

### Recently Deceased

Sarah Kirwan  
Liam Walsh  
Ellen Carroll  
Pat Ahern

### Anniversaries

Tommy Ackinson  
John Morrin  
Paul Parletti  
James & Kathleen Kelly  
John & Mary Reid  
Billy Maher  
Fergal Lyons  
Mai Connolly  
Teresa & Val Finnegan  
May they Rest in Peace



LECTIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT  
“Lectio Divina will be held each Monday morning of Advent in Room 1 of the Parish centre @ 10:45am.

For approximately 1 hour on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and finishing on 19<sup>th</sup> December.”

The Medugorje Prayer group will hold their December meeting on Tuesday next 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the pastoral centre all are welcome



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



The St. Vincent De Paul ANNUAL COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will take place here next week-end 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December. This will replace the weekly Share collection. Please be as generous as you can to this special collection next weekend.



### TOY SUNDAY

Our Annual toy Sunday will take place here this year also next weekend 10/11<sup>th</sup> December  
There are many poor children who need help, so we are asking the boys & girls in our parish to bring a gift for these children. Could we ask that the gifts be wrapped and to indicate if they are for a boy or girl and the particular age group Used toys, that are in working order should be handed into the sacristy unwrapped. There are many teenagers who are likely to receive nothing this Christmas. They generally have to make sacrifices to ensure their younger brothers or sisters receive gifts from Santa.

So this year in view of the economic situation and the high level of unemployment & the existing poverty we are making a special appeal to our young people and to the adults to make a special effort this year to help those who are in need and to bring along a gift suitable for them .Many thanks for your generosity over the past years

Taize Mass – our next Taize Mass will take place here this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm Celebrant Fr. Sean Mac Giollarnath. O. Carm. we will also have a Taize Mass here next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Blood Donation Clinic- Ballyroan Community Centre Marian Road Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5pm to 8.30pm



### Question Time?

Q) What is the connection between Santa Claus and St Nicholas?  
A) Santa comes from Sanctus meaning holy or saintly. Claus is a shortened form of Nicholas So, Santa Claus literally means Saint Nicolas. Nicolas was a bishop in Turkey in the fourth century renowned for healing and genouristy to the poor. One story is that he paid a dowry in gold to enable three girls to get husbands rather than be sold by their father to prostitution. The three golden balls outside a pawn shop recall that story. His feast was an occasion for giving toys and sweets to children. This custom was later linked with Christmas to celebrate the genouristy of God in giving his Son as the dowry for our marriage with heaven. St Nicolas Day is celebrated on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December



Congress Preparation – You are invited to the Dublin City Mission at the Pro-Cathedral The Mission takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> November to the 8<sup>th</sup> December with Mission Mass daily at 6.45pm on weekdays and 6.30pm on Sundays a Marian evening beginning with vigil Mass at 6. pm will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> December .Adoration each afternoon 2pm to 5pm



### Praying around the new missal:

30 minutes after 10am Mass on Saturday next, 10<sup>th</sup> December, to help us enrich our prayer and discover the depths behind the unfamiliar words. Led by Gerry Larkin and Ann-Mary Redmond in the parish hall. Adoration will start in the church immediately after the session.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THURSDAY 8TH DEC Feast of the Immaculate Conception VIGIL MASS WED 7TH 7.30PM MASSES ON THURSDAY 8TH DEC 9.10am,10.00am& 7.30 pm

The Parish office has a range of Advent Calenders and wreaths plus Christmas Cards and Gifts and also cards for all occasions why not drop in after Mass and take a look opening hours Mon-Fri 8.45 to 12.45 and after all Masses on Sunday morning.



Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available in the Parish Office and Sacristy priced at €6 each all Christmas Mass Intentions will be rememberd at all off our Christmas Masses here in St Judes .



Ministers of the Word – Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Pastoral Centre

Fr Tom- Fr Tom has had an operation to remove a tumour from his colon and is recovering well – please continue to keep him in your prayers .

Eucharistic Adoration – we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday Eve starting on Mon next 28<sup>th</sup> Nov from 7-9pm we hope you will come along and lend your prayers in support of our preparations for the congress.

