



Bohernabreena Parish

St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 14th December 2025 — Gaudate Sunday



Third Sunday of Advent *A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen*

The prophet Isaiah, in today's **first reading**, encouraged the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God was going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. The Refrain for today's **Responsorial Psalm** has us sing, *"Lord, come and save us!"*

In the **second reading**, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Finally, in the first part of today's **Gospel** reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of today's Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John's prophetic convictions, asking his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald. (frtonyshomilies.com)

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the parish community, we offer our sincere condolences to Dolores Kelly, Principal of Holy Rosary School on the death of her brother Michael. May he rest in peace.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all who contributed to a joyous and wonderful evening on Sunday evening last in Roseanna Hall. The occasion was the gathering of cell people with family, friends, and parishioners at their Christmas celebration.

The time together reflected the slow, quiet work, within our small faith communities (parish cells) as people seek a deeper meaning for life; encourage one another, and reach out to all.

Our parish offices will give further information, as you may wish.

A Christmas Blessing for all parishioners.

Jesus, born as a child, is king of our hearts and lives.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Our local **Deanery Penitential Service** will take place on **Monday 15th December at in St Mary's Priory, Tallaght Village**. Reconciliation/Confession is also available in our local churches as follows:

St. Martin de Porres	Saturday Dec.. 20th	6.15pm – 6.45pm
	Wednesday Dec. 24th	10.30am -11.30am
St. Anne's	Friday Dec. 19th	After the 10am Mass
Holy Rosary	Monday Dec. 22nd	After 10am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS December



St Anne's Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

- 14th Dec Patrick, Teresa (Rita) and Kate Doyle, Anniversaries
Michael & Margaret Crowley, Anniversaries
Jimmy Reddy, 9th Anniversary
- 21st Dec Pat Cotter, 11th Anniversary & Teresa Cotter
Rita Bateman (Keane) Anniversary and
Pat & Eileen Bateman
Josephine Haughey, Anniversary
- 28th Dec Mary Worth, Anniversary

We also pray for Noel Jones RIP, Paddy Graham RIP and Marian Billings RIP.

Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

- 14th Dec Eddie O'Sullivan, 1st Anniversary
Michael Kelly & Imelda Crowe
- 21st Dec Richard Daly, Anniversary

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Bohernabreena Parish
Holy Rosary & St. Anne's

Christmas Variety Fun Night
Rosanna Hall
Tuesday 16th December
7pm-8:15pm

5th & 6th
class students

CHRISTMAS VARIETY FUN NIGHT

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

PARISH TEAM:

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

FR. MICHAEL HURLEY, CHAPLAIN 01.4627 080
REV. PÁDRAIC O'SULLIVAN, DEACON

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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)

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

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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 December at 7.30pm.**
Tickets - 3 strips €5.

Tickets on Sale after Sunday Masses

MOVIE NIGHT AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH—CHRISTMAS WITH 'THE CHOSEN'

Join us in Holy Rosary Church on Friday 19th
December for 'Christmas with the Cho-
sen' (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 pre-
pare for Jesus' birth. This beautifully made
movie is ideal to help us experience the true
meaning of Christmas. Seasonal refreshments
will be served.



CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

As the cost of living continues to rise, more families than ever are turning
to Crosscare for help. This year, almost 3,000 people – including 1,200
children – sought basic food support, while nearly 12,000 affordable
meals were served in the Portland Row Community Café.

More than 10% of people in Ireland are now at risk of food poverty, and
emergency parcels alone can't address the growing pressures families
face. Crosscare's Food and Support model combines choice-based food
access, low-cost meals, one-to-one casework, and wraparound supports
such as welfare advice, budgeting help, and improved access to
healthcare, education, and employment.

We believe in giving people a hand up,
not a handout. Every donation helps
someone stabilise their life and move
toward independence.

Please support our 2025 Christmas Food
Poverty Appeal. Your donation – big or
small – will help provide food, stability,
and a pathway toward independence for
those who need it most. Donate
at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.

CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL



PLEASE DONATE IF
YOU CAN AT
CROSSCARE.IE

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'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

THE FIRHOUSE SINGERS IN CONCERT Your support would be most appreci-
ated for the Firhouse Singers who are hosting a Christmas Concert at 3pm on Sunday
14th December at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Firhouse. 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.



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

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.