

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

- **Tommy Kealy**



### ANNIVERSARIES

- **Frank Bergin [19th Anniversary]**
- **Stephen Webster [Months Mind]**
- **Anthony Deans [2nd Anniversary]**
- **and his uncle Jim Sullivan [2nd 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 16th December

**02    14    22**

NO WINNER

1st Jackpot €3,000

**07    20    23**

NO WINNER

2nd Jackpot €3,000

**10    17    18**

NO WINNER

3rd Jackpot €1,326

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, 21st December 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A**

### Christmas Mass Schedule



**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

Mass at 7.00pm

Christmas Carols at 6.30pm

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**

Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Saturday, 27th December**

NO MASSES (Church Closed)

**Sunday, 28th December**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Masses at 9.30am & 11.00am

**Monday 29th December**

**Tuesday 30th December**

NO MASSES (Church Closed)

### OBLATE CALENDARS

Oblate 2026 Calendars are available at the back of the church and in the New Life Centre.

Please take extra copies for your family, friends and neighbours.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**The Power of One – Mary  
Her Yes, Our Yes**

One song can spark a moment,  
One flower can wake the dream.

One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,  
One greeting lifts a soul

One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room.

One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,  
One word must start each prayer.

One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true,

One life can make the difference,  
You see, it's up to you.



**Mary Said Yes to God**



**ADVENT**

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The church collections for last weekend amounted to:

**FIRST COLLECTION: €85.00**

**and SECOND COLLECTION: €85.00**

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: **€207.00**.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Many thanks to the organisers of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for their donation of **€500.00** to the Parish.



Some of the members of the Active Age Group and Ladies Club enjoying their Christmas Dinner in the New Life Centre.

They meet on Tuesday morning [Ladies Club] or Wednesday afternoon [Active Age], if you would like to join them for next year's dinner.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL SURVEY

The 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.

Many thanks to all the parents and prospective parents who took the time to complete the survey.

It closed on Tuesday, December 16.



## 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. As always, all envelopes must be submitted by 10.30am to be included in the draw.

## Christmas Closure

The New Life Centre and the Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holiday season **from noon on Tuesday, 23rd December 2025 until 8.30am on Monday, 5th January 2026** reopening with our normal operating hours.



We would like to wish all who use the New Life Centre a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Christmas Eve Carol Service

Don't forget that there will be a Christmas Carol Service on Christmas Eve in the church at 6.30pm, led by the choir. Mass for Christmas Eve will follow at 7.00pm. Come along and join in the preparations for Christmas with us.

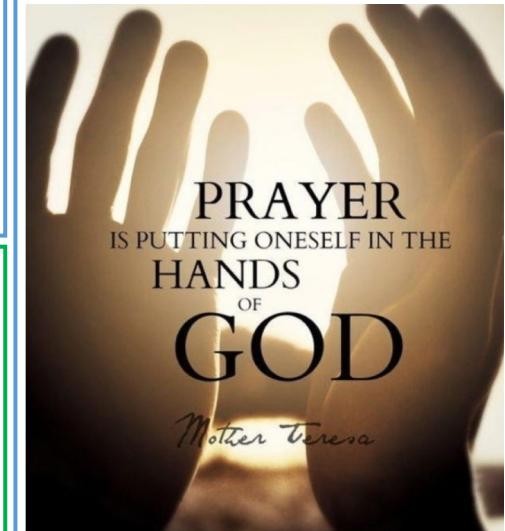
## LIFE in the *Spirit* Seminars



Our final Life in the Spirit Seminar was on last Monday evening in the church.

The whole programme was a great success, and it was wonderful to see so many people joining together to celebrate their faith.

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



Congratulations to all who completed the whole programme, or as many sessions as they could. *'God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.' [Philippians 2:13]*