

## First Sunday of Advent 27<sup>th</sup> November

Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven: and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.

### MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.  
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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### Deaths

We remember in our prayers May Lucey, Ballinlough and Michael Ellard, Ballinlough may they rest in peace.

Our prayerful condolences to their families, relatives, friends, and neighbours.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*



These early days of December are marked by the beginning of our journey through Advent. It's not a word that you will find in many shopping catalogues. Few will get excited about Advent and yet it is a season full of meaning and symbolism. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin "Adventus", a name which means coming or arrival. The prayers of Advent touch on each person walking in some darkness and yet awaiting and anticipating a great light. It is a time for us to hear those other quiet whispers in our lives of a God gently calling us from darkness into light. Advent is a reminder of how we need this light more than ever in our own lives.

### Feast days of the week

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. The New Testament tells of Andrew's birthday, in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers.

### St. Pio Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary will meet on

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm in Ardfoye Convent, Blackrock.

Why not join us for a quiet unrushed hour.

All Welcome.

### JUST ONE HOUR SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR ADVENT

Thursday 1st December 8.00pm Parish Pastoral Centre.

Prayer followed by a short enlightening talk on Advent in the gospels and the joy of reading the New Testament at home. All welcome, should be especially interesting for Lay Ministers.

### BALLINLOUGH TEXT ALERT

We have a very successful Text Alert system in operation for the last nine years. It is operated by Muintir na Tíre in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and Ballinlough Community Association. Anyone wishing to join can leave their contact details in our letterbox at the Community Centre. Cost is €10 annually.



### Ballinlough Christmas Concert

Ballinlough Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Tickets €5 each (which includes refreshments) can be purchased in either First South Credit Union or J.J. O'Driscoll's Superstore.

Artists include Ballinlough Youth Club, John White Singer/Storyteller, Douglas Harmonia Singers, Dick Beamish

Comedian/Storyteller, Kieran McCarthy Tenor, Siobhan Coakley Soprano, Ger Gunn Entertainer. Raffle at the interval. Come along and enjoy a great night.

**EDEL QUINN Prayer Group**

**We meet every Thursday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm.  
All welcome.**









