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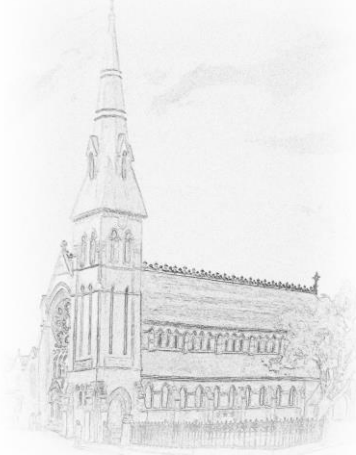
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Mass Times

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6 PM
Sunday: 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Baptism

Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays
of the month at 12.30pm.
Enquiries to the parish office.

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PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:

- **Brenda & Reg O’Hare (A)**
- **Teresa Byrne (A)**
- **Ann Coffey (A)**
- **Leontia Ryan (A)**
- **Sinty O’Reilly (1st A)**
- **Gertie & Dick O’Toole (A)**
- **Margaret & Tom O’Carroll (A)**
- **Jean Murray (Month’s Mind)**
- **Brother Pat Kelly (A)**
 & Deceased members of the Kelly family

Baptism

We welcome **Barra Wilkinson**
and **Sienna Cruz O’Beirne** who will be
received into the Christian community this
Sunday.



FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming
week:
Tue 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Wed 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

SVP COLLECTION

Our local conference of the
Society of St. Vincent de
Paul will hold their monthly
collection after all masses
next weekend.



Parish Lotto

The jackpot of €3,000 has still to be won. In
our parish lotto. The winner of the weekly
draw is: **Denise Beardmore**



Rose Window Restoration
Completed

We are pleased to share that restoration
work on the church’s historic Rose
Window—dating back to 1866—has been
successfully completed. The project was
essential due to water ingress caused by
corrosion of the original cast iron fixings,
which had damaged surrounding lime
mortar and compromised the integrity of
the window. As a protected building,
specialist conservation techniques were
used, including the installation of new
cast iron brackets and traditional lime
mortar repairs. This careful work ensures
the window is now both secure and
watertight, preserving its beauty and
heritage for future generations.

Having completed the re-roofing of the
church, painted almost all of the inside of
the church and replaced all of the Sash
Windows in the Sacristy area, we hope
and pray that there will be no more
surprises facing us!

CONCERT

ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, BLACKROCK

Sarah Thursfield (Contralto)
and David O’Shea (Organ)

Sunday 13th July 2025 at 7pm Tickets -
€15 each - Unreserved Seating. Light
refreshments afterwards included in the
ticket price. Tickets available at the door.

DUN LAOGHAIRE SUMMER
ORGAN CONCERTS

This week’s concert will present an organ
recital given by **Professor Gerard Gillen**
on the 13th of July, at 8pm in St Michael’s
Church, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire.
Tickets are €15/€10 at the door or
online www.dunlaoghaireorganconcerts.ie

Commentary on the readings

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14;
Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20;
Luke 10:25-37*

This Sunday's readings invite us to rediscover the nearness of God's Word and the radical call to love.

Deuteronomy 30:10–14

In the first reading Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not distant or mysterious—they are already within us, written on our hearts, ready to be lived. This sets the tone for a faith that is not abstract but deeply personal and practical.

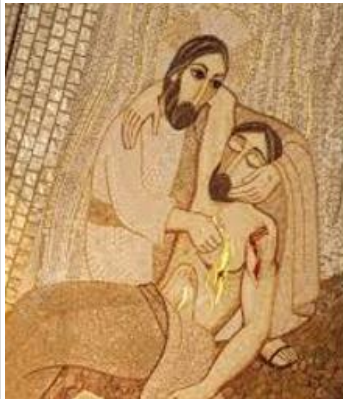
Colossians 1:15–20

The second reading offers a majestic vision of Christ as the image of the invisible God, the one through whom all things were created and reconciled. It reminds us that Jesus is not only the center of our faith but the very source of unity and peace in the world.

Luke 10:25–37

In the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan in response to a question about eternal life. The story challenges us to expand our understanding of "neighbour" and to embody mercy beyond boundaries of race, religion, or social status. The Samaritan's compassion is not just a moral lesson—it is a mirror of divine love in action.

Together, these readings call us to a faith that is **lived**, not just believed. God's Word is close, Christ is central, and love—especially for the vulnerable—is the path to life.



Luke 10:25-37

the parable
of the good Samaritan

Fr Kevin's Reflection

It was the first day of a young seminarian's rotation in hospital ministry. He was assigned to two surgical floors where he would be the only chaplain available for patients and families who would be facing matters of life and death.

Things went well until he came to the room of a woman who had just undergone surgery. According to the seminarian's list, she and her husband were Greek Orthodox. The student chaplain stopped at the door to her room and saw that she was sleeping. Her husband came to the door. "Is there anything I can do?" the seminarian asked. Without hesitation he said, "You can stay away from my wife and not bother either of us."

The young chaplain was taken back but nodded quietly and moved on down the hall. The seminarian realized he was on the receiving end of some bad experience that this couple had had with clergy. He reminded himself that he personally wasn't rejected but what he represented to this family.

As the novice chaplain made his daily rounds, he would look in on them as he slowly walked by their room. Then one day a week later, he saw the husband sitting in the hallway outside his wife's room. A nurse told the seminarian that his wife had just died and the man's daughters were on the way. The student — who would go on to ordination and a life in parish ministry — remembers: "I gently approached him and asked him if I could sit down beside him. As he looked up to nod acceptance, tears were rolling down his face. I sat down, and tears came to my eyes too. He might still consider me the enemy, but I couldn't leave him to sit alone. After about 20 minutes I asked him if he wanted to pray. To my surprise, he nodded yes and bowed his head. I prayed out loud. 'Lord and Maker of us all,' I began. To my surprise he repeated my words. He must have been following a tradition from his faith experience. I chose my words of prayer carefully, knowing that I would hear them back again. When the prayer was finished he reached over and shook my hand. We didn't say anything else but continued to sit together."

On our life's journey, we do not travel alone. We are all companions on this adventure to the life of God. As "neighbours" to one another, we are called to lift one another up, to seek what is good for one another, to forgive one another for situations we handle badly — and allow ourselves to be caught and lifted up by others when we stumble and fall, as well. Christ calls his disciples to look beyond what divides and focus on what unites; to put aside our own needs and wants to embrace the needs of others; to use our own resources as a means for bringing healing and hope into the lives of those in despair and crisis.

The Good Samaritan is the epitome of Gospel charity, the embodiment of the Gospel vision of humanity as a community of everyone — male and female, rich and poor, able and challenged — sharing the same sacred dignity as daughters and sons of the God of all that is good.