



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PARISH OFFICE—OLIVE & CLAIRE Tel: 01-295 6414 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm 29th Nov-2020

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

ST. MARY'S - Parish Webcam Saturday 28th November, 6pm

Thomas Lyons 20th Anniv
Déaglán Ó hÓgáin 7th Anniv
Harry Kinsella Rec Dec
Annette Archbold Rec Dec
Jim Mooney Rec Dec
Anthony Redmond Rec Dec

Sunday 29th November 11am

Michael Roe Anniv
Mollie O'Keeffe Anniv
Bernard Macken Anniv
James Ruddy Rec Dec
John Leneghan Rec Dec

Monday 30th November, 10am

Carmel Corcoran Anniv

Wednesday 2nd December, 10am

Kathleen Fallon Anniv

FIRST FRIDAY

4th December 10am

Altar List of the Dead will be prayed for at this Mass.

SANDYFORD PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you are bereaved or experiencing loss of any kind and would appreciate talking to trained listeners in a supportive, confidential setting, please contact us directly on **087 2983591**. **One to One meetings now also available**. All support sessions are free & completely confidential.



Advent Reflection Series

Church of The Ascension of the Lord, Balally.

Journeying through Advent in Song, hymns, psalms, chant and Dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland).

Sunday 6th Dec at 4pm - Prepare

Sunday 20th Dec at 4pm - Rejoice

Join Online at www.churchservices.tv/balally

In Person by booking a place in advance on

www.balallyparish.ie

(Subject to restrictions on gatherings on either date)

PARISH MASS TIMES & GUIDELINES

- Mass will be celebrated on a daily basis (Mon—Fri) via the parish webcam at 10am.
- Sunday Mass will be via webcam only at 6pm on Saturday evening and 11am on Sunday morning.
- Please note that all Churches will be open for private prayer every day after the celebration of Mass. Please do not come to Church if you have a cough, feel unwell or have a temperature.
- Baptisms & Baptism preparation meetings have been postponed until early December.
- Funeral Masses and Weddings will go ahead but within the current Government guidelines (25 people only).

The Parish Office will be opened to the public from 10.30 to 1pm Monday to Friday. You may also ring or email if you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card or have a query in relation to any other matter. Just for your information, we now have a number of options in terms of payment or donations including card payment over the phone in addition to the normal methods of cheque and cash. Your support, understanding and generosity is greatly appreciated at this difficult time.



CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS



Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office with a €5 offering. During celebrations of Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we pray for the intentions of all Parishioners and for all the living who are remembered through the Christmas Mass Bouquets.

(If you wish to remember deceased relatives and friends please do so through the Altar list of the Dead available in all Churches).

Cards available from Sacristans and Parish Office.



HOME ADVENT CANDLES

If you would like to craft your own home advent wreath please note that home advent candles are available from the parish Office at €5. Season of Advent begins next Sunday.



Crosscare need donations of toiletries – Soaps, Shampoo, Toothpaste, hand soap, baby hygiene products. Donations of new toiletry products that must be in their original packaging please, can be left at:

Community Food Bank, Dundrum Methodist Church, Ballinteer Rd, Dublin I6
ONLY on Tues 8th and 15th Dec between 1pm and 2pm.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS IN CHURCH PORCHES

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

If you go to the sea shore you may see people with their binoculars at different times of the year. They are waiting and on the lookout for the arrival of the different species of birds. The bird watchers have their note books out as they track, number and record the new arrivals to the shore, checking out all the different species and numbers. They ask have the numbers gone up this year. Are there new species that we haven't seen before. There is great excitement as they share their knowledge and information.

Then there is another kind of waiting. It's the familiar queue at the checkout in the supermarket, or for the luas or bus. People take out their phones simply to pass the time.

Two different kinds of people. One so aware and vigilant, the other just waiting without noticing what is all around them.

Advent is the beginning of the Church's year. There are signs for us to notice, such as the Advent Candle. The vestments change from green to violet in preparation. The prophets like John the Baptist are like sign posts along the way announcing and pointing to the coming of the Saviour.

Be watchful. Make your paths straight. Prepare a way for the Lord.

As the country prepares to open up for business our attention is drawn to shops, the lights and trees and all the jobs that need to be done.

We are invited to be like the birdwatchers vigilant, alert and ready to welcome the Saviour and not just to let the real meaning of Christmas simply pass us by. We pray for one another to continue to be safe and well. Protect our loved ones and those who are alone, and those who need our care. May we be watchful in joyful hope as we wait for the coming of the Lord.



Prayer for Advent.

Come Lord into my helplessness and brokenness.

Come Lord into my failure, come Lord into my grieving.

Come Lord into my aloneness, come Lord into my weakness.

Come Lord into my doubting, come Lord into my searching.

Come Lord into my living, come Lord into my heart.

Come Lord Jesus Come.

Wishing you every grace and blessing for the week ahead.

Fr John PP



ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.



No winner this week, next week's jackpot will be €3,400!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S LUCKY DIP WINNERS WHO EACH WIN €50:

TERRY & LISA PENNINGTON AND MAIRIN MULLEN

This week's winning numbers: 1, 6, 12, 27.

For more information on how to sign up, play and support the parish, visit our dedicated lotto page at www.sandyfordparish.org.

Tickets cost €2.00 each with a minimum spend of €10. Why not buy an annual ticket for €100 and be in the draw every week for 52 weeks?

We have a card payment machine in the office so now its easier than ever to pay and play. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Family Offering Envelopes Oct 2020: €1,975

Standing Order Total Oct 2020: € 4,807

Online Donations Total Oct 2020: €1,421

Tap and Go Donations Oct 2020: €1,105

All Family Offering envelopes and donations to the Diocesan Collections can be left into Parish office or the post box at St Mary's.

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

In the absence of indoor church collections we have been receiving requests as to how donations can be made to the Parish or to the Dublin diocese. This can be done by using the dedicated envelopes in Church Porches, Card Payment to the Parish Office, or the Donate Button on the home page of the Parish Website. Clicking on this button leads to a Payzone connection where donations can be made securely.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Whilst we are unable to hold our Monthly collections donations can be made through the Parish office. We are grateful for any help you can give.

FACE MASKS

for sale in Parish Office.

100 per cent cotton in attractive fabrics.

They are very comfortable and are €5 each and all proceeds go to the **St Vincent de Paul!**