



# Bohernabreena Parish

## St Anne's & Holy Rosary Churches

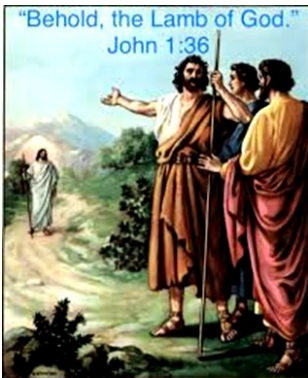
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### Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th January 2026—2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

‘Behold, the Lamb of God’



The central theme of today’s readings is a challenge to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God and thus bear witness to Christ the “Lamb of God.” We have to choose to accept John’s testimony in today’s Gospel as a personal and corporate call from God to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God.

In both **the first and second readings**, God calls individuals to His service entrusting them with a mission. The **first reading** is from the “Songs of the Suffering Servant” in Isaiah, where the prophet was chosen by God from his mother’s

womb and consecrated to be the “light to the nations”. Here, aspects of Jesus’ own life as sacrificial lamb and mission as salvation of the world are foreshadowed.

In **the second reading**, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they are “sanctified and called to be holy” like all who call on the name of Jesus. They are called by God and consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. As believers, we too have been called by God to become members of Christ’s Body by our Baptism, and we are consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service.

**The Gospel** passage presents three themes, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation (epiphany) and identification of Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” and the call to discipleship. John’s first declaration probably brought five pictures of the “lamb” to the minds of his Jewish listeners. 1) The Lamb of Yearly Atonement (Lv 16:20-22) used on Yom Kippur. 2) The Lamb of Daily Atonement (Ex 29:38-42; Nm 28:1-8). 3) The Paschal Lamb (Ex. 12:11ss). 4)The Lamb of the Prophets (Jer 11:19), (Is 53:7). 5) The Lamb of the Conquerors. (frtonyshomilies.com)

#### “WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO?”

**INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY IN 3 SESSIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 10TH, 17TH 24TH – 7.30PM -9PM**  
**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

In a recent communication Pope Leo XII encouraged parishes to support ongoing formation for adults in Scripture and Liturgy. Have you ever wondered about “why we do what we do” when we come together on

Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist? Are you curious to know more about the signs and symbols we use when we celebrate?

If you are interested in nourishing your experience of liturgy, particularly the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives, you are invited to come to three sessions on **Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th February, from 7.30pm -9.00p.m in Holy Rosary Church, Old Court Avenue, D24X798**. This short course will be presented by Rosemary Lavelle. All Eucharistic ministers, readers, those involved in church music, sacristans and anyone else interested in nourishing their faith are encouraged to attend. **In order to register please contact St Martin’s parish office 01 4510160, Holy Rosary parish office 01 4141838, St Anne’s parish office 01 4626893**



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### January



##### St Anne’s Church

8.30am Mass Sunday

18th Jan Marie Costello, Anniversary

25th Jan Pat & Molly Jones, Sadie Mitten and Peter Doyle, Anniversaries

William Carroll, Anniversary & Kathleen Carroll

*We also pray for Lorcan McMahon recently deceased*

##### Holy Rosary Church

10.30am Mass Sunday

For parishioners’ intentions



#### Catholic Schools Week 2026

Catholic Schools: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness

**Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins on January 18.**

This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Primary Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2026 is **Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**. Catholic Schools Week Resources are available for download at [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie).



Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

JANUARY 2026  
 FOR PRAYER WITH THE  
 WORD OF GOD



#### POPE LEO’S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For prayer with the Word of God Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray frequently with the Word of God. *“May our faith grow in the encounter with you through your Word, moving us from the heart to reach out to others, to serve the most vulnerable, to forgive, build bridges, and proclaim life.”* To hear the entire message visit ‘Pray with the Pope’ on [www.praywiththepope.net](http://www.praywiththepope.net)

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



# 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

### HOLY ROSARY PARISH OFFICE

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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)

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Tallaght Deanery Ecumenical Prayer Service  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
Parish of Firhouse  
Ballycullen Avenue, D24 N5WC  
on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
at 7.30 pm  
All are welcome

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS SPECIAL YEAR  
FOR BOTH CHURCH AND PARISH, WE  
PROPOSE A TRIP TO ROME

6th to 10th April 2026 (4 nights & 5 days)

The estimated cost is €1,345 per person sharing, including 10kg of luggage. A single supplement fee of €70 per night applies.

Enquiries to Ann O'Connor in St. Martin's Parish Office on 01 4510 160.

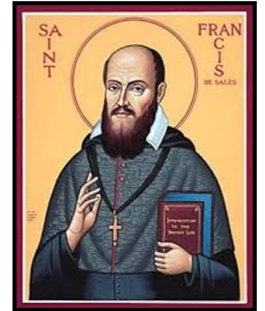
## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### SAT JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> – ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Saint Francis de Sales was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood.

His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a centre for the Calvinists. Saint Francis de Sales set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press.



## PLANNED GIVING / FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS

The new year for the Planned Giving scheme in our parish starts in March 2026. In advance of that we appeal to any parishioners who may not have contributed to the planned giving in the past, but who may now be in a position to do so to consider a small regular donation to the Planned Giving. A donation of €5 per week equates to approximately €250 per year—this enables us to also avail of a tax refund on any Charitable Donations over €250 directly from Revenue, with no additional cost to the parishioners.

This weekly or monthly contribution is the ONLY income which stays in the parish to cover the cost of the day to day running of our Churches—maintenance and repairs of buildings, insurance, altar supplies, office supplies, candles, printing, salaries and the general operational costs of running the parish. The two collections taken up during mass, as well as any Dues envelopes, are paid directly to the Dublin Diocese and do not remain in the parish.

*If you would like to contribute by weekly envelope, or by monthly standing order, please contact our parish offices for more information.*

**THEWAY.IE** is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).



## 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.