

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) 13th December

The coming of Christ is a message of joy: a joy founded and rooted in God's love and care for his people, and his promise of an eternal companionship

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays 9a.m. & 11a.m.

HOLY DAYS.

(Working) Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.
Weekdays. Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Following HSE guidelines, SVP continues to help people in need with food vouchers, fuel or direct financial assistance where necessary, during the covid pandemic.

SVP also assists people in need throughout the city with the provision of educational support for both adults and children. Support for the homeless is provided by SVP's hostels at Anglesea Terrace and Friar's Walk. To get more details about the various SVP activities contact the Regional Office, Ozanam House, 2. Tuckey Street, Cork. 021 – 427 0444 Or visit SVP web page www.svp.ie SVP thanks you for your continued support.



**SVP Christmas Collection this week-end
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December.**

Christmas Arrangements.

Our arrangements for Christmas Masses this year are challenging. But we are doing what we can to schedule Masses safely over the Christmas period and I ask for patience and co-operation. Please bear in mind the following points.



1. There is no obligation to attend Mass in these times of pandemic.
2. People should come to Mass only if it is safe for them to do so.
3. Our Christmas Masses will be as follows;

Christmas Eve (24th December) Mass at 5p.m. 7p.m. and 9p.m.
Christmas Day (25th December) Mass at 8a.m. 10a.m. and 12 Noon.

It is necessary to have a ticket to attend any of these Masses. Tickets may be had from the Parish Office (021- 429 4332) (Email: ballinloughparishoffice@eircom.net) during the week and from the Sacristy after weekend Masses.
4. Remember that there are twelve days in the Christmas season. Please feel free to come to Mass on any of these other days.
5. I encourage people who are unable to attend Mass to come to the crib sometime over the Christmas season.
6. Let the light of Christ bring warmth to our hearts and illumination to our lives in these times.



Diocesan Advent / Christmas Carol Service 2020

A Diocesan Advent/Christmas Carol Service to take place on this Sunday 13th December at 7.30p.m. From the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne Cork. We have been able to work with Church Services TV who have installed webcams in a number of churches throughout the Diocese. This will enable us to connect with other parish churches of the Diocese by allowing a small number of people drawn from the parish choir to participate via their church webcam. This will then be streamed into the Cathedral as part of the Carol Service.



It is hoped that people throughout the Diocese especially those who are members of choirs will be able to gather with their family to participate in the Carol Service from their own home.



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**NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST. ANTHONY
AFTER 10A.M. MASS TUESDAY
MORNINGS**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYERS AFTER
10A.M. MASS WEDNESDAY
MORNINGS**

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Jesus spent much of his time with sick people. He didn't preach to them or never told them to 'offer it up'. His miracles with sick people were not done to show off. His down-to-earth humanity, love and compassion are a reminder that he cared deeply about those who were sick. He reminded them of their dignity and that even in their darkest hour he would be with them. Nothing has changed. Every sickness is uniquely personal, a challenge and an opportunity.

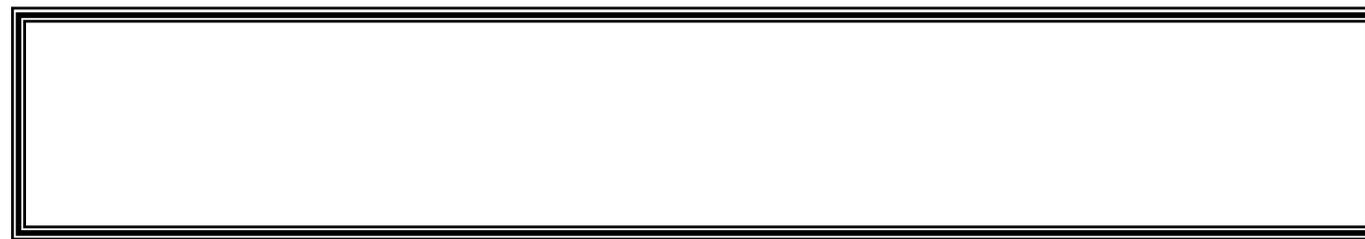
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**A prayer of Saint Louise, Most Holy Virgin
I believe and confess, your holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Pure and without sin, most pure Virgin
Through your virginal purity, your Immaculate Conception,
Your privilege of being the Mother of God, obtain for us from
your Divine Son,
Humility, charity, great purity of mind and body,
The gift of prayer, a holy life, a happy death..... AMEN**

MEMORARE.

**Remember O most compassionate Virgin Mary,
That never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection
Implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you
O Virgin of Virgins our Mother, to you we come,
Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions
but in your clemency hear and answer them.**

NOVENA PRAYER.

**O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
With confidence we come to implore your unfailing help.
Bearer of life, Mother of our Saviour
Give birth in our hearts to Jesus your son,
Who forgives our sins, and brings healing to our lives.
Mother of the Church on earth, hear the cry of the lowly and the poor,
Who hunger for Jesus the bread of life,
And in your loving wisdom, make our prayers your own.
(we pause to make our needs known to our Immaculate Mother.)
Virgin gentle in mercy, queen of the universe
Cover us with the veil of your protection, and deliver us from the
darkness of evil.
Teach us by prayer and self-control,
The meaning of truth and the beauty of love
That with minds that are healed and hearts that are pure
We may come in the end to where you are,
The Queen of Angels and of Saints.**

As from now the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinlough will be live streaming our Masses for anyone who wishes to tune in from their homes.

Although our suppliers have the camera focused on the Sanctuary, please be aware from time to time you may be seen.

These are the instructions for the people to avail of this service.

- 1. Key this web address into goggle www.mcnmedia.tv**
- 2. Select cameras OR Republic of Ireland.**
- 3. Select Cork.**
- 4. Select Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cork.**



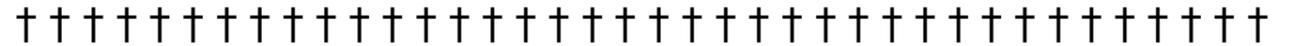
An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

**O Virgin Mother of God Mary Immaculate
At the message of an angel you received the Word of God
In your heart and in your womb and gave life to the world.
O Temple of the living god, throne of the eternal king
Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate ourselves to you
Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this Medal be a sign of your love for us,
And a witness of our devotion to you.
May your promise to St. Catherine Laboure
Bring grace to us and peace to all who say
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.**

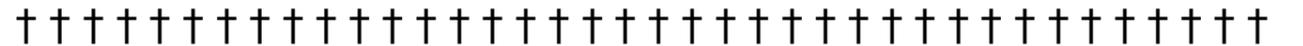
A Prayer for Vocations.

**O Jesus, send labourers into your fields,
Which are awaiting holy apostles,
Sainly priests, heroic missionaries and,
Dedicated Sisters and Brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women
The spark of a vocation.
Grant that Christian families may
Desire to give your Church,
Helpers in the work of tomorrow.**



**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF
OUR LADY OF
THE MIRACULOUS
MEDAL.**



Please leave leaflet at the end of your seat, or you may leave it on the table in the Church porch.....*Thank You.*