



LIVING WITH LOSS

Our free bereavement information evening

Irish Hospice Foundation's annual bereavement information evening is being held online this year on Wednesday 9 December, 7pm.

We know 2020 has been a difficult and isolating year. We hope Living with Loss will provide some connection and solace. In this online space, we will share some reflections on bereavement and help people find out about the supports that are available.

This free event is for all; you may have experienced a bereavement this year or at an earlier time, or you may be concerned about a child or friend who is grieving and wish to help.

Please join us on Wednesday 9 December, 7pm-8.30pm

How to register and access Living with Loss:

You need to register through Eventbrite Or via the following link: <https://hospicefoundation.ie/livingwithloss/>

When you register, you'll receive an email to say you've registered. The zoom link will then be emailed to you before the event. Use this link to access the event. It will be open from 6.45pm.

You can access Living with Loss on a computer or your mobile phone. Age Action have published easy to use guidelines on how to use zoom on your smartphone or computer.

You will not be able to see or hear other attendees nor will they be able to see or hear you. You will only be able to see and hear the speakers. You can type in questions for the speaker using the 'chat function' at the bottom of your computer/phone screen.

Please offer to help friends and family who have difficulty using technology and would like to join us.

Attendees do not need to have an email account but will need access to one to receive the link.

Please email bereavementsupport@hospicefoundation.ie with any questions or call 01 679 3188.

Further Support

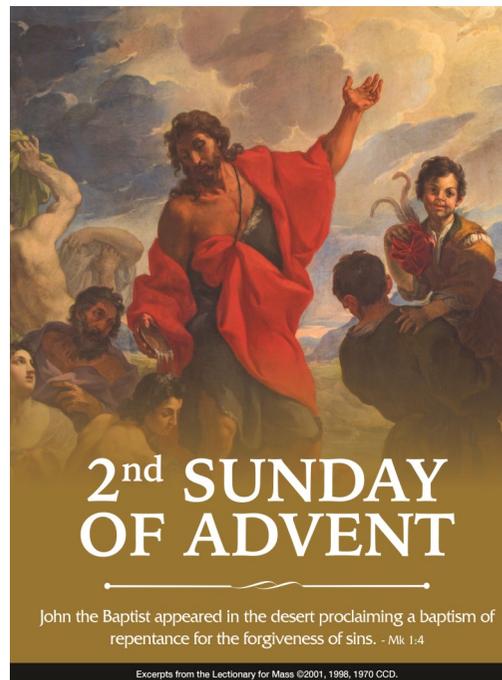
Our freephone Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is 1800 80 70 77 and is open from 10am – 1pm from Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If the line is busy when you call, we can call you back if you leave your contact details.



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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MASS INTENTIONS

6.00 pm Vigil Mass 5th Dec
Liam & Berry Murphy (Anniversaries)

11.30 am Sun 6th December:-
Months Mind for those whose Funerals took place from our Church during October.

James (Jim) O' Donnell
Margaret Reid
Bernard Clyne
Brian Byrne
Richard Morton
Liam Dunne
Brigid (Bridie) Murphy

Stewart Crymble (Recently Deceased)
Kathleen Bradshaw (Months Mind)
Liam & Berry Murphy (Anniversaries)
Shane Moraghan (2nd Anniversary)
Pearse Kilcullen (2nd Anniversary)
Eamonn Kelly (recently Deceased)

Other intentions

Tony Barret (Recently Deceased)
Thomas Lynch (Recently Deceased)
Andrew, Maureen, Claire & David Mc Carren (Anniversaries)
Alfred & Kathleen Walsh (Anniversaries)
Fred Walsh (1st Anniversary)
Bernard Mc Loughlin (10th Anniversary)
John Mc Carthy (3rd Anniversary)
Noel Diggins (Anniversary)
Kathleen Quinn (Anniversary)



**2nd Sunday
of Advent
December
6th**

A Voice cries in the Wilderness

There is something beautiful about all the lights that we now see around us in the streets and shops windows. As they shine and sparkle they are trying to catch our eye and get our attention.

In our gospel this Sunday, John the Baptist is trying to do the very same thing; he too is trying to get our attention because he has a message for us as we take another step on our Advent journey. John comes as a messenger in the wilderness not just with any news, but with 'good news' for all to hear. He comes to us with a message of hope. John tells us that someone (Jesus) is coming and that he is far more powerful than John.

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah describes the arrival of this person; *'Here is you God. Here is the Lord coming with power.'* John reminds us today as he did in the desert that God has not forgotten us or the promise that was made to generations before us; Jesus the Messiah is coming. Jesus is coming not just into our world, but into our homes, lives and our very hearts. This most definitely is 'good news.'

John came with a new message in a new place. Normally people went to the temple or the synagogue to hear the word of God. But John is in neither of these places. He appeared and spoke in the wilderness of the desert and as the gospel tells us *all the people of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him.* Through John, God is proclaiming a new message in a new way. As the Prophet Isaiah reminds us, Yahweh says, *'look I am doing something new, it is already happening. Can you not see it? I will make a path in the wilderness.'*

What is this new thing God is doing? Through the words and actions of Jesus, God breaks into our world and lives in a new, life-giving and personal way. Our God is a God of surprises and God's ways are not our ways.

John asks us to *'prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight.'* What does this mean for us today? When the people heard John speak, *'they were baptised and confessed their sins.'* An important aspect of our Advent journey and preparation is acknowledging that there are parts of our lives that need straightening!

Perhaps one way we could prepare away for the Lord during these weeks of Advent is to consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. As we focus our attention on so many other things during the lead up to Christmas, let us not forget to prepare a place in our hearts to welcome Jesus.

Michael Moore OM

Foxrock Parish Covid-19 Religious Services Guidance from Archbishop Martin

In line with recently announced Government regulations and public health guidelines, Archbishop Martin has issued the following Religious Services Guidance for parishes:

A special concession has been made for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services at Level 3 from 1 December, in light of the upcoming Christmas period, to be reviewed in January. This will allow for up to 50 worshippers to attend Services with the following protective measures:

- 2 metres social distancing guidelines to be adhered to;

- Wearing of face masks (not visors) is obligatory;

- Separate points of entrance into and exit from the Church (a one-way system);

- No congregating by people outside the Church before or after any service;

- Stewards to be available to assist;

- Advance booking where necessary;

- Up to twenty-five mourners may attend funerals;

- Up to twenty-five people may attend a wedding ceremony and reception.

FOXROCK PARISH ARRANGEMENTS

We are very conscious that this is a stressful time for parishioners and that all are longing for the time when we will be able to gather freely again in our Parish Faith Family. We deeply appreciate your tolerance and patience as we try to work with such restrictive conditions and we hope to see as many of you as possible at Mass over the coming weeks.

In compliance with Government, public health and Archbishop Martin's guidance and in the interest of reducing risk to health and life, we will have to work together to ensure that up to fifty parishioners may attend Mass on weekdays and at weekends as safely as possible. That took effect from Thursday 3 December.

It will mean that, when we come to the Church, we will continue to observe the public health protocols in using hand sanitiser, keeping the social distance of two meters and using the recommended cough and sneeze etiquette. This time, we note that face masks (not visors) are obligatory.

The Church will be open twenty minutes before each Mass and there will be a one way system where we will come in by the main door and exit by the side doors. We will not be able to gather socially either within or outside the Church.

Booking to attend Masses both on weekdays and weekends is necessary for contact traceability and will be taken by email on

foxrockparishmassbooking@gmail.com.

The email booking facility is now open. Confirmation of bookings for up to fifty people will issue by return email. You will need to have your booking confirmed and, if at all possible, we ask you to bring your confirmation email with you when you come to Mass.

Stewards will be on hand to assist parishioners.

FOXROCK PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas arrangements will be announced shortly and there will be a special booking arrangement for Christmas which will also be announced shortly.

In October 2019 Pope Francis added the Dec. 10 feast of Our Lady of Loreto to all calendars.

The shrine of Our Lady of Loreto is located on the Adriatic coast of Italy three hours from Rome.

The tradition of the shrine at goes back to the year 1291. As the last of the crusaders returned to Western Europe they brought with them a number of relics, objects of devotion and remembrances of holy shrines. It happened that the dwelling of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the house which both tradition and Christian devotion had maintained as the site of the appearance of the archangel Gabriel and therefore the Incarnation of our Saviour, was moved from Nazareth to Christian Europe. The house arrived at Loreto on December 10, 1294 after making a three-year stop in Croatia.

Custodians of the shrine have said the stones of the house were removed from the Holy Land and carried by ship by a member of the Angeli family.

The family name is also the Italian word for “angels,” thus being the probable reason for the more popular notion of winged angels flying the house to Italy.

Despite the possibility that the house came by way of ship, Our Lady of Loreto is still the patron saint of aviation and air travel.

In 1609, Mary Ward founded one of the first groups of active religious women in the Church, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known in Ireland and throughout the world as Loreto Sisters. The congregation takes its name from the Marian shrine at Loreto in Italy where Mary Ward used to pray.

PACEM IN TERRIS Pope St. John XXIII

"May He banish from the hearts of men and women whatever might endanger peace.

May He transform them into witnesses of truth justice and brotherly love.

May He enlighten the rulers of peoples so that in addition to their solicitude for the proper welfare of their citizens, they may guarantee and defend *the great gift of peace.*

May He enkindle the wills of all so that they may overcome the barriers that divide, cherish the bonds of mutual charity, understand others, and pardon those who have done them wrong.

May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters, and may the most-longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among men and women."

Saints of the Week

Mon 7 St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

Tues 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wed 9 St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin

Thurs 10 Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto

Fri 11 St Damasus I, pope

Sat 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

St Finnian, bishop

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

‘ Console my people, console them’ says your God.
(Is 40:1-5.9-11)

PSALM

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
(Ps 84.9-14)

SECOND READING

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day.
(2 Pt 3:8-14)

GOSPEL

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ ,the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah.
(Mk 1:1-8)



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
By Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, 1767-1769

SVP Annual Appeal.

During this year our fundraising has been restricted as we have no Church collections since last February. Our Annual Appeal is next weekend & this is the most important event in our fundraising calendar.

Every household in the Parish will receive a donation pack this coming week and we appeal for your usual generous support, which will replace despair with hope. We thank you most sincerely if you have already donated.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary enjoyed its greatest popularity as a subject for painting in the 17th century, particularly in Seville in Spain, but it was not officially declared a dogma by the Catholic Church until 1854.

The term is sometimes mistakenly thought to refer to the conception of Christ. This is represented in art as the Annunciation.

Masses on Tuesday (Holyday)
10.00am, 11.30 am and 6.00pm