



# Bohernabreena Parish

## St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



# Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th February 2025 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven**



In the **first reading**, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 1) finds beatitude in keeping God's Law.

In the **second reading** St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven, and that Christ's Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness.

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. *"Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced,"* because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one's commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. The Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness. (frtonyshomilies.com)

**ACCORD DUBLIN ANNUAL COLLECTION 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** for **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **15 & 16 February**. **ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:** Marriage Preparation courses, Counselling for couples



and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on 15 & 16 February.**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Why there is pain and suffering in the world?** The questions about suffering are real! How can we reconcile God's goodness with innocent people being killed or maimed by drunk drivers, terrorist attacks, starvation, disease or natural disaster? Where is God in all this? Isn't God in charge of his own creation? Why didn't God prevent this?

### Mass Intentions



St Anne's Church

**Sunday 16th Feb, 8.30am**

Patrick Thornton, Anniversary  
Larry McMahon, 19th Anniversary

Holy Rosary Church

**Sunday 16th Feb, 10.30am**

Ellen Dillon, 13th Anniversary  
Kay Maher, Anniversary

Prayer Requests can be put in the boxes in the church and will be prayed for at our cell prayer gathering on every second Monday at 8pm in Rosanna Hall.

Coeliac Hosts

Please note that consecrated Coeliac Hosts are available during Holy Communion. Just let the Priest/Deacon/ Eucharistic Minister know when you come forward for Holy Communion.



**Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Holy Rosary every Monday following 10am Mass.**

**MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH GROUPING**

<b>Saturday</b>	Vigil 7.00pm	St Martin de Porres Church
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	Holy Rosary Church
	12.30pm	St Martin de Porres Church
<b>Weekdays</b>	10.00am	Mon, Holy Rosary (except on Public Hols)
	10.00am	Tues-Thurs, St Martin de Porres
	10.00am	Friday, St Anne's Church
<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Firhouse</b>		
Saturday	Vigil 6.00pm	
Sunday	9.30am and 11.30am	

# BOHERNABREENA - ST ANNE'S & HOLY ROSARY, ST MARTIN DE PORRES

PARISH TEAM:

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**Mass Times St. Anne's:**  
Sunday 8.30am Friday 10am

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**Mass Times Holy Rosary:**  
Sunday 10.30am  
Monday 10am (except bank holidays)

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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The picture of God doling out blessings for good conduct and curses for bad (Deuteronomy 11:26-27) was meaningful for earlier stages of human history for nomadic tribes. But Jesus tried to correct the distorted view of those who see God as a cruel tyrant just waiting to punish people.

In the gospel Jesus asserts that the real intention of God's will—is not to inflict blindness or leprosy or suffering upon people. Quite the contrary, God's glory and power is to be revealed through the removal of such scourges (Matthew 7:9-11). The Church's mission of healing, like that of Christ himself, is thus further proof of God's desire to eliminate human misery wherever it is found.

Then why God willed Jesus and Mary and martyrs to suffer? In fact, it was precisely the anti-God forces—the enemies of God—who caused Jesus to suffer. Jesus' crucifixion was not orchestrated by God's will but by human beings who were acting in direct opposition to God's will. Besides, Jesus chose suffering to demonstrate God's love for us and the martyrs chose suffering as an act of witnessing to Jesus. Although sufferings can be considered God's ways of training us and disciplining us in holy lives, the Bible gives two root causes of suffering as the result of our own sinful choices and the imperfect state of our world. We can sublimate our suffering by offering them for the remission of sins and accepting them as gifts of a loving and rewarding God. (frtonyshomilies.com)

### Office Closed

St. Anne's parish office will be closed for holidays next week 19th and 21st Feb.

## Men's RITES of Passage

Nowadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience. Opening the door to this journey can start with the **Men's Rites of Passage (MROP)**, a five-day deeply spiritual experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose. Join with other men on this journey in **Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. For more information, go to <https://www.malesireland.ie/rites-2/> or phone 086-2326988 or email Chris at [RITES2025Applications@malesireland.ie](mailto:RITES2025Applications@malesireland.ie)



## Come and See

A series of six presentation evenings to help people explore their faith

3<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 | 7pm to 8.30pm  
Running for 6 consecutive Monday's

Holy Rosary Church, Ballycragh, 24 Court Ave, Ballycullen, Tallaght, D24 A2C5

### What's it all about...?

- Come and See is a dynamic and inspiring series of six presentation evenings to help people explore and learn more about their Christian faith in these changing times
- Each presentation deals with a specific Christian theme which in turn facilitates sharing and discussion.
- The programme is run in an open, friendly environment and is designed to engage people from all walks of life.

### Inspiring guest speakers

- ✓ **Br. Richard Hendrick:** Capachin priest-friar, conference speaker, retreat director, poet, and author of a number of spiritual books.
- ✓ **Sean Goan:** is a gifted speaker who relates the Word of God to life today in a way that inspires and encourages.
- ✓ **Fr. Michael Hurley, Maruska & Eugene Smith** and others.
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## SHARING FAITH IN TODAY'S WORLD

Fr Michael Hurley

- *What does this mean? Where can we begin?*

Fr Michael Hurley, a priest of the Dublin Diocese, has been personally involved in evangelization for most of his priestly life. He strongly believes that personal faith brings purpose, healing, happiness and reconciliation to people's lives and is thus all the more necessary in today's world.

Over three Monday evenings, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (7.30pm to 9pm), Fr Michael will input and facilitate conversation and reflection. Includes tea/coffee break.

Cost €40 for the three weeks payable in advance (or €15 per week if paying weekly)



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