

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

12th December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)



## Vincent de Paul

The annual collection for the St. Vincent de Paul society will take place this weekend

**11/12th December.**

This collection replaces the 2nd (SHARE) collection.

Envelopes for donations will also be available at the back of the church.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## Psychology and Religion - by Deacon Frank

As a science psychology helps us to understand ourselves, it explains the interaction at work in human relationships. Religion emphasises our relationship with God and one another. Love of God and our neighbour is the cornerstone of Christ's teaching. If I do not love myself, how can I love others and God? The more we understand the human dimension of life, the better we can integrate Christ's teaching into our lives.

Many people suffer from emotional difficulties because they do not have meaning in their lives. Jesus gives meaning to suffering and death. He said, 'I am the light of the world, anyone who follows me will not walk in the dark' and 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

Freud said 'Be yourself' Christ taught 'love yourself.'

*Extracts from 'Healing Wounded Emotions' 1987, by Martin H. Padovani (Priest and psychotherapist)*



## Rathfarnham Concert Band

**REMINDER** the band concert is on this Sunday 12th, from 4pm—5pm. Come along and enjoy an hour of music.

**When entering the Church:**  
Face Masks must be worn and please use the hand sanitizers.



## Bereavements

We remember all those recently deceased in our parish. Our thoughts and our prayers are with their loved ones and their families.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them".*

## Readers Roster - 11th & 12th December

Saturday 7pm: Hilary Kenny : Rebecca Rebello

Sunday 10am: Ann Walsh : Ger Healy

12pm: Felicity Coll : Moira Hanbidge

## Readers Roster - 18th & 19th December

Saturday 7pm: Marcus Zubrzycki : Joan McCarthy

Sunday 10am: Helen Vysotska : Gerry Moore

12pm: Killian Banks : Sophie Banks

## Volunteers needed for the Sunday 12pm Mass.

Would you be willing to give a small help with READING, COLLECTION or USHER at the 12pm Mass.

Please come onboard the parish volunteer team.

Just give your name to the sacristan, the parish office or just drop a note in the safe on the table at the back of the church.

## Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €1,205.00

2nd Collection (Share) €850.00

Shrine : €905.00

## Mass Intentions 11th—17th December

**Sat:** Peter Dunne (MM) : Tim Scanlon (1A)  
Michael Kelly (1A)

**Sun 10am:** Grace & Brian Gallagher :  
O'Connor Family : Martin Minnock (RIP)  
Elizabeth Walsh (11A)

**Sun 12pm:** Úna Ni Liadha (A)

**Wed:** Mass Association LIVING

**Thu:** Paddy McGowan (A)

**Fri:** Dan Harte (RIP) : Maureen Quill (RIP)

## The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday

The word “*gaudete*” is derived from the Latin words “*gaudium*,” joy, and “*gaudeo*,” to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast of Christmas is reason for great joy.



The rose, a symbol for joy.

**Reasons for Joy.** There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because Jesus was born to save us all.

**A Joyful Colour.** Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical colour for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official colour for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time for forgiveness and to be absolved of our failings and be in the state of grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity. **What colour candle in our Advent wreath will be lit this weekend?**

**In the Gospel of St Luke,** we hear John the Baptist say that someone is coming who is more powerful than him, and that he will baptise us with the Holy Spirit. This really is good news and a reason to be joyous?

By Deacon Frank

I ask that the Synod prayer be prayed every day during Advent, especially during our celebrations of the Eucharist, so that we are reminded of the call we have received and the hope-filled response which we will craft together under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit  
Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

## Synod Prayer



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong  
path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal  
life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Poinsettia on the altar at Christmas

Poinsettia in remembrance of our loved ones, will be placed on the Altar and prayed for at all the Christmas Masses. Envelopes and details at back of the church.



## Saints of the Day 11th—17th December

Saturday:	St. Damasus I
Sunday	Of the day
Monday	St. Lucy
Tuesday	St. John of the Cross
Wednesday	Of the day
Thursday	Of the day
Friday	Of the day

## 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.

## Parish Information

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Father Michael Murtagh
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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