



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

Reflection: "Prepare a way for the Lord. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low" *Isaiah 40:3,4*. What obstacles are there in my life hampering my preparation to greet the Messiah this Christmas?

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Commentary on today's Gospel Luke 3:1-6

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For years we confused John the Baptist with Jesus here in Newcestown, Co. Cork. Our parish church contains a magnificent stained-glass window, with a full cast of listening characters of all ages, gathered to hear the central character speak. This central character stands atop a green hillock, the sort of place a stained-glass artist might depict as a Sermon-on-the-Mount venue. This character's halo containing a cross is distinctively divine, so for many years the speaker was assumed to be Jesus. But it wasn't - it was John the Baptist, as was revealed when the inscription at its base was uncovered, revealing the words from Isaiah quoted in today's Gospel:

'A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'

This local confusion reflects an ancient problem; from the beginning, there was difficulty between the followers of Jesus and those of John the Baptist; in fact, winning the latter over to being disciples of Jesus was one of our earliest challenges. And so, in the Gospels, John the Baptist underlines his role as a messenger, especially, 'He must grow greater, I must grow smaller' (Jn 3:30). This theme is repeated over and over again in church history: some major character attracts followers, but s/he forgets to insist that s/he is not the Messiah, there was only one: Jesus - which seems like quite a significant message to insist upon in this Sunday's homily. He must grow greater and be more visible in my life; above all, I must not detract from him.

Fr. B. Cotter - Intercom - December 2021.

Wednesday, 8th December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass in the Church of St Laurence O'Toole at 10:00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Special Christmas Appeal

On Sat. 11th & Sun 12th December, St Vincent de Paul will hold a church collection to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas.

Thursday Afternoon Whist is only on the 16th December at 2p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are back after Christmas on 6th January.

All are welcome.

Face masks and Covid certificates necessary.

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Mass Intentions for week commencing: 5th December

Church of SS Peter & Paul

- Sunday 10.00am** (A) Kathleen Connolly, Pat & Joan McKiernan, (R/D) Nuala Fisher, Monica Prendergast. (R) Aidan Prendergast.
- Tuesday: 10.00am** (R/D) John O'Sullivan, Pat Whelan, Neville Brennan, Margaret Farmer. (A) William & Bridget Curran
- Thursday: 10.00am** (R/D) Maureen Bell, Bridget O'Keeffe, Bernard Houlihan, Ann Burke.

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

- Sat. Vigil 7.00pm** (M/M) Bridget Clarke. (R/D) Bernard Houlihan, Mary Fishbourne. (A) Ger Burke (1st), Eddie Kearns.
- Sunday 11.30am** (B/R) Olive Monaghan. (A) Pat & John Gough, Mary Kelville, William & Frances O'Neill (Rem) Deceased members of O'Neill & McCarthy families.
- Monday 10.00am.** (R/D) Jackie Mongan, Deirdre Brogan, Bridie Clarke, PJ Dunne, Laurence Quirke. Special Intention.
- Wed. 10.00am** (R/D) Bernard Houlihan, Maura Daly, Brigid Ryan, Carol Maguire
(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:- Micheál O'Gruagháin, Paula Byrne, Joe Martin, Laurence Duignan and Alf Ryan

Anniversaries:- Thomas O'Donnell

Holiday for Seniors

Howth/Sutton Lions Club wishes to announce the Trabolgan Holiday from 7th-14th June 2022, depending on safety regulations. Cost €150 pp. Travel by train to Cork and transfer by coach. Book with Eamonn on 085 112 3483.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 28th November

Numbers 5, 8, 13. No Winner

Sunday 5th Dec. JACKPOT

€2,750

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