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Saint Finian's

River Valley

and Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Dublin Airport



Third Sunday of Advent
14th December 2014

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'God is with us'



Gaudete Sunday
 Third Sunday of Advent

Each Friday morning during Advent
 after 10am Mass we will have prayer and reflection on
 the Sunday readings.

Church Building Update

The Parish Finance Committee recently met with Mr Seamus Leahy, the buildings manager from the Archdiocese. He gave a very thorough overview of the condition of our church. Both the external and the internal leaves of the church wall are affected by pyrite. The inner wall has not yet begun to deteriorate but the buildings committee strongly recommend that we remove ALL materials affected by pyrite. This would mean the removal of the entire surrounding wall of the church. Unfortunately the church will have to close for the duration of the work.

The Diocesan buildings committee has asked us to engage an architect to give us options for the rebuilding of our church. The Finance Committee is working on this at the moment. It is likely that the rebuilding work will begin within the next year. In the meantime we are launching our fundraising efforts and the Finance Committee is looking for creative ways to raise funds; if you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please get in touch through the parish office.

We will keep you updated on all developments.

"Francis, repair my house; rebuild my church!"

(words heard by St Francis of Assisi while praying before the crucifix in the ruined church of San Damiano)



St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend is the Annual indoor Collection for *St. Vincent de Paul*.

It will be the second collection at Mass and will replace the SHARE collection.

Helping the St. Vincent de Paul will help those in need in our parish.

Spiritual Gift for Christmas

Christmas Mass bouquets are available from the parish office. If you would like to have someone remembered and included in all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, bouquet cards are available from Jackie in the parish office. Names will be placed on the Altar at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

PPC Blessing and Commissioning

Many thanks to Fr. Des for a lovely Blessing and Commissioning for our 3rd Parish Pastoral Council. Congratulations to the new members you nominated and may the Holy Spirit guide us on our journey. Our new PPC is: **Fr. Des** (President), **Fr. Eugen, Sr. Josephine, Helen Martin** (Chairperson), **Paul Moran** (Secretary), **Catherine Byrne, Angela Caulfield, Mary Duignan, Kay Dunlevy, Eileen Fallon, Sarah Mc Cormack, Ann Murtagh, Elaine O'Connor, Hugh Rodgers, Paul Uzo.**

Mass Intentions

For week beginning 15th December

Mon 15th	10am	Eli Joseph (9th A)
Tues 16th	10am	Special Intention (Get well)
Wed 17th	10am	Special Intention
Thurs 18th	10am	James Close (12th A)
Fri 19th	10am	Special Intention
Sat 20th	11am	John and Bridie McCormack (A)
	6.30pm	Margaret Bonner (A)
		Catherine and Martin Lavin (A)
Sun 21st	10am	Sandra Davis (5th A)
	11.30am	May and Dick Rafferty
		(Christmas Remembrance)



First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Advent, during the 10am Mass we welcome all the families preparing for **First Penance** and **First Holy Communion**.

St. Columba's Church

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in St. Columba's Church, Swords, at 3.00pm on Sunday, 21st December, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall afterwards – **All Welcome!**

Thank You

Weekend 6th and 7th November

Common Fund:	€637.00
Share:	€516.00
Shrines:	€260.00
Envelope Collection: (for running the parish)	€445.00
Plus: Standing Orders: (Month of October)	€701.00

Valley Cancer Walk Oct 2014

A cheque for €4,460 was handed over to the Irish Cancer Society. Thanks to everyone who supported our 8th Annual 'Valley' cancer walk.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven

Dublin Airport

For that Spiritual Gift this Christmas, Mass bouquets are available in the Sacristy. *See Steph.*

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm Vigil
 Christmas Day: 11.00am



Volunteers needed for Christmas clean up – next Tuesday, 16th December, at 7pm in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. If you are happy to help please contact Steph.