

Please remember Sarah Bernadette McCarthy & Tiarnan Kelly - both of whom were baptised recently into our Catholic community.

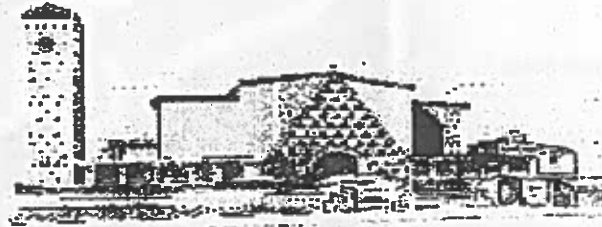
Take a day out to ponder the deeper meaning of Advent & Christmas: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*. Weds., 2nd December, 10am-4.30pm, in Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Carrickbrack Road, Howth. Cost €50 (inclusive of lunch). For enquiries, call: 087 622 6620.

Congratulations to John Lowth, on being awarded a *Beni Merenti Medal*, from Pope Francis, in recognition of outstanding services to the Church. A date for the presentation will follow.

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION
MEETING**



- in the church
at 8pm, on
Tuesday, 1st
December for
Baptism on
Sunday, 6th
December.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Eugenia & Michael Hogan (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Frank Mc Adam (RIP)
	10.00 am	Deceased members of the Fox and Houlihan families
	11.30 am	Paddy Atkins & Robert Kerr (Anniv.) Con & Bridgie Casey (Anniv.) Mick & Mabel and Annie & Paddy Morrissey (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	MARGARET O'SHEA (REL. DEC)
Tues.	10.00am	ELLEN M'DERMOTT (REL. DEC.)
Weds.	10.00am	MARGARET CORCORAN (REL. DEC)
Thurs.	10.00am	PETER SHERIDAN
Fri.	10.00am	ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
Sat.	10.00am	NORA + LIAM GILHARTIN (ANNIV)

THE DEEP END – WAITING

Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent - we begin the season of 'waiting'. The Gospel today has powerful (and perhaps distressing) images of great signs that will appear. For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September, which is also distressing. Some people love that feeling of expectancy; waiting for someone or something to arrive. It can be an exciting time, or even one of anxiety. Very often we are on high alert during such time, and often quite creative. We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and hope and, while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time of growth. So, what will our preparations be like? In the middle of the crazy, busy days in the run up to Christmas, can we stop and invite God into our hearts and lives once more?

Jesus, as we rush around preparing for the Christmas festivities, may our feet take us to places where we will meet You'.

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Upcoming Events:

DTIM - A co-ordination meeting for the Confirmation programme, "Do This In Memory of Me", takes place tomorrow, Monday, 30th November, at 7.30pm in the church.

FEAST DAY - the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated next week, on Tuesday, 8th December, and will be a day of obligation to attend Mass.

CAROL SERVICE in the church, hosted by Manor House School, takes place on Monday, 14th December, at 2.30pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT in the church, hosted by Raheny Folk Group, takes place also on Monday, 14th December, at 7.30pm.

This week's calendar

Mon: St. Andrew, Apostle and brother of St. Peter
Thurs: St. Francis Xavier
Fri: St. John Damascene, priest & doctor of Church

✠ Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Mary Russell (St. Assam's) & James Penrose (St. Anne's) - both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace ✠

READINGS Next Sunday
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bar. 5:1-9
Ps. 125
Phil. 1:3-6, 8-11
Lk. 3:1-6

