



Bohernabreena Parish

St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 7th December 2025 — Second Sunday of Advent



A voice cries in the wilderness...

Points to ponder: In today's Gospel John's message is a stark call to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' He condemns the religious leaders' empty reliance on ancestry.

- John's role was to prepare the way for the Lord, making 'straight paths for him.' This involves honest self-examination. We ask ourselves: What 'mountains' of pride or 'valleys' of apathy in my life need to be levelled to make a clear, unobstructed path for Christ to reign?
- John speaks of the coming Messiah who will 'baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Fire refines and purges. What is it in our lives that needs the Holy Spirit's purifying fire to burn away pride, or self-reliance, leaving only what is genuine and dedicated to God?
- The image of the winnowing fork is one of ultimate separation and accountability. It reminds us that our choices have eternal consequences. Does the reality of final judgment influence my daily decisions to live a life of faithfulness and integrity? (Intercom December 2025)



MONDAY DECEMBER 8th

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Mass times – Holy Rosary 10am (Funeral Mass Eddie Rooney RIP), St. Martin's 11am.

December 8th – DAY OF PRAYER for PEACE and VOCATIONS at St. Martin's – Following the 11am Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8pm (concluding with Benediction).

HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL will hold their annual **Christmas Carol service** on **Tuesday Dec 9th at 7.30pm** at Holy Rosary Primary School.

BOHERNABREENA / ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

SERVICE – Thursday Dec 11th 7.30pm in St. Anne's Church – Join us for a family night with music from the parish Children's choir, parish adult choir and girls and boys preparing for Confirmation.



PARISH YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS VARIETY FUN NIGHT

ROSEANNA HALL
TUES 16th DECEMBER / 7pm - 8.15pm
for children in 5th and 6th class.
Come along and join us for this night of fun.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday December 15th | 7.30pm

ST. MARY'S PRIORY



SVP COLLECTION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December



St Anne's Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

7th Dec Sean Cullen, Anniversary

14th Dec Patrick, Teresa (Rita) and Kate Doyle, Anniversaries

Michael & Margaret Crowley, Anniversaries

21st Dec Pat Cotter, 11th Anniversary & Teresa Cotter.

Rita Bateman (Keane) Anniversary and Pat & Eileen Bateman

Josephine Haughey, Anniversary

28th Dec Mary Worth, Anniversary

Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

7th Dec Olive Malone, recently deceased and her husband Pat Malone, 31st Anniversary

14th Dec Eddie O'Sullivan, 1st Anniversary

21st Dec Richard Daly, 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



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



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

PARISH TEAM:

FR. JAMES DALY, PARISH PRIEST 085.2513 730
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Sunday 8.30am Friday 10am

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Mass Times Holy Rosary:

Sunday 10.30am
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Mass Times St. Martin's:

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

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MOVIE NIGHT AT HOLY ROSARY - CHRISTMAS WITH 'THE CHOSEN'



Join us in Holy Rosary church
on Friday December 19th at 7pm
for 'Christmas with The Chosen' (PG).

Experience the first Christmas through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. Follow the young couple as they take the long road to Bethlehem and prepare for Jesus' birth. This beautifully-made movie is ideal to help us experience the true meaning of Christmas. Seasonal refreshments will be served.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH SHOP

We will have a 'pop up shop' after mass on Sunday 7th December in the side chapel of Holy Rosary Church, selling a variety of religious Christmas gifts and cards. We have lots of childrens' bibles and prayer books which would make a lovely present. Signed Christmas mass cards are also available. Please come and support us and maybe pick up a few Christmas gifts.

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.



For some this is a season of joy and anticipation, but for others it can bring great sadness-- especially those who are missing a beloved child this Christmas. I would like to extend a special welcome to our upcoming online Bereavement Information Evening, in light of the joys and difficulties this time of year brings to grieving parents. This event is especially designed for those who may not have accessed supports around the grief before, but all are welcome.

This event will take place **online** on [Monday 8th December at 7pm](#)

This online Bereavement Information Evening is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, or the circumstances of their death. Our guest speaker for the evening will be David Trickey. David is a leading Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has specialised in working with traumatised children, young people and their families since 2000. He continues to focus on direct clinical work, and the training and supervision of others working with traumatised children, young people and their families.

[Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening](#)

BOHERNABREENA

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

ROSANNA HALL, BOHERNABREENA
(Beside St. Anne's Church D24 YF34)
7th DECEMBER 2025
12 - 3 PM

SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFTERS

'CHRISTMAS'

With The Firhouse Singers
SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025
3.00 PM, FIRHOUSE CHURCH

COLLECTION for St Vincent de Paul

FREE ADMISSION

FOR MORE INFO: 087 9195012

There will be a raffle on the day with donations going to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. This is always a very enjoyable afternoon and your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.