



WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BALLINTEER

Sunday 3rd January 2016

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 12 noon
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Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday
6.00pm Denis O'Connor (9th Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd January 2016
9.30 am Special Intention
11.00am Joe Moore &
James & Annie White (Anniversaries)
12.30pm Tony Preston (Anniversary)
5.30pm Maureen Fitzgerald (7th Anniversary)
Monday
9.30am Noreen Gallagher (Anniversary)
Tuesday
9.30am Lucy Kelly (Anniversary)
7.30pm Cyril Mearns (Anniversary)
Wednesday *Feast of the Epiphany*
9.30am Rose & Hugh Kelly & deceased relatives
and friends.
NO EVENING MASS
Thursday
9.30am Aisling Nolan (24th Anniversary)
Friday
9.30am Margaret Kinsella (14th Anniversary)
Saturday
9.30pm Tom Tuomey (Anniversary)
6.00pm Kathleen O'Leary (recently deceased)
Sunday
9.30 am Special Intention
11.00am Kay Gallagher (Anniversary)
12.30pm Eileen & William Ward (Anniversary)
5.30pm Ron Burt (Anniversary)

**Parish
Office
is CLOSED
and
re-opens on
Monday
4th
January
2016.**



New Year's resolutions: the pope Francis list:

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy: (The Joy of the Gospel).

A blissful New Year to all...

Financial Corner:

The weekly envelope collection
was **€496.**

The monthly outdoor Church
Collection for the St. Vincent De
Paul Society takes place at all
Masses next weekend (9/10th
January).

*We thank you for your continued
support to all the collections/fund
raisers.*

And may you take into the New Year
The light of Christ in your eyes,
The word of Christ in your ears,
The hope and peace of Christ in your heart.
Fr. Liam Belton

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration resumes on Tuesday 5th January 2016

Miraculous Medal Devotions

Resumes on Monday 11th January 2016.

MORNING PRAYER takes place at 9.10am each
morning, Monday to Saturday, in the Oratory.

Ballinteer Parish Twinning Project 300 Club Draw - For Week 8 (apologies duplication of names last 2 weeks)

1st Prize €100 - Maeve Gaughran (93)
2nd Prize € 50 - Jane Matthews (142)
3rd Prize € 30 - Derick Burke (270)
4th Prize € 20 - Dorrie Collins (119)

Special Draw for Week 10

1st Prize €1,000 - Eadaon Maher (158)
2nd Prize € 400 - Jane Cox (106)
3rd Prize € 200 - Valerie O'Reilly (7)
4th Prize € 100 - Nora Acheson (109)
5th Prize € 50 - Tom Ryan (231)
6th Prize € 50 - Ciara Confrey (284)
7th Prize € 50 - Richard Canew (19)
8th Prize € 50 - Maeve Smith (204)
9th Prize € 50 - Rosemary Bradley (22)
10th Prize € 50 - Angela & Jim Goulding (124)

Christmas Vouchers

Vivian Walsh (202)
Phyllis Skelly (104)
Anne Clancy (34)
Jim Gillick (278)
Máire Lynch (253)
Sinead Quinn (111)

*Happy New Year from the Twinning Committee
and the Parish of St. Peter's in Jangbunu, Nigeria who
are very appreciative of all your support through the
Twinning Project. New Draw begins January 2016 and
new members are very welcome!*



January 6th - Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates
today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after
being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed
to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

The Touch of the Masters Hand

Twice battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin,
but held it up with a smile; "What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A dollar, a dollar"; then two! "Only
two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three? Three dollars, once; three
dollars twice; going for three.." But no, from the room, far back, a
gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust
from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody
pure and sweet as carolling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low,
said; "What am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow.
A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make
it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going and
gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not
quite understand what changed its worth." Swift came the reply: "The touch
of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin, A
"mess of pottage," a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on. "He is
going" once, and "going twice, He's going and almost gone." But the Master
comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul
and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.

Myra 'Brooks' Welch