



# Bohernabreena Parish

## St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



## Parish Bulletin

Sunday 30th November 2025—First Sunday of Advent



### First Sunday of Advent

In the **first reading (Is 2:1-5)**, Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God.

Today's **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 122)**, is a joyous hymn originally sung as pilgrims journeyed up to the Temple in Jerusalem. They prepare us for our yearly pilgrimage.



In the **second reading (Rom 13:11-14)**, Paul exhorts the Roman Christian community to get ready to meet Jesus in his *Second Coming* by discharging their duties properly and by freeing themselves from their former pagan tendencies toward excessive drinking, sexual promiscuity, jealousy, and rivalry. We, too, are challenged to make spiritual preparations for Christ's birth in our lives.

In today's **Gospel (Mt 24:37-44)**, Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory. Jesus reminds us that the unrepentant and ill-prepared evil people were destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah and that a thief would break in and plunder the precious belongings of an ill-prepared house owner. Using additional examples later, Jesus repeats his warning for us to be vigilant and well-prepared all the time, doing the will of God by loving Him in Himself and in everyone else. (frtonyushomilies.com)

### A Word of Thanks

My deepest appreciation for all your kind words, surprises and affirming messages of congratulation and goodwill that I received on the occasion of my recent 'significant' birthday.

I loved the beautiful celebrations at Holy Rosary, St Martin de Porres, and St Anne's. I thank all who took part and especially the organiser's. The surprises were very moving. I enjoyed the celebrations so much, I don't want them to end. I am deeply thankful for my family, friends and the people of our parish communities. You are part of my life and will forever be part of my prayer. To each person, I say: "Thank you."

I am now an octogenarian. A new chapter opens for me. I have stumbled into a new decade and for this I am deeply thankful to God and to so many. I feel apprehensive about what lies ahead, as the fear of being irrelevant, or discarded creeps to the surface. However, I read recently: 'Out of loneliness arises the self we never knew' [Nancy Woods]. I look forward to "a self ever new". The pace of life will change. I pray that I may come to know the mystery and beauty of God, as he waits within me to be discovered afresh in the people I meet, in nature and in the events of each day.

*I extend a deeply heartfelt thank you.*

*Mile buíochas. Le gach dea-ghuí*

Michael Hurley

### St. Anne's Church Christmas Raffle 2025

- 1st Prize - Turkey or Goose & Ham
- 2nd Prize - Christmas Cake, Pudding & Bottle of Whiskey
- 3rd Prize - Christmas Hamper
- Plus many more prizes.

Draw will take place at the

**FAMILY BINGO** in Roseanna Hall

on **Thurs 18th Dec at 7.30pm.**

Tickets - 3 strips €5.

**Tickets on Sale after Mass on Sunday's**



### SVP COLLECTION

The diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, Sunday, December 7. This collection will replace the usual SHARE collection and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### November

##### St Anne's Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

For parishioners' intentions.



##### Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

30th Nov

Johnny Anderson, 12th Anniversary

Stephen (Joe) Egan, 1st Anniversary

For anyone who  
wishes a friendly,  
joyful breather  
before

# Christmas

WHY NOT JOIN US

**SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER**

4.00 - 6.30pm

Roseanna Hall, Bohernabreena,  
D24 C651

*Christmas singing with reflection  
and snacks.*

For more information contact...

St. Anne's Parish Office, Bohernabreena: 01 4626 893

Holy Rosary Parish Office, Ballycullen: 01 4141 838

St Martin De Porres Parish Office, Aylesbury: 01 451 0160

*Hosted by parish cells*



**Birthday Breakfast for Fr. Michael in Roseanna Hall**

### COME AND SUPPORT US AT HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Holy Rosary Church will have a table at the Christmas fair in Holy Rosary School next **Sunday, 30th November from 2-5pm** with Christmas gifts, nativities, cards, rosaries and children's books etc. from our Church Shop. Christmas mass cards will also be available. Please come and say hello to us and maybe buy a gift or two. We appreciate your support.

Christmas Fair



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

### PARISH TEAM:

FR. JAMES DALY, PARISH PRIEST 085.2513 730  
FR. HECTOR MWALE, CHAPLAIN

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REV. PÁDRAIC O'SULLIVAN, DEACON

### ST ANNE'S PARISH OFFICE

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### Mass Times St. Anne's:

Sunday 8.30am Friday 10am

### HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE

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Secretary: Deborah Brown  
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### Mass Times Holy Rosary:

Sunday 10.30am  
Monday 10am (except bank holidays)

### ST MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH OFFICE

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### Mass Times St. Martin's:

Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil) Sunday 12.30pm  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

Website: [www.bohernabreenaparish.com](http://www.bohernabreenaparish.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bohernabreenaparish](http://www.facebook.com/bohernabreenaparish)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Bohernabrparish](http://www.twitter.com/Bohernabrparish)

### PERSONAL ADVENT RETREATS

There are "Walk with Me, A Journey of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee 2025" booklets available at the back of Holy Rosary Church. These are being provided by the Parish and you are welcome to take one for yourself, or someone you think might like to have their own personal advent retreat. There are also children's Advent Calendars at the back of our churches, and we hope that you will encourage your children to follow these.

### FIRST SATURDAY CONFERENCE IN KNOCK

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks by Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will also be the Rosary led by the Children's Rosary Group, a 15 minute meditation by Fr Marius O'Reilly, as Our Lady's requested the First Saturdays, and time for lunch. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For more details please visit [firstsaturdays.ie](http://firstsaturdays.ie).

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/). It closes on Tuesday, December 16.

### PLANNED GIVING/FAMILY OFFERING AND TAX ON CHARITABLE DONATIONS

We sincerely thank all of our parishioners who contribute regularly to the Planned Giving / Family Offering in the Parish either by standing order or weekly envelope. If you haven't contributed to date, and are now in a position to consider doing so, we would greatly appreciate your support. These contributions are the only source of income which stay in the parish for the day to day running and upkeep of our Churches, as the collections taken up during masses go directly to the Diocese.

As you may be aware, a tax scheme exists whereby those who contribute €250 or more to a charity in a given tax year (approx. €4.81 per week or €21 per month) can claim an additional sum from the Revenue Commissioners which is sent directly to the charity concerned. As the parish has the status of a charity, any donation given to the parish of Bohernabreena Parish is classed as a charitable donation which means that we are eligible to claim this additional income for the upkeep of the parish. In being part of this tax scheme, no loss or cost will be incurred by you as taxpayer, and confidentiality will be assured in all aspects of this process. All that is required is that you complete an 'Enduring Certificate' form, available from the parish office, and then the parish makes the claim directly to the Revenue Commissioners.

The extra revenue that is received will be used directly for the upkeep and day to day running costs of the Parish. This revenue is quite substantial, e.g. for a contribution of exactly €250 in the tax year the Church will receive an additional €112.33 directly from the Revenue Commissioners, thus making your donation worth €362.33 to the parish. If a donation is greater, returns to parish increase accordingly.



**BOHERNABREENA**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
ROSANNA HALL, BOHERNABREENA  
(Beside St. Anne's Church D24 YF34)  
7th DECEMBER 2025  
12 - 3 PM  
SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFTERS

### THE FIRHOUSE SINGERS IN CONCERT

Your support would be most appreciated for the Firhouse Singers in concert in two venues this week:



- 1. This Sunday (November 30th)**  
in St. Mary's College, Rathmines at 7.30pm.  
Concert in aid of SafeBirth4all (the elimination of obstetric fistula in 3rd. world countries)  
Admission €10.
- 2. Thursday December 4th.**  
in the beautiful St. Maelruain's Church in old Tallaght village, 7.30pm. Free Christmas concert, with a collection for 'Bells of Hope' (childhood cancer) and Childline.

### WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

The weekly **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** or **STANDING ORDERS** are the **SOLE SOURCES OF INCOME** which remain in the parish, contributing to the day to day running of the parish - altar expenses, light & heat, wages, etc. Every contribution is important to us, no matter how much or how little you can give. If you are in a position to contribute to the planned giving, please contact our parish offices for a box of envelopes or standing order form. In order to keep banking costs to a minimum, standing orders are our preferred method of payment please.

### PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES FOR MORE DETAILS.

**Common Fund:** The first collection taken up during mass is paid directly to the Dublin Diocese to support the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low income parishes, and priests working in special ministries.

**Share Collection:** The Share (or second) collection at mass is also paid directly to the Dublin Diocese and provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes, as well as support to low-income parishes and contributing to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.