

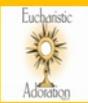
**WHAT'S ON**

**Wednesday 14th January**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 meeting in the Pastoral Space at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 15th January**  
 After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

**Friday 16th January**  
**Eucharistic Prayer Group**  
 meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm.  
 All welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**10.30am to 5.00pm.**  
**in the Oratory.**



At Christmas the choir sang a lovely carol, Do you have room? The choir has room for many more members. Each year we lose a couple through retirement.

We are pleased to welcome Maeve and Leanne who joined us in Advent. We need singers in all 3 vocal lines and are happy to welcome men. Practice is on Monday from 7:45 to 9:15pm.

Why not give choir a try and discover your gift? Contact Irene on 089-6059135 or leave you number in the parish office. Singing is a great way to serve God and your parish.



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**18th-25th January 2026**

The theme this year "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4). The prayers and reflections this year have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer & petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

**The inaugural service will be held on**  
**Sunday 18th January at 8pm in**  
**St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,**  
**Palmerstown.**



We remember  
**Patrick Morrissey**  
 who died recently  
**MAY HE REST**  
**IN PEACE**

Questions about God and Jesus ? About the synodal reform of the Church? Why not consider studying some theology? Join us online at 6pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February for an information session, and to hear from some of our students. See our website to register <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or email [loyola@tcd.ie](mailto:loyola@tcd.ie)

**Thought** Ever doubt God loves you, warts and all? Isiah 27 says, 'Sing of the delightful vineyard!' (That's us!) and His tender care for it. 'I Yahweh, am its keeper. Every moment I water it for fear it's leaves should fall; night and day I watch over it.'

His acceptance extends even to those attacking His vineyard 'If they would shelter under My protection, Let them make their peace with Me.' Believe the amazing love God has for you. Take heart, you already shelter under His protection and are His delight.

**Church Collections**

w/e 3rd/4th January 2026  
 1st Priests: €599  
 2nd Collection: €498  
 Envelopes: €527

**PARISH LOTTO**

Development Fund  
 There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were  
**Lotto Nos 2, 16, 18, 27**  
**The Jackpot is**  
**€2,200**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.  
**The Draw takes place on**  
**Tuesday morning before 10 a.m.**  
**Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw**  
 each week **must** be put into the safe in the church **by 11.00a.m. on**  
**Mondays.**  
 All are welcome to attend the draw.

## The Baptism of the Lord

### First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;

he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of  
right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and  
light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,

and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 28 (29): 1-4, 9-10

*Response The Lord will bless his people with  
peace.*

O give the Lord, you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court.

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;

the voice of the Lord, full of power,

the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits as king for ever.

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

### Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation cf.Mk9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice  
resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

### Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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