

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, GREENHILLS

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Masses: Sat 10am, 6.30pm (Vigil): Sun 10.00 & , 12 noon. Weekdays: 10am.

Holy days:, Vigil 7.30pm ,Holy Day: 8am & 10am

Child Protection: Parish Contacts: Ciaran Russell 087 6191011. Valerie Roe 01 4509191

1st Collection for Clergy Support

2nd Collection (Share) for Diocesan Development & Administration. R C Code: 20016166

**** Parish webcam: <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/holy-spirit-parish-church-greenhills>**

Feast of the Holy Family

► Christmas Mass Time

● 1st to 4th January: 10am
Friday 5th January 10am & 7.30
(Vigil for Holy Day of Obligation)

● Saturday 6th January :
(Feast of Epiphany)

Saturday: 10am & 6.30pm (Vigil for
Sunday)

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next, 5 January, is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on the First Friday, after the 10am Mass until 12 noon.

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the exits of the church .They are also included in the family offering envelopes given out in April. Please take an envelope and return it with your contribution over the Christmas period.

Deepest Sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of the Elizabeth Steward, St Anthony's Crescent and Catherine Speller, (Parish Secretary) St Jude's Parish, Templeogue who died recently. May they rest in peace.

*Fr Michael & Fr Amandus &
the Parish Council wish all
Parishioners of Greenhills , our
Partnership Parishes , all Visitors
to our Parish and all who have
made their home in Ireland and
are far away from family and
friends....*

*A Very Happy & Peaceful New
Year to each and everyone!*

SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

ALONE Contact ALONE on 0818 222 024 if you have concerns about your own wellbeing, or the wellbeing of an older person you know. Further information can be found on www.alone.ie.

Faughs GAA Christmas Tree Collection

Service takes place on Saturday 6th Jan 2024 from 9am - 5pm. For just €10 our volunteers will collect and remove your old tree. All funds will go directly to the club. Sign up and pay online at faughs.ie/trees or text your Name and Address to 089-2764937 and pay cash on the day.

Deadline for bookings online and over the phone is Thurs 4th Jan 2024 at 5pm.

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS....Tea/Coffee will not be available after 10am Mass this



weekend....the good news is all back to normal next

weekend...huge thanks to the brilliant volunteers who make

this service possible. A very happy New Year to each and everyone of you!

Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th January at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

TOWARDS PEACE Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or

<https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>

THE DEEP END

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood. I don't recall the exact words, but the chorus went something like this:

- ♦ Jesus was a happy child
- ♦ When he was small like me
- ♦ He used to laugh and run around
- ♦ And sometimes climb a tree
- ♦ Running here, running there
- ♦ Having fun like you and me.

There was a verse about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impressed on our young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity. This hymn came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus' future mission. What parent hasn't felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs', but Mary stores up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.