

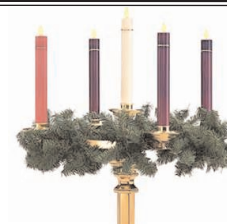
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Saint Finian's

River Valley

and Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Dublin Airport



First Sunday of Advent
30th November 2014

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Happy New Year

Yes, it's the beginning of a new Church year this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. These four weeks leading up to Christmas are a time to **start anew**: to pray, to listen to God's Word, to reflect and make a new effort to love people the way God does. God is a God who **comes to us**. He is near. He is with us. That's the great Good News.

He **came** among us on the first Christmas, sharing our life and our struggles.

He **comes** to us now through His Holy Spirit . . . in His Word, in the sacraments, in people, especially the poor and those in need.

He will come again! Our whole life is a waiting for His return. Let's make the best of our life and our gifts and use them for good so that we'll be ready to meet Him with joy.

The Masses every day of Advent have lovely prayers and readings to help us and encourage us.

Please join us!

Youth 2000 Ireland

. . . will be hosting their annual **Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College**, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome.

This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.



Advent Gathering

. . . for all Ministers of St. Finian's Parish at 8pm on Wednesday, 10th December. Guest speaker will be **Monsignor Dan O'Connor**.

We hope to compile Christmas rosters for Ministers of The Eucharist and Ministers of The Word after Monsignor Dan's talk.

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



Christmas Party

Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party
The Community Centre
Tuesday 9th December at 6.30pm

If you would like to attend please leave your name in the community centre or in the parish office.



Christmas Fair

The Annual Rolestown Parish Christmas Fair will be held this Sunday in Rolestown Parish Hall from 2.30pm to 5pm

Blessing and Commissioning of new Parish Pastoral Council Members

This weekend at the 11.30am Mass we will have a Blessing and Commissioning Ceremony for the new members of our 3rd Parish Pastoral Council. As part of the ceremony you will be asked to help, support and encourage them as they work together for the good of God's people. We respond:

'Through prayer and words of encouragement we will support the new members of our Parish Pastoral Council. We pray that we will be united in love as we work together for the good of all God's people.'

Invitation: We invite all who would like to celebrate with us into the Oratory after Mass for some light refreshments.

Ministers of The Eucharist and The Word

New Rosters for the Ministers of The Eucharist and of The Word are now available at the back of the Church and on the parish website www.stfiniansparish.com

JEWELLERY FOUND

A piece of jewellery has been found in the Church. If you have lost something, or you know of someone who has, please contact Jackie in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

For week beginning 1st December

Mon 1st	10am	Michael O'Brien (RD)
Tues 2nd	10am	Joseph O'Rourke (RD)
Wed 3rd	10am	Special Intention
Thurs 4th	10am	Matthew Matthews (8th A)
Fri 5th	10am	First Friday
Sat 6th	11am 6.30pm	Richard McDonagh (RD) Joan Bannon
Sun 7th	10am 11.30am	People of the Parish John and Teresa Corrigan (A)

Feast Days for coming week

Wednesday 3rd: **St. Francis Xavier**
 Thursday 4th: **St. John Damascene**
 Saturday 6th: **St. Nicholas**

Thank You

Weekend 22nd and 23rd November

Common Fund:	€726.00
Share:	€575.00
Shrines:	€188.00
Envelope Collection: (for running the parish)	€998.00
Plus: Standing Orders: (Month of October)	€701.00

Please consider contributing to the running of the parish by means of standing order. Contact Jackie in the parish office for further details.