

Today's readings

DEDICATED 29th SEPTEMBER, 1973.

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3: 8-14
Mark 1: 1-8



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

10th DECEMBER 2017.

***This year let us put
CHRIST
back into Xmas.***

At the end of our Triduum of Faith our sincere thanks to Fr. John Harris, O.P., for leading us in the Sacrament of Confession, as we prepare for the feast of the Christ Child, along with Bishop John Buckley, and visiting priests last Saturday.

Congratulations to the boys and girls from our local schools who received the Sacrament of Confession for the first time on Monday last. These children are preparing for their First Holy Communion in 2018.

Special word of thanks to Fr. Denis Cashman and Fr. Pat Nugent for helping our parish priest on this sacramental occasion.

**MASS FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THEIR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2018,**

Mass for children who are preparing for First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday next 17th December at 11.30.a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Monday next 11th December after the 10.a.m. Mass in the usual room. Enquiries to 097 2846289

Altar Society Group 1 on duty

**LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST
THE RETURNING KING**

Monthly lay apostle prayer group, which includes the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the reading of the Monthly Message, will meet on Friday next, 15th December at 8.00.p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Everybody welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (DAILY ROTA)

The Daily Rota covering the months January to April 2018 is available for collection in the Sacristy.

RECENT BAPTISMS

*We welcome to our Christian Family
Sam Barry Murphy
Harry Declan McCormack*



*Congratulations to their parents and godparents.
May they be the best of teachers in handing on the practice of the Catholic faith to these children.*

RECENT DEATH

We offer our sincere and prayerful sympathy to the family of:

Joe Murphy, The Rise.
May he rest in peace



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*Day of Talks and Meditation
Saturday, 16th December, 2017. 10.00. a.m. to 4.00.p.m.
Sacred Heart Missionaries Hall, Western Road.
Presenter: Fr. Donagh O'Shea, O.P.*

MESSIAH by Handel
Saturday, 16th December 2017.
at 8.00.p.m.
in
Ss. Peter and Pauls Church.

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

PRAYER

God of hospitality
unlock the doors of my heart.
Open me and connect me
to those hungering for healing,
to those searching for appreciation,
to those struggling to believe.

As You blessed Solanus, bless me
with confidence in Your care,
with faith in Your promises,
and with an attitude of gratitude
that will last until I come to share
eternal hospitality
with You,
Blessed Solanus,
and the angels forever. Amen.

Blessed Solanus Casey, *pray for us.*

MOBILE PHONES

**OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE LITURGY WE ARE ABOUT TO
CELEBRATE – PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES.**
To speak with God, you do not need them.

As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said some years ago; "Let us always endeavour to create an atmosphere of reverential silence from the moment we enter the Church."

Let us always show courtesy towards those who wish to pray in this sacred place

**THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND
CARER'S SUPPORT MEETING**

Wednesday, 13th December 3. p.m. to 4.30.p.m.
Bessboro Day Care Centre, Blackrock
All are welcome.

Just in passing.

"Advent is an invitation not to be dominated by the things of his world" said Pope Francis during the week.

**"We should not be overpowered by a concern for material things because Advent is an invitation to vigilance, not knowing when He will come.
We must be ready to depart."**