



Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Donnybrook Deanery – 11th January 2026 – The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
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1st Jan 2026 Peace

I regularly receive an email from a Church media group called CRUZ. It sometimes has a bit of gossip about some committee in Rome, or a new bishop in the US. I find it fairly 'middle of the Road', editorially!

Last week, one of the headlines was

Irish archbishop says political battles need to not use 'language of faith'

And there was a picture of Newtownpark Church. My immediate reaction was that I was at that. In fact, we were the hosts for the diocesan New Year's Day Mass for Peace celebrated by Archbishop Dermot.

The full article begins with **Ireland needs to "resist dragging the language of faith into political battles or justifying violence in the name of our beliefs," according to Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin.**

The full article is worth reading.

When we got word from Archbishop's house, we were delighted to be chosen to Host, and then the significance of the Task dawned! We decided to transfer the usual New year's day mass from Foxrock and work with both Parishes.

Fr Paul took care of the Gallery: The Music, the Booklet etc., I took care of the Sanctuary. We invited the Partnership Choirs and a number of Fr Paul's singing friends came along. The Music was wonderful, with trumpets etc. The papal Nuncio was there, as was the Deputy Lord Mayor. The 'cuppa' afterwards was great too.

Fr Philip PP (Proud as punch!)

JUBILEE GARDEN UPDATE

The late Pope Francis was a strong supporter of Climate Preservation. Laudato si' was the second encyclical of Pope Francis. In it asks us to care for our common home" and laments the environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action"

As a result the Parish Pastoral Council decided to create a Jubilee Garden last year which was a Jubilee Year for the Church.

Fr Philip" turned the sod "and blessed the opening of the garden on November 16th and the event was attended by a large number of parishioners who in turned helped plant a number of trees.

Due to the time of the year we cannot plant anything further but will recommence planting and construction in early 2026. Drawings showing what the garden will look like are placed around the church for parishioners to view.

We would like to thank those parishioners who already donated to the creation of the garden and encourage others to also donate.

We have applied to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council in December for a Grant under the Community Climate Action Programme-Theme 5 – Local Climate and environmental action.

This will allow us to complete the garden and also allow us to plant on the "bank" in the car park and also the green area to the right of the Pastoral Centre. We will not know if we have been successful until April 2026.

We will keep parishioners informed of progress and developments.

THE DIVINE MASTERS CENTRE, Newtownpark Avenue.

Edel Quinn Holy Hour, the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its **monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 12th January at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. They are also hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm.**

The Mass Cafe will resume this Sunday 11th January 2026.

Registration is now open for the second intake of the Diocesan Certificate in **Young Adult Ministry** – #YML.

Perhaps you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking part. The cost of the six modules is €120 and bursaries may be available by contacting us.

See The Parish Website for a poster with more details.

The Foxrock Local History Club wish you a very Happy New Year. The Club will be holding a talk this month on Tuesday January 20th in the Foxrock Parish Parochial Centre at 8pm.

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The Lumen Dominican Centre, nestled on the Sion Hill Campus in the heart of Blackrock, Co. Dublin, is a hive of educational activity for adults of all ages. Lumen advocates for lifelong learning and human flourishing in a spirit of community through the ethos of the Dominican sisters. It is committed to the dialogue between faith and culture.

Classes resume in a few weeks and run during the day (Tuesday to Friday) and once a week in the evening. Subjects range from ballet, sacred dance, languages, and art history to philosophy and the Bible. In the coming Spring, Lumen will also continue its choir 'Cantus Lumen' (Song of Light). No auditions or experience are required, and it will be an opportunity for new and returning students to enjoy the benefits and enjoyment of choral singing. To book any of our courses or for further details, visit our website at lumenop.ie or call the centre at 01-2882075. All are welcome.

Hollypark girls school choir got a special commendation award in their category. There was a winner in their section and they got the only other mention with their special commendation award.

Loyola Institute Study.

News item: Questions about God and Jesus ? About the synodal reform of the Church? Why not consider studying some theology? Join us online at 6pm on Tuesday 10th February for an information session, and to hear from some of our students. See our website to register <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or email loyola@tcd.ie

The Christmas Dues Envelopes are available in all the Church porches. You can return them to the Office, Sacristy or Letterbox Safe at the back of the Church. Please print your name and address on the envelope. Thank you for your continued support.

We are still recruiting for the **Parish Choir** and all are welcome, especially Tenors or Bases.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th January 6pm Vigil:

Christy Hendy – Months Mind
Alice Keegan – 3rd Anniversary
Bernard & Eamon Dragan – Anniversaries
John & Phyllis Walsh – Anniversaries

Sunday 12th December 10am:

Alice Keegan – 3rd Anniversary
Louis & Pauline Keogh – Anniversaries

Sunday 12th December 11.30am:

Ciaran Walsh – 2nd Anniversary

Mass: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri @ 10am - **Sat Vigil 6pm** - **Sun 10am & 11.30am Confession:** 5.20-5.50pm on Saturday in Confession Box or by Appointment.