

Parish Newsletter

Celebrating 175 Years



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Christmas Day

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*Merry Christmas and a very Happy New year
from all the Dalkey Parish team!*

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass for Christmas
9pm 'Midnight Mass' preceded by Carol singing at 8.30pm

Christmas Day
8.45am
9.45am (Family Mass)
11.15am
12.30pm

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th December, Mass at 10. a.m.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon	10am:	Frank & Sheila Murphy (ann) Special intention Deceased members of the Parish Choir
Tues	10am:	Theresa Warner Michael Duffy (ann) Kiran Jethwa (ann) Doris Doyle (ann)
Weds	10am:	Lillian Kelly (ann) John and Annie Blake (ann) Brian Logan (ann)
Thurs	10am:	Doris and Michael Purcell (ann)
Fri	10am:	Peadar Somers (ann)
Sat	10am:	Sean & Margaret Burke (ann) James and Monica Byrden (ann) Vera Winters (ann)

Recently Deceased Richard Westrup
Our thoughts are with his family, relatives and friends.

Month's Mind: John Byrne, Seamus Sheeran and
Madeleine Connolly.

Anniversaries: Harold Mckenna, John Smith, Patsy Fagan,
Catherine and Jim Swords, Thomas Fagan,
Phyllis McGILL, Gerard McGeough,
Marie and James Woods, Mary Towey.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration continues each Monday from after the 10am Mass until 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration provides us with a chance to be with God one to one. Come, sit & pray with Jesus.

Compline

Compline will resume on Wednesday 4th January at 6.30 p.m.

Year of Mercy

Our joy comes from the confidence we have that the Lord is close to us with his tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and love. . **Pope Francis Dec 20th 2016**

Welcome Home for Christmas!

We wish a warm welcome home to those who have returned to Dalkey for Christmas. We hope it will be a happy time for all. *Faith makes all things possible, Hope makes all things work, Love makes all things beautiful, May you be blessed with all three this Christmas.*

With gratitude!

As we rejoice in the great feast of Christmas, we thank all who do so much to enhance our celebration: those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, Cathal who built the crib, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists in the music ministry, altar servers. ministers of the Word (readers) and ministers of the Eucharist, those who exercise a ministry of welcome, Finbarr our sacristan and Caitriona in the office-as well as those who serve us all on the Parish Pastoral Council and its sub-committees, and on the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Maintenance Committee and on the Board of Harold Boys', our parish school. Thanks also to those who helped pack and deliver the Christmas Dues cards this year and especially our friends and neighbours in St Patrick's Church. To all - from our hearts - Thank You!! Finally, Dalkey Community Council has once again this year, donated a lovely Christmas Tree to the church. We thank the Council for this very generous gift and to Finbarr and Jack for putting it up and all the ladies who helped decorate it.

Dalkey Crib

Did you know that our crib is over 100 years old, having been donated by a local benefactor in 1913? The pieces are still in remarkably good condition and have really stood the test of time. Why not stop a while and say a prayer.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Eve until Tuesday 3rd January. Mass cards etc. are available at the Sacristy before and after Masses during this period. We welcome John T Murphy & Paddy Morgan as they provide cover for Finbarr during the holiday period.

St. Stephen's Day

A collection for the sacristan will be taken at Mass on St Stephen's Day.

Christmas Day Lunch

The 30th Annual Gala Lunch, Cabaret and Song Contest for people living on their own will be held in the Club Room, Blackrock College Rugby Club, Stradbrook from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Christmas Day. We send best wishes to Margaret Brown who has been organising this for the past 30 years.

Young Adults Programme

Monkstown, Dalkey and Glasthule parishes have recently started a young adults programme for those aged 18 to 40. Young Adults Dublin has already had two very vibrant and successful dialogue events. The young adults themselves specifically asked for another event in January, so, all aged 18-40 are invited to a social evening at The Club in Dalkey on Sat 21st Jan at 7.30pm. All most welcome! Also please check the Facebook page Young Adults Dublin for the latest updates.

Bereavement Counselling in Dalkey Parish

The bereavement counselling service,(non-denominational), offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 each Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Please call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis.

Meditation Group

Our parish meditation group meets every Thursday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2. All most welcome!

If Only by Catherine Pulsifer

If only every day
Held the spirit of Christmas day
To capture that feeling always
Year round would be the best way
If only every day
We would be so kind
To our fellow man
Year round would be the best way.

If only every day
We share and give
So that others may happily live
Year round would be the best way.

If only every day
We expressed our love
And thanked God above
Year round would be the best way.

BC: AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.
This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.
This was the moment when even energetic Romans

Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.
And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect.
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the Kingdom of Heaven.

U A Fanthorpe

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass Sunday

Entrance Hymn

Adeste Fideles:

See Mass Missalette Page 14 No. 2 v 1, No.1 vs 1 & 3

Offertory Hymn

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, **S**
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. **O**
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow, **L**
In the bleak midwinter, long ago. **O**

Angels and Archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the air,
But only His mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Communion Hymns

Away In A Manger

See Mass Missalette page 15 No. 11 3 verses

Stille nacht, heilige nacht,
Alles schläft, einsam wacht.
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,
Holder Knabe im lockigen haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer ruh,

Oíche chúin, oíche Mhic Dé,
Cách ina suan, dís araon,
Dís is dílse ag faire le spéis,
Naí beag gnaoigheal
Ceannán taois caomh,
Críost ins chodladh go séimh,
Críost ins chodladh go séimh.

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Recessional Hymn

See Mass Missalette page 14 No. 6, 3 verses