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Partnered with the Parishes of Bohernabreena / Ballycragh & Aylesbury / Old Bawn in the Tallaght Deanery

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1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

First Friday Visits to Housebound Parishioners

Communion is brought to our ill or housebound parishioners normally on the First Friday of every month. If you know of someone, family member or neighbour, who would like a First Friday visit, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office.

Webcam : www.firhouseparish.ie or

www.churchservices.tv/firhouse

All devices, phones, laptops, iPads are now compatible with the Parish webcam.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULING IN PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may know, back in December of 2022, Archbishop Dermot Farrell in his Advent Pastoral Letter, *The Time has Come*, confirmed parish partnership arrangements as part of the diocesan *Building Hope* initiative. We are currently in a parish partnership that comprises St. Martin de Porres, Bohernabreena and Firhouse. Parishes were initially invited to form a Partnership Council in order to implement practical pastoral initiatives for development. One of these areas was Mass scheduling with a view to review together how to develop quality liturgical celebrations across the partnership. This review was undertaken in the context of the reality of declining Mass attendance numbers and a decline in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Indeed, the decline in vocation numbers has led to an inevitable reduction in priests available for full-time ministry and this reality is already being felt in parishes including our own. Taking all of this into consideration, the following is our current weekend

Mass schedule for our parish partnership.

Saturday: 6pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Firhouse

7pm Vigil Mass – St Martin de Porres, Old Bawn

Sunday: 8.30am – St. Anne's, Bohernabreena

9.30am - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Firhouse

10.30am – Holy Rosary, Ballycragh

11.30am - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Firhouse

12.30pm - St Martin de Porres, Old Bawn

As things stand, the above schedule is set to run for the foreseeable future. We appreciate your support and understanding in these changing and challenging times for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Let us resolve to pray for each other and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue in our mission to work together and live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

With every blessing,

Fr Peter PP & (Fr. James PP Bohernabreena & St Martin de Porres)

DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE 2024

The Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service (Celebration of God's Forgiveness with Communal Preparation with Individual Confession and Absolution - Rite 2 of the Sacrament of Reconciliation) will be at **7.30 pm** in **St Mary's Dominican Priory, Tallaght Village on Monday 9th December** with many priests available for the Individual Confession and Absolution.

All are welcome to come and receive the Lord's Forgiveness before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE FIRHOUSE SINGERS:

Free concert here in our parish church on SUNDAY DEC.15th at 3pm. All your Christmas favourites, and a chance to sing along with the Firhouse Singers. A collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul society. Please spread the word.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal replaces the Share collection **Next weekend 7th / 8th December.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to all who have returned their Tickets so far. Tickets may be returned to the Parish Office, Presbytery 1, or the Collection boxes around the Church.

Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and weekdays from the Parish Office €10 each.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat. 30 th Nov. 6p.m.	Deirdre Harman	(Months Mind.)
	Francis Eamonn Henry & Mary Dooley	(Anniv.)
	Deceased members of the Henry family	(Anniv.)
Sun. 1 st Dec. 9.30a.m.	Brenda Hederman	(Anniv.)
	Katie O'Brien	(Anniv.)
	The Davin & Gibbons Families	(Remb.)
	William & Maureen Barry	(Remb.)
	Deceased members of the Smith & O'Brien Families	(Remb.)
	Deceased Members The McEvoy, Conroy & Kavanagh Families	
	Deceased members of the Firhouse Men's Shed	(Remb.)
Sun. 1 st Dec. 11.30a.m.	David Maycock	(Anniv.)
	Seamus McCoy	(Anniv.)
	Eddie & Kathleen Whelan	(Anniv.)
Mon. 2 nd Dec. 10a.m.	Pete Donnellan	(Rec. Dec.)
Wed. 4 th Dec. 10a.m.	The Caulfield family on their recent Bereavement.	
Sat. 7 th Dec. 6p.m.	Louise O'Brien	(Months Mind.)
	John Burke	(Anniv.)
	Deceased members of the Burke & Farrington Families	(Remb.)
Sun. 8 th Dec. 9.30a.m.	Brendan Keane	(Christmas Remb.)
Sun. 8 th Dec. 11.30a.m.	Pauline O' Connor	(Rec. Dec.)
	Thomas & Mary Bambrick	(Anniv.)
	Thomas, Catherine & Brendan McGreevey	(Anniv.)

We Extend our sympathy to

Helena Foley & Breda Murphy on the death of their Brother Brendan Murphy R.I.P.

Senan Nolan on the death of his Mother Bridie Nolan R.I.P.