



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2024

Reflection: "Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'desert place'?"

John Byrne OSA - Intercom

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Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Mk 1: 29 - 39 4th February

Everyone loves it when Jesus shows up. His presence makes a difference. Things happen. The sick are cured. Demons are cast out. Lives are changed. This is true not only for the people of Capernaum in Jesus' time but also for us here and now. He comes to our house as surely as he went to the house of Simon and Andrew.

I know an alcoholic who says that one day he prayed and Jesus removed from him the compulsion to drink. He has been sober ever since. Some have told me about experiences of calmness and peace that came from Jesus' presence. Others tell how his strength and grace carried you through days you were sure you could not survive. Several years ago I spent the night in a hospital with a man waiting and watching for his wife to die. It was a holy death; nothing short of miraculous. I know people who have wept for joy and gratitude in the presence of Christ. There are lots of people who get together in a group each week and tell about their 'moment closest to Christ'.

What happens, though, when we awaken to find ourselves in the nighttime of life? You know as well as I that there are times when life is just plain hard. We don't get our way. Things happen that we never wanted to have happen. Faith is difficult and its results are not so tangible. In those times it seems as if there is only darkness and Jesus is nowhere to be seen.

Regardless of how dark it may seem, Jesus never leaves us. He may withdraw but that does not mean he is absent. His withdrawing is in reality an invitation for us to move to a new place, to the deserted place. He calls us out of the comfort of the house into the vulnerability of the wilderness. It is a deserted and desolate place; a place where there is only prayer.

Michael K. Marsh Interruptingthesilence.com - Intercom

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

Funeral Ministry

Archbishop Farrell is asking that all parishes and partnerships give priority to the development of funeral Ministries due to the decline in available priests.

In each parish we are being asked to establish a funeral ministry team, or seek to expand and develop one that's already there.

Each partnership is asked to have, by the end of 2024, at least two lay leaders trained and commissioned to lead funeral services across the partnership, in line with pastoral needs.

The Archdiocese will provide resources and training. In our parish we will be reviewing on how best to increase the membership of our funeral team.

Members of the funeral team may lead prayer in the home/funeral home/at the crematorium/graveside and participate in the prayers of commendation.

Bereaved families will be advised of the identity and roles of members of our funeral ministry team, and the team members will be introduced to the congregation as the ones who will officiate at the final stage of the funeral liturgy.

Bereaved families will be advised if deemed appropriate, to consider the option of funeral liturgies without Mass, where this may be pastorally appropriate.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 28th January

Jackpot €1,400

Numbers Drawn: 6 , 9 , 16

No Winner:

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Sunday 4th February

JACKPOT

€1,500

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ONGOING SUPPORT!**

Marys Secondary School

Were delighted to welcome the Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, last week. Minister Foley came to officially launch our new administration wing ahead of our transition to Co-Ed this September when boys will be welcomed in First Year.

During her visit, Minister Foley was given a tour of the school and we were delighted to be able to showcase our brand new Digital Media Room, for which we have received an extremely kind donation of 29 high-spec Apple iMac computers.

She then visited various classes to speak to students.

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:
4th February

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (A) Patty Anderson

Tuesday: 10.00am (R/D) Ruth Withers, Yvonne McAllister

Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Kathleen Cronin
(R/D) Betty Caulfield

Sunday: 11.30am (A) Joe & Siobhan Cummins,
Mary & Michael Bennett, Sr Elizabeth Bennett,
Angela Allen, Cicilin Maikland

Monday: 10.00am (A) Celia Reilly
Special Intentions

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:- Fr Michael Fitzgerald,
Eddie Tate, Jim Madden

Anniversaries:- Jack & Elizabeth Lawler,
Gerry O'Flaherty, Robin Waldron, Gerard Waldron,
Rose Cannon

Birthday Remembrance:- Cathriona Boucher,
Jamie Carroll, Annie Byrne, James Curtin

33rd Divine Mercy Conference

RDS, Ballsbridge,
February 23rd, 24th, 25th
All welcome

Theme: "Jesus, I trust in You"

information and tickets available on;
www.divinemercyconference.com

Baldoyle Parish Team

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