



# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BALLINTEER

**Sunday 25th December, 2016 - Feast of the Nativity**

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 12 noon

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## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

### **Saturday Christmas Eve**

10.30am Confessions - Ballinteer  
6.00pm First Mass of Christmas  
9.00pm Solemn Mass of Christmas

### **Sunday 25th December Christmas Day**

9.30am Pro Populo  
11.00am Pro Populo  
12.30pm Pro Populo

### **No Evening Mass**

### **Monday**

9.30am Mary O'Dea

### **Tuesday**

9.30am Eamonn McMenamin (Ann.)

### **Wednesday**

9.30am Alan Boxberger (Ann.) **also**  
Des & Maura Larkin &  
Fr. Joe Whelan & their families

### **Thursday**

9.30am Bridie Smyth & Lillie Donaghy &  
Ethel Smyth & Adrian Gallagher (A)

### **Friday**

9.30am John McCann (Anniversary)



## Wishing you all a Joyful, Peaceful and Holy Christmas

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners celebrating their first Christmas here in St. John the Evangelist and to family and friends returning home and visiting for Christmas.

To all our parishioners and parish volunteers, we thank you for your continued support and may you experience peace, joy and friendship at Christmas and through 2017.

**Fr. Liam, Fr. John, Fr. Kieran,  
Fr. Christopher & Fr. Fidelis**

*"While the world starves, burns, and descends further into chaos, we should realise that this year's Christmas celebrations for those who choose to celebrate it may be their last.... Unless the path to peace is recognised, we must weep for those innocent victims who grow by the day, and ask God for forgiveness. As Jesus and God weeps, I do too".*  
**Pope Francis**

## Vigilance Needed!

Recently some small items from the Parish Shop, which are displayed along the walls, have been taken. Our CCTV indicates a woman is involved and the Gardai are trying to establish her identity (the picture is clear). We ask if you are visiting the Church over Christmas to be on the lookout for anyone acting strangely, particularly if they are carrying bags. Then please let someone in the Sacristy know. Thank you for your assistance.

*Fr. Liam*



## On a lighter note!

An elderly man was on the operating table, about to be operated on by his son, a famous surgeon. Just before they put the father to sleep, he asked to speak to his son: "Don't be nervous son, do your best but remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me ... your mother is going to come and live with you and your family."

### **Saturday**

9.30am **No Mass** - 10am Meadowbrook  
6.00pm Jimmy Leonard (3rd Anniversary)

### **Sunday 1st January 2017 - New Years Day**

9.30am Get Well Intention  
11.00am Francis & Kay Gallagher (A)  
12.30pm Rory O'Connor (Anniversary)  
**5.30pm NO EVENING MASS**

## Ballinteer Parish Twinning Project 300 Club Results - For Week 8- 22/12/2016

**1st Prize €100** Caroline Fitzpatrick (218)  
**2nd Prize € 50** Bridie Farrell (149)  
**3rd Prize € 30** Tony Matthews (133)  
**4th Prize € 20** Clare Lee (77)

**New members always welcome!**

*Also ...*

**Supervalu Vouchers of €50 Draw**

**Ethel Byrne (198)**  
**Colette McDonnell (210)**  
**Rosemary O'Donnell (132)**  
**Collette Irwin (227)**  
**Claire Lee (77)**

*Happy Christmas to all our subscribers and thanks for your continued support.*



## Pastoral Area Pilgrimage

Our next pilgrimage will be to Fatima to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

**DATE :** 31st August, 2017 ( 7 nights)

**PRICE:** €824 pps full board.

Single room supplement €175.

### **CONTACT:**

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If interested, a €200 deposit is needed to secure your place when booking.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Will resume on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 10am.

**Miraculous Medal Devotions** resumes on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.00pm in the Oratory.

**Morning Prayer** continues every weekday morning at 9.10am in the Oratory.

**Padre Pio Mass** and veneration of the relic is on Saturday 14th January 2017 at 9.30am.



**The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2017.**

## Training for carers:

Looking for a career in the care sector?

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in 2017 in or around your area based on demand. One day topic specific workshops also available.

For more info contact the training unit on **057 9322920**.

## Financial Corner:

\* The Weekly Envelope Collection was **€594**.

\* **There will be an Outdoor Collection next Sunday in aid of Spina Bifida.**

*We thank you once again for your continued contributions to all our collections in this parish.*