

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

- Winnie McDonagh
- Grainne Keena
- Paddy Daly
- Maria Wogan
- Alan Moore
- Mary Barter
- Matthew Hayden

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- Kathleen Dalton [5th Anniversary]
- Frank Bergin [19th Anniversary]
- Fr Terry Murray [2nd Anniversary]
- Bernard Banks [Anniversary]
- Maura Dalton [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 25th November

**11    18    19**

NO WINNER  
1st Jackpot €3,000

**05    13    24**

NO WINNER  
2nd Jackpot €3,000

**05    098    22**

TWO WINNERS  
3rd Jackpot €428

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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Our Lady Immaculate Church  
darndale belcamp parish

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



Our Lady Immaculate Church  
darndale belcamp parish

Sunday, 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent Year A



Advent and Christmas 2025 Schedules are available in the Church this weekend. Please collect one.

#### Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm  
A Parish Cluster celebration for the whole community.

Individual Confession also available.

**LIFE in the Spirit**  
Seminars



Mon 8th Dec  
Mon 15th Dec

Fr. Terence Crotty  
Fr. Adrian Crowley

Our Life in the Spirit Seminars are continuing on Monday, 8th December at 7.30pm in the church.

Come along and explore your faith further, as we come to the end of our programme and head towards Christmas.

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Advent means God is close, God is near, God is on the way.

People and places are environments in which we find God.

Christmas is the season of the closeness of God. God is on his journey to us in Mary and the Son shew is carrying.

Is our journey too fast, too complicated, too rushed so that we miss God on God's journey? Something new can happen for each of us each Christmas, because God makes the journey anew in the simplest way we know.

If only we take the time.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say, 'Come Lord Jesus'. Amen

Henri Nouwen



## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The church collections for last weekend amounted to:

**FIRST COLLECTION: €58.32**

and **SECOND COLLECTION €63.17**

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: **€237.05**.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## PARISH HOME VISIT REQUESTS

If you know anyone in the Parish who would like a priest to visit to their home, or receive Holy Communion, or to make contact with the priest, please leave their contact details into the Church or the New Life Centre.

## DEPARTMENT 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/](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/). It closes on Tuesday, December 16.



## 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](http://prioryinstitute.com) for further details.

SN Dance Academy looking for any vouchers, products, gift baskets or services that you would like to donate, or would like any further information please contact Nikita on 085 819 0528 or Shenda on 085 278 5165.

*Their fundraiser is called 'A Lyrical Christmas' on Friday 19th December from 5:30—7:30pm in the ALSAA Club on the Swords Road [K67 YV06] Tickets are €12 and the doors open at 5:15 sharp.*



**Youth 2000 Ireland** are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 12th-14th of December for ages 16-35.

This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring talks & workshops, fantastic music, group activities, good food, Adoration with Reconciliation & Healing service and prayer.

There is plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young and Catholic today!

This retreat is donation only and there will be free buses arriving from all over the country. To find out more information and to register please visit our website at [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) or contact us at [office@youth2000.ie](mailto:office@youth2000.ie)



The **FINAL total taken in at the Fundraising Bingo by Our Lady Immaculate Junior School for a new playground came was a whopping €11,647.**

They were delighted with the support and wanted to pass on their thanks to **EVERYBODY!**

## DARNDALE BOXING CLUB

**Well Done to the boys who boxed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Finals of the County Dublin Leagues. Hard Luck to Michael 'Rocky' O'Rourke, who was beaten on a split decision, in a very close fight. Gary Stokes also lost to a split decision, BUT Gareth Morgan and Drake Doherty both won their fights. Coaches Joe Russell, Richie O'Sullivan, Joe Lawlor and Glen Lynch all said that 'all the boxers gave it everything in their effort'.**

**From Joe Russell, all the coaches, boys and girls in the Club — WELL DONE ALL!**

*The Dales & D17  
Christmas Coffee  
Morning*



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

11am -1pm

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

