

John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' - announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?

Volunteers

The Parish is in urgent need of new members for the following ministries: Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors, Children/Family Mass, Altar Society (looking after the Church and Flowers). Please contact the parish office for more details. It is through your generosity and support that the parish can continue so please support our appeal.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY – 'Hope' for Advent with Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap in the Sisters of Bon Secours Convent, College Road on Sat 14th December 10am-5pm.

Donation Only. Booking Essential. Email eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994.

Volunteers Needed

A special appeal for volunteers to prepare Christmas Cards etc. and distribute to all in the parish. If you could give to those near to you it would help lighten the load.

Flowers for Christmas

We are appealing for donations towards Flowers for the Altar this Christmastime.

Monthly Holy Hour to pray for vocations will be hosted by Ursultine Sisters, Blackrock on Tuesday 10th December from 2.30-3.30pm. followed by tea/coffee and chat. All welcome.

Baptism: Congratulations to Hilary & John on the Baptism of their son Conor Harrington.

Penitential Service

The Penitential Service will be held on 17th December 2019 at 7pm. We look forward to your support.

Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday 9th December this year. Sunday the 8th December will be the Second Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Carol Concert in aid of Simon Community. Sacred Heart Church, Western Road. **Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm.** All welcome. Free entry. Collection for Simon.

Pastoral Council Meeting

On Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

School Christmas Concert

Will be held here in the Church on Thursday 19th December at 11am.

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Second Sunday of Advent Year C - Psalter Week 2 8th December 2019

Mass Times

Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon

Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm

Weekdays: 7.15am, 10am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am & 6.20pm.

Sunday Devotions: 5.00pm

Adoration: Mon - Fri. 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Masses Saturday 7th December 2019

7.00pm Vigil: Pro Populo

Masses Sunday 8th December 2019

10.00am Denis & Mimi Clifford R.I.P. Anniversary

12 noon Sean Hanley R.I.P. 6th Anniversary

Remembrance/Anniversaries

Denis & Mimi Clifford / Eileen O'Callaghan

Sean Hanley 6th Anniversary / Mary Kelly

Betty & Harry Deane / Tim & Annie Murphy

John Madden / Catherine Madden

Pat, Catherine & Mary Bell / Bridget Hurley

Peter Bell 1st Anniversary

Patty Graham 1st Anniversary

Celia Boyton / Arthur Boyton

May they Rest in Peace

Church collection €940

Thank you for your support and generosity

Today's 2nd collection is for P.A.F.A.

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Church Restoration Fund

Reflection

On 8th December we celebrate the 163rd anniversary of the foundation of the Society of African Missions by Bishop Melchior de Marion Bresillac, a French-born missionary priest in India for 12 years (1842-1854). He returned to Europe in 1854 determined to establish a missionary Society to preach the Gospel to the most abandoned (for De Bresillac this meant the west coast of Africa).

Today, the SMA has more than 800 brothers, priests and bishops working in 16 African countries and elsewhere in the world. With 150 members, the Irish Province has priests working in Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia. Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly of Cashel and Emly is a member of the SMA - before becoming a bishop he was the SMA Superior General based in Rome. *May they continue to do great things for God.*

Thank you for your support to the SMA missions.