

This weekend we remember the following people for whom we have been asked to pray since our last newsletter...

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Irene Bodkin
- Mary Barter
- Kay McLoughlin
- Richard Murray
- Frances Shelley

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sadie Forde [1st Anniversary]
- John Forde [7th Anniversary]
- Diana Kennedy [3rd Anniversary]
- Christy Black [Birthday Remembrance]
- Kathleen Mitchell [Birthday Remembrance]
- Brigid Doyle [6 Month Anniversary]

...may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Parish Lotto

every Tuesday at 11am
in the New Life Centre
Results from 7th December

01 07 17

NO WINNER
1st Jackpot €3,000

02 130 23

NO WINNER
2nd Jackpot €3,000

14 15 21

NO WINNER
3rd Jackpot €876

Envelopes available in the New Life Centre and at the back of the Church.
ALL LOTTO ENVELOPES MUST BE IN THE NEW LIFE CENTRE BY 10.30AM ON TUESDAY MORNING.

Church services can be viewed via our webcam at the following link:

<https://mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-immaculate-church>

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Sunday, 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent Year A



Advent Reconciliation Service

on Wednesday, 17th December at 7.30pm
in the church.

This is a Parish Partnership celebration for the whole community.

Individual Confession also available.

Celebration of Reconciliation will also be available at both Masses on this Sunday [Third Sunday of Advent].



Our final Life in the Spirit Seminar is on this Monday, 15th December, at 7.30pm in the church.

Come along as Fr Adrian Crowley reflects with us on the theme of 'Transformation' as we move forward in our lives, living anew with the power of the Holy Spirit.

'The Lord makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.' [2 Corinthians 3:18]

Third Sunday of Advent

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called '*Guadete Sunday*' which means 'Joy' or 'Rejoice'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to Rejoice is the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near. Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

Joy is the very central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed the whole of Advent and the celebration of Christ.

One of the most well-known Christmas carols is 'Joy to world.' The words to this carol were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. At Christmas it will be sung all over the world. The music for it comes from Handel's 'Messiah.'

The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured.' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, 'My souls proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour'. Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them Elizabeth and the whole world.

When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.



Please keep our Parish Newsletter in mind for any news items and notices that you would like to bring to the attention of the parish community.

All items will need to be handed into the New Life Centre by lunchtime on Wednesday at the latest for inclusion in Sunday's Newsletter

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The church collections for last weekend amounted to:

FIRST COLLECTION: €111.00
and **SECOND COLLECTION**
[which was the **SVP Annual Appeal**]: **€438.03**

Both these collections are sent to the Diocese.

The **FAMILY OFFERINGS** [this year they are the **ORANGE ENVELOPES**], which remain in the parish, came to: **€242.00.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Online Advent Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a **FREE OF CHARGE** Advent Retreat

The course consists of four 15 minute recorded presentations that will become available from the first Sunday of Advent and each subsequent Sunday.

So on Sunday 30 November there will be access to one recording and on the following Sunday access to two recordings and so on.

Participants can watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed.

It's free of charge and people can register to participate at any time during Advent.

Visit their website prioryinstitute.com for further details.

The Dales & D17 Christmas Coffee Morning



Tuesday 16th December

11am -1pm

All Welcome, bring Friends,
Neighbours, Family...



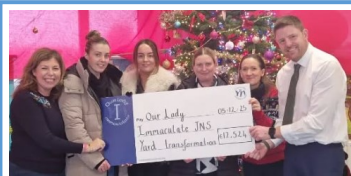
DEPT. OF EDUCATION SURVEY HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally.**

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, **please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student.**

The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/.

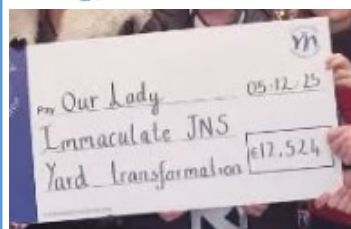
It closes on Tuesday, December 16.



While this good looking bunch from Our Lady Immaculate Junior School were delighted with the proceeds of the Fundraising Bingo for a new playground. I just spotted the FINAL total has now come up to a whopping €12,524.



Thanks to EVERYONE!



UNFORTUNATELY, the Parkrun in Darndale Park has been cancelled for this weekend due to flooding from the pond.

Please check for alternative weekend arrangements for a Regatta for anyone you know with kayaks or rowboats!

DARNDALE BOXING CLUB

Well Done to the 3 League Winners and 4 Runners Up this week. The boys and girls did the very best that they could and 3 of them were beaten on Split Decisions, which could have gone either way. WELL DONE TO ALL from Joe Russell and all the coaches.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!



Christmas Carol Concert

There will be a Christmas Carol Concert led by the Sacramental Groups of the children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

at 12 noon

on Wednesday 17th December.

They will be joined by the catechists and staff, with Special guests: the children and staff from OLI Junior School.



Parish Lotto

Christmas & New Year Notice

The final Parish Lotto draw for 2025 will take place on **Tuesday, 23rd December.**

Along with the usual draw, **five envelopes will be selected, with each receiving €50 as a Christmas 'Thank You' from the Parish for your faithful support throughout the year.**

The Lotto will resume in the New Year on **Tuesday, 6th January 2026 at 11.00am.**

All envelopes must be submitted by 10.30am to be included in the draw.