

PALESTRINA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Palestrina Choir Christmas Concert takes place in the National Concert Hall on **Saturday, December 10**, at 8pm. Tickets available; <https://www.nch.ie/>

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

2022 has been very difficult for families coming to Crosscare needing help. For the first time in many years, they have seen a rise in the number of working families struggling with ongoing increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas put even more pressure on people already finding it hard to make ends meet. This Christmas, they are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches.

Sunday Masses: 8:45am, 10:15am (Family Mass), 12:00pm

Vigil Mass: 6:00pm Saturday (Taize/Gospel Choir)

Daily Mass: 10:00am.

The rosary is said after 10:00am mass on weekdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Mondays after 10.00 Mass until 4.00 pm

(Except on public holidays when exposition takes place on Tuesday)

For Information on Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations and Weddings,
please refer to our web site.

FOR MASS CARDS, MASS INTENTIONS, CERTIFICATES, BAPTISM FORMS
PLEASE CONTACT THE SACRISTY on 01 2859975 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

MASS CARDS are also available in the Parish Office
from 9:00am—1pm weekdays.

Registered Charity Number: 20016166



Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Newsletter 3rd & 4th December 2022

Priests of the Parish: Fr Liam Lacey – 01 4453321
Fr Declan Gallagher – 01 2859212

Sacristan: Finbarr Madden – 01 2859975 (9:00 – 11:00am)

Secretary: Nikki Redmond – 01 2859418 (9:30am – 12:30pm)

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Now that we are into the month of December, there is a palpable sense that Christmas is only around the corner. This week we mark the **Second Sunday of Advent** with the theme of **Love**.

St. John puts it in his gospel: *“God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, so that all who believe in him might have eternal life.”*

Love is vital for life and at this time of year many people are inspired to spread love through responding to difficult situations. There are countless groups and charities working flat out to alleviate the real hardships that people are experiencing and you will notice from your post and emails and advertisements on radio and tv that they are all reaching out looking for funds to support their valuable work. Two charities that are mentioned in this newsletter are **Crosscare** (the Diocesan Social Care Agency) and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. They are particularly worthy of our support. Next weekend the annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at our masses. This collection will replace the Second Collection. Please note that the **Tap and Go** machine located beside the Pieta Statue will accept your donations towards the First and Second Collections.

I wish you well this week,

Fr. Liam

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISING APPEAL

For almost 200 years St. Vincent de Paul has been supporting communities throughout Ireland including Dalkey. Now, more than ever, we need your help. Covid-19 and the economic impacts are ruinous for many families and we must do what we can to assist them. There are many ways you can contribute to the work of St. Vincent de Paul in Dalkey:

- In early December Loreto school are, once again, assisting us in delivering an appeal to all the households in Dalkey
- We have a fundraising page where you can donate online at: <http://www.svp.ie/AssumptionDalkeyAppeal>
- There are collection envelopes in the Church of the Assumption on Castle St. which visitors to the church can use to drop a donation safely in the secure postbox in the Sacristy door.

We represent you as we respond to requests for help. Please support us as much as you can.

36TH ANNUAL DUN LAOGHAIRE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2022 FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE

DUE TO FEEDBACK WE WILL BE HOSTING A DINE AT HOME DELIVERY SERVICE THIS CHRISTMAS DAY.

A TRADITIONAL FULL CHRISTMAS DINNER (ALL THE TRIMMINGS) WITH INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS, MINCE PIES ETC. WILL BE DELIVERED FRESH TO YOUR DOOR ON CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF OR YOU CAN COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM BLACKROCK RUGBY CLUB – FOR COLLECTION PLEASE ARRIVE DURING YOUR ALLOCATED TIME SLOT SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO DELAYS. (BETWEEN **10.30AM TO 13.30**) ON CHRISTMAS DAY. **CALL MARGARET BROWN ON 01 2804776**

DARA CHOIR

DARA (Dalkey Active Retirement Association) choir concert on Friday 9th Dec at 7.30pm featuring the beautiful Soprano Elizabeth Woods, proceeds in aid of the Blackrock Hospice. No admission fee but contributions welcome for this worthy cause.

CONFIRMATION 2023

We welcome all the Confirmation Children to their first preparation mass on Sunday 4th December at 10.15am

Fr. William Stuart unfortunately has had to POSTPONE the Fundraising Christmas Dinner evening on Friday DECEMBER 9th 2022 at 7.30pm— it will be rearranged for the Springtime.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available to purchase from the Parish Office.

The office can now accept payments by debit/credit card.

INDIA IMMERSION PROJECT

Sally James, pupil from Holy Child School would like to thank Parishioners for their generous donations. She raised €1,503.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS SECURITY

We would like to remind Parishioners to not leave handbags / personal belongings unattended in the Church at any time.