. We’re such funny people. Deep down we long for intimacy and authenticity but the last thing we want is to be found out, to have someone see us for who we truly are and who we are not.

We say the right things, act the right way, dress and behave the right way, even believe the right way and all the while we are creating ourselves in the image and likeness of the unclean spirit. The irony is that those fronts we put up, those personas, keep us from having the very things we think they will give us, things like intimacy, love, acceptance, healing, forgiveness, and authenticity. The personas offer no possibility for life to flourish and be abundant. Still, we hold on to those false voices, voices that collectively ask “Have you just come to destroy us?”

This is exactly what Jesus has come for. He has come to destroy. He silences our false voices. He casts out all our personas and makes us people with a clean spirit. He stands before us as the mirror image of who we can become. He calls us into our true self, the one made in the image and likeness of God. Today’s gospel is as much about calling forth as it is about casting out. They are two sides of the same coin.

The true voice and the true image are always present. That’s why the main man with an unclean spirit can cry out, “I know who you are, the Holy One of God”. He speaks from a deep place of knowing. His recognition of Jesus is at a profound level a recognition of himself and his own holiness. For every voice that denies that and leaves us crying, “What have you to do with us?” Jesus says, “Shhh. Be quiet. That’s not who you are. You are mine and I have everything to do with you. “Listen to that voice and you too will be astounded at what can become of your life.

Michael K.Marsh Interruptingthesilence.com

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

A Mass of Healing with

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Will be celebrated on

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY

at 2.00pm in

The Church of St. Laurence O’Toole

ALL WELCOME

Calendar for the week

Wednesday 31st: Feast of St. John Bosco

Thursday 1st February: Feast of St. Brigid
Patron Saint of Ireland.

Friday 2nd: Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday 3rd: Feast of St. Blaise

33rd Divine Mercy Conference

RDS, Ballsbridge, D4

February 23rd, 24th, 25th

All welcome

Theme: “Jesus, I trust in You”

information and tickets available on

www.divinemercyconference.com

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 21st January

Jackpot €1,300

Numbers Drawn: 2 , 6, 8

No Winner:

Sunday 28th January

JACKPOT

€1,400

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 29 Jan 12pm – 1pm

Chess for Adults

Thurs 6.30pm – all levels welcome

Baldoyle Mens Shed

Baldoyle Library every Tuesday morning at 10.30am

Art Exhibition by Ankita Nishant Khimesra

Mon. 22nd Jan – Thurs. 1st Feb

Support for Carers

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.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:
28th January

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (R/D) Laurence Fitzpatrick,
Christina McIntyre, Betty Caulfield
(A) & (B/R) Ray O'Meara

Tuesday: 10.00am (R/D) Jackie Kelly

Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Nuala & Leslie Farrell, Jamie Carroll,
Thomas & Mary Boyd
(B/R) Paddy Bowes

Sunday: 11.30am (A) Michael McHale, Albert O'Hara

Monday: 10.00am (R/D) Tommy Witter

(A) Joan Ruxton

Wednesday: 10.00am Prayer Service

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

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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