



# Bohernabreena Parish

## St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

Reg. Charity No. 20016166



### Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21st December 2025 —4th Sunday of Advent



***‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit’***

Our attention is now directed to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The Son of God becomes incarnate in the flesh, in the fullness of time. This is the fulfilment of all the prophecies in the Old Testament. The role of Joseph is underlined in the Gospel. Through the obedience of Joseph to the will of God, Jesus was born a descendant of David in fulfilment of all that the prophets had foretold.

**Pointers for prayer:**

As we move into prayer on the passage, we move from consideration of the mystery of how “God with us” was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus two thousand years ago, to a reflection on how we become aware of “God with us” now in our daily lives.

1. It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that in Mary there truly was Emmanuel—God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God’s presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of “God with you”? Recall those experiences and give thanks.
2. Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It was difficult for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had to make difficult journeys on the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.
3. Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?

**FRIDAY MASS ST. ANNE’S**

There will be no 10am Mass in St. Anne’s Church on Friday 26th December.

**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

**PARISH OFFICES CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

The parish offices of St. Anne’s and Holy Rosary will be closed during the Christmas break and will reopen on Monday 5th Jan 2026.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
December / January**



**St Anne’s Church**

8.30am Mass Sunday

- 21st Dec Pat Cotter, 11th Anniversary & Teresa Cotter  
Rita Bateman (Keane) Anniversary and Pat & Eileen Bateman  
Josephine Haughey, Anniversary  
We also pray for Kelly Merriman RIP

28th Dec Mary Worth, Anniversary

4th Jan Patricia O’Toole, 2nd Anniversary

11th Jan Catherine Thomas, Greta Dolan, Anniversaries.

18th Jan Marie Costello, 3rd Anniversary

**Holy Rosary Church**

10.30am Mass Sunday

21st Dec Richard Daly, Anniversary



Thank you to all who supported our Christmas raffle and Bingo for St. Anne’s Church on Thursday night. Congratulations to all winners and a Big thank you to all those who donated prizes.

A special word of thanks to the organisers, all the hard work that goes into organising this event is very much appreciated!

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

### PARISH TEAM:

FR. JAMES DALY, PARISH PRIEST 085.2513 730  
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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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Email: holyrosary.bohernabreena@gmail.com  
Secretary: Deborah Brown  
Office open 10.30am-2.00pm Mon & Tue

### Mass Times Holy Rosary:

Sunday 10.30am  
Monday 10am (except bank holidays)

### ST MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH OFFICE

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Secretary: Ann O'Connor  
Office open 10.00am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs

### 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.

# CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL



PLEASE DONATE IF  
YOU CAN AT  
[CROSSCARE.IE](http://CROSSCARE.IE)



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



## 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](http://www.crosscare.ie)  
or call 01 8360011.**

## 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.*