



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

Reflection: "In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple."

John Byrne OSA - Intercom

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Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Jn 2: 13 - 25 3rd March

In order to understand today's Gospel passage, we need to stress an important detail. The merchants were in the courtyard of the pagans, the place accessible to non-Jews. This very courtyard has been turned into a market. But God wants his temple to be a house of prayer for all peoples (cf. IS56,7). Hence Jesus' decision to overturn the table of the money changers and drive out the animals. This purification of the sanctuary was necessary for Israel to rediscover its vocation: to be light for all people, a small nation chosen to serve to the salvation that God wants to give to everyone.

There is no human heart in which Christ does not want to be and cannot be reborn. In our lives as sinners, we often turn away from the Lord and extinguish the Spirit. We destroy the temple of God that is in each of us. Yet this is never a definitive situation: it takes the Lord three days to rebuild his temple within us!

No one, no matter how wounded by evil, is condemned to be separated from God on this earth forever. In a way that is often mysterious but real, the Lord opens new cracks in our hearts, the desire for truth, goodness and beauty, which make room for evangelisation. We may sometimes encounter mistrust and hostility: but we must not allow ourselves to be blocked, rather to hold onto the belief that it takes God three days to raise His Son in someone's heart. It is also the story of some of us: profound conversions resulting from the unpredictable action of grace! I think of the Second Vatican Council: 'Christ has died for all and since the ultimate vocation of humanity is in fact one, the divine one: therefore we must believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to everyone the possibility of being associated with the Easter mystery.'

Pope Francis - Intercom

CONFIRMATIONS 8th MARCH 2024

We warmly welcome the young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation along with their families, friends and visitors who have come to share in this special day on their journey of faith.

May this special occasion be filled with grace and blessings. 🙏

Novena of Grace

In honour of Saint Francis Xavier

4th - 12th March

Holy Trinity Church,

Donaghmede

Special Novena Mass each day with

Guest Speakers

Monday 4th - Friday 8th	7:30 pm
Saturday 9th	6:30 pm
Sunday 10th	11:30 am
Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th	7:30 pm

St Patrick's Pontifical University

Applications are now open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for postgraduate programmes in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy.

More information is available at sppu.ie or by calling (0)1 708 4778.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 25th February

Jackpot €1,800

Numbers Drawn: 4 , 19 , 22

No Winner:

Sunday 3rd March

JACKPOT

€1,900

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support.

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CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

ONGOING SUPPORT

Howth & Sutton Horticultural Society look forward to welcoming Mary Keenan (Gash Gardens , Co Laois and editor of The Irish Garden magazine) to Howth next week and we hope you can join us.

Mary will talk to us about garden design "From blank canvas to colourful borders". Whether you are rethinking your garden or starting from scratch, Mary will share tips and ideas with us on how to design and create attractive borders, taking consideration of both the practical and creative elements involved in combining plants to achieve best impact.

Raffle, refreshments and plant swap - bring a plant to swap and go home with something new.

Wednesday 6th March at 8:00 pm
Howth Yacht Club
Visitors welcome, entry €5.

Mass Intentions for week commencing:
3rd March

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (A) Nuala McGee, Joe Mathews,
Brigid McCarthy, Mary Flanagan
(R/D) Gerry Maguire

Tuesday: 10.00am (A) John Grant
(R/D) Kathleen Gallagher

Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Marjorie Gallagher, Maeve Jackson
(R/D) Anthony Mulligan, Claire McKenna
Deceased members of the Herbert family

Sunday: 11.30am (R/D) Jamie O'Farrell, Ken Lecasse,
Patrick Crauley, Maeve Barrett,
John Corrigan

Monday: 10.00am Funeral Mass

Wednesday: 10.00am Altar List of the Dead

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Recently Deceased:- John Walsh,

Celebrating International Women's Day

**Baldoyle Community Hall
Thursday 7th March, 11am - 12.30pm**

Free Smoothies, Herbal Teas, Healthy snacks
Workshop on Healthy Food
Inspirational Talk
Discussion on Referendums

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