

Masses for the Coming Week

Sunday 6th January

Sun.10am Patrick & Margaret Lamon [A]
John Steenson [A] 2 Special Intentions
Delia & Edward McGahern [A]

11.30 am Gerry & May Bambrick [A]

Mary & Mildred Ingram [A]
Anne Bambrick [A] 2 Special Intentions

Mon 10am Parishioners Intentions

Tue.10am Joan

2 Special Intentions

Wed.10am Peter Egan [R.D.]

Ray Murphy [R.D.] 3 Special Intentions

Thur.10am Peter Egan [R.D.]

Pat & Lena Holland [A]

Fri.10am Special Intention

Sat.10am Special Intention

Reminder!!!

We still have outstanding garda vetting forms not returned to the office. Please return them ASAP.

Christmas Tree Recycling in Ludford Area

Two local teenagers [same as last year] living on Ludford Road, will collect your Christmas Tree from your front garden and recycle it for a cost of €5.00.

They will not enter your home, should you need help removing it from your living room their parents will be glad to help. Please phone Yvonne to arrange the collection.

086-3023415

Mobile: 086-3023415

Sharing Christmas Gifts

At Christmas time we may receive more gifts than we need. **CROSSCARE**, the Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, can redistribute surplus gifts to people who may not have received any Christmas presents. A box has been placed close to the Crib in the Pro-Cathedral where nonperishable gifts may be deposited. Also you can drop them into the parish office and we will take them to the local Crosscare depot in Dundrum at the Methodist Church.

Bereavement Support Group

In today's world, people tend to be unaware of the grief associated with bereavement. It is not understood that the grieving process may be long and severe. Sometimes it can be helpful to talk about how you are feeling. Our group offers a listening service, which is open to everyone.

Next meeting takes place on Tuesday 8th January @ 7.30pm in 75 Ludford Drive [Parish Office]

New Year thanks and Prayer

We wish to thank all those who helped in the Parish during 2018. We have noticed many people involved in our Parish Community, involved in various groups and ministries; by way of example, Child Safeguarding Representatives, our team of Sacristians, all who clean and care for our Oratory, Altar Servers, Florist, Music Ministry – Adult Choir, Folk Group, Children's Choir, Organist, Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, Baptism Team, Adoration Group, Liturgy Group, Hospitality Group, St. Vincent DePaul, Finance Group, Church Collectors and Counters, 500 club, our Junior and Senior School Communities, Fr. Anselm and Julius.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. God's blessing and peace always.

Frs. Liam and John

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three wise men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar - followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet the baby Jesus. They offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The outdoor collection next weekend is in aid of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul – our local conference

Holy Lsnd Pilgrimage

“Walk in the footsteps of Christ”
Dundrum, Ballinteer, Meadowbrook
14 – 22 March 2019

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the places we have heard of since childhood. Our 9 day pilgrimage begins in Tiberias where we will spend 3 nights. From there we will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, enjoy a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, Tiberias, River Jordan, Jerusalem, Mount Tabor, Capernaum and much more.

Contact Parish Office/Sacristy for booking form.

Price €1,635.00 pps.

DUNDUM ARCH CLUB



Dundrum Arch club CHY7031 is a social club for people age 17 + with Intellectual Disabilities run on a voluntary basis. We are looking for voluntary drivers to drive 3 members to and from their home to the club in Ballinteer Community School once a month on a Wednesday evening. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lorraine on info@dundrumarchclub.com or check us out at www.dundrumarchclub.com

THE DEEP END:

‘We observed his star at his rising’

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were ‘seekers’, looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what ‘star’ the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

‘We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?’

Pope Francis