

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

5th December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)



Vincent de Paul

The annual collection for the St. Vincent de Paul society will take place on the **weekend of 11/12th December**. This collection replaces the 2nd (SHARE) collection. Envelopes for donations will also be available at the back of the church.



The SVP Annual Appeal theme '**Impossible Choices**' has again been chosen to reflect what those struggling financially face every day.

National President Rose McGowan said that the situation for those struggling financially has worsened with massive increases in energy costs and living expenses.

"We are facing a perfect storm for families contending with a cost-of-living crisis on multiple fronts. Energy prices are soaring, we are seeing rents rise well beyond what people can afford and increasing transport costs are also putting pressure on low-income households."

"We are deeply concerned that during the coming months this crisis will come to a head as households are unable to find extra room in the budget for escalating energy costs."

"In those circumstances they will inevitably turn to SVP for help. Need is the only criteria we apply when people seek our help. But to provide that help we need the generous support of the Irish public that we are seeking through this 2021 Annual Appeal."

"We are appealing for donations that will help people through this winter and into the new year."

When entering the Church:

Face Masks must be worn and please use the hand sanitizers.



Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the families of Stan Keely and Clare Whelan whose funerals took place during the week.
"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them"



Readers Roster - 4th & 5th December

Saturday 7pm: Tessa Dagg : John Daly
Sunday 10am: Gerry Moore : Helen Vysotska
12pm: Rose Sullivan : Diarmuid Kelly

Readers Roster - 11th & 12th December

Saturday 7pm: Hilary Kenny : Rebecca Rebello
Sunday 10am: Ann Walsh : Ger Healy
12pm: Felicity Coll : Moira Hanbidge

Advent Pastoral Letter

Copies of the Advent Pastoral Letter 2021 from Archbishop Farrell are available at the back of the church.

Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €1,115.00
2nd Collection (Share) €800.00
Shrine : €1,112.00

Mass Intentions 4th—10th December

Sat: Marie Murphy (RIP), John Finlay (A)
Patrick & Kathleen King (A)
Michael & Bridie Costello (A)
Eddie Whelehan (A)
Sun: 10am Elizabeth & John Nevin (A)
Dermot Connaughton (A),
Des Bradley (13A), Patricia Cahill (RIP)
Sun 12pm: Mary Fox (A), Jim O'Dwyer (A)
Judy Brennan (A), Vera O'Connor (RIP)
Mon: Cora Foley (A), Terence Mulhall (RIP)
Tue: Mass for the Deceased
Wed: Jim O'Dwyer (3A),
Dermot Desmond (Get Well)
Thu: John Mahon (RIP)
Fri: Paddy Byrne (RIP)

Communions and Confirmations

On Saturday 27th and Saturday 4th December the boys from Ballyroan National School received their First Communion. This now completes all the Confirmations and Communions in our parish.

It was a long and difficult road for some of the boys and girls who had to wait longer than usual due to the pandemic. We wish them every blessing and success in the years ahead.

We thank the parents, the schools and everyone in the parish who contributed to making the day special for each child.

Rathfarnham Concert Band

The band have very kindly offered to play a concert in the church on Sunday 12 December 4pm—5pm Junior, Inter and Senior band.



Come along to what will be an enjoyable hour of music and the best part there is no charge.

As is normal in the church, masks must be worn. There is plenty of room so please space yourself out.

Saints of the Day 4th—10th December

Saturday: St. John Damascene
Sunday Of the day
Monday St. Nicholas (4th Century Bishop)
Tuesday St. Ambrose
Wednesday Of the day
Thursday St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlaatoatzin
Friday Our Lady of Loreto

Mass Cards /Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

Mass association cards for the Deceased and the Living are available at the back of the church.

Anniversary Masses and Special Intentions can only be booked through the office.

Individual Mass cards: that is, a Mass to be offered for a deceased on an unspecified day/time can only be booked through the office.

Publications.

The Irish Catholic newspaper, The Messenger Books and booklets are available for sale at the back of the church.



Building Hope Task Force Report

In April, Archbishop Dermot Farrell established a Task Force called Building Hope. The Task Force was asked to assess the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19 and to work to support parish communities as they undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. 3,000 people, mostly lay faithful, responded to the invitation to share their views. The Task Force report is now available on the diocesan website.

www.dublindiocese.ie

St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, born in Trier (Germany) c 340, ordained bishop on this day in 374 and died at Milan (Italy) on Holy Saturday 397. He was a lawyer who became governor in Milan, while still a catechumen was elected bishop by popular acclaim. He upheld orthodoxy against the Arians and won many Christian converts, encouraged monasticism and defended the independence of the Church against secular authority. He was honoured as an outstanding pastor through his writings on the sacraments and Christian ethics, his homilies, instructions, and hymns.

Mass Association for the LIVING

This month's Mass will be celebrated on Wed 15th

Parish Information

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Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Closed on Tuesdays

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 7pm
Sunday: 10am & 12am

Security: CCTV please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.