



Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

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Feast Of The Holy Family

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*A very Happy New Year from all the
Dalkey Parish team!*

Sunday

Sat 6pm Vigil: Pauline and Teddy Murphy (ann)
Lillian and Denis Kelly (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Sean & Margaret Bourke (ann)
Kitty Lewis (ann)

10.00am: Special Intention

11.15 am: James & Monica Byrden (ann)

12.30pm: Vera Winter (ann)

7.30pm:

Recently Deceased

Jacqueline McKenna,
Michael Newbanks

Our thoughts are with their families, relatives and friends.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am. Richard O'Flynn (ann)

Tues: 10am: Robert Delves

Wed: 10am: Margaret McKillen (RD)

Thurs 10am Brian Logan (ann)

Fri: 10am: 1st Friday: Altar List of the Dead

Sat 10am: Patrick & Delia Keena

Epiphany

Next Saturday, 6th January, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus the Lord to the non-Jewish world. Vigil Mass on Friday at 7.30 pm. Only one morning Mass on Saturday at 10.00 am. The evening Mass at 6 pm on Saturday is the vigil Mass of Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sunday morning Masses as usual with evening Mass at 7.30 pm.

Welcome Home for Christmas!

We wish a warm welcome home to those who have returned to Dalkey for Christmas. We hope it will be a happy time for you. May you be blessed with the gladness of Christmas which is Hope, the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace; the heart of Christmas which is Love. May you be blessed with God's love for you this Christmas.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed until Tues 2nd Jan. Mass cards etc. are available at the Sacristy before and after Masses during this period.

Compline

Compline resumes on Wednesday 3rd January at 6.30pm.

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

Today we pray for all the children who are not allowed to be born, who cry with hunger, who hold weapons in their hands instead of toys.

29th December 2017

Bethlehem Peace light

The Peace Light from Bethlehem is a continuously-burning flame, originating from one of the oil lamps of the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel. It is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among the people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or religion. For several decades the International Scouting movement - both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts - have actively promoted global peace and harmony through the distribution of the Peace Light. We are blessed to have this light in our parish this Christmastime. Please be welcome to share this light in your home this Christmas - you can light your own candle or take one of the candles placed beside the light. A small donation can be left for St V de Paul.

Dalkey Crib

Did you know that our crib is over 100 years old, having been donated by a local benefactor in 1913? The pieces are still in remarkably good condition and have really stood the test of time. Why not stop a while and say a prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is when we come to church and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can come anytime during the Adoration period, and stay as long or as short as you wish and be in His Presence for as long as you wish. While you are there sitting quietly in the pew before God, you can pray, read spiritual books, meditate on a mystery of the faith, ponder God's will for us, etc. Adoration really helps you to be open to what God is trying to tell you! Going to Him in this way really means a lot to Him. Remember when you are here, both pray and LISTEN! Listening is so important, so just say a few prayers then just bask in His presence and an answer will hopefully come to you'. Come along and experience the real presence of Christ, Adoration will recommence on Jan 2nd from after 10am Mass until 5pm.

Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir will resume practices on Tuesday 9th January and will sing at the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday 13th January.

Meditation Group

Our parish meditation group meets every Thursday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2. All most welcome!

Can you help?

If you have some time to spare and would like to help out in the parish, can you please have a look at the leaflet explaining Church ministries which has been distributed in the last few weeks. The Family Mass Group would also welcome more volunteers. Just fill out the form at the back of the leaflet and pop it in Office or email office@dalkeyparish.ie. Thank you.

Vacancies

A full list of job vacancies in the Archdiocese and for 2018 World meeting of Families is available on www.dublindiocese.ie

Hymns for 11.15 Mass

Entrance Hymn

Adeste Fideles

Adeste Fideles, laeti triumphantes
Venite, Venite, in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, regem angelorum,
Venite adoremus, Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, Born the King of Angels,
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Offertory Hymn

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee there.

Communion Hymn

Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby lie there.

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria':
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
'Ave Maria, Ave Maria,
Maiden, and mother of Jesus our King!*

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown.

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ Child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.

Stille nacht, heilige nacht,
Alles schläft, einsam wacht.
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,
Holder Knabe im lockigen haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer ruh,

Oíche chúin, oíche Mhic Dé,
Cách ina suan, dís araon,
Dís is dílse ag faire le spéis,
Naí beag gnaoigheal
Ceannantais caomh,
Críost ins chodladh go séimh,
Críost ins chodladh go séimh.

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n, and heav'n
And nature sing.

Joy to the world!
The Saviour reigns;
Let men their song employ,
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world
With truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

Thank You!

St Vincent de Paul Dalkey would like to thank all of our parishioners for your extraordinary generosity in the recent collection which raised a tremendous €20,914.29.

Bereavement Counselling in Dalkey Parish The bereavement counselling service,(non-denominational), offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 each Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Please call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis.

Parish Group Support

The Parish Meditation group meets each Thursday evening from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2 (behind the Church) and Compline continues each Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. One to one Bereavement Counselling (non-denominational) with trained volunteer counsellors continues in Presbytery No.2 each Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis.

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

With gratitude!

As we rejoice in the great feast of Christmas, we thank all who do so much to enhance our celebration: those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, Cathal and family who built the crib, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists in the music ministry, altar servers, ministers of the Word (readers) and ministers of the Eucharist, those who exercise a ministry of welcome, Finbarr our sacristan and Caitriona in the office-as well as those who serve us all on the Parish Pastoral Council and its sub-committees, and on the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Maintenance Committee and on the Board of Harold Boys', our parish school; all who organised and participated in the wonderful carol services which we have enjoyed over the past week, and especially our friends and neighbours in St Patrick's Church. To all our numerous volunteers who are the beating heart of our vibrant community - too numerous to mention! Thank You!! Finally, Dalkey Community Council has once again this year, donated a lovely Christmas Tree to the church. We thank the Council for this very generous gift.