



WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

## **NOTICES**

**Zion Mothers' Union:** Calling all M.U. members present and past to a Lunch get together on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm at "EXCUSE MY FRENCH" Restaurant, 25 Dunville Ave, Ranelagh, DO6 F8N8, near Beechwood Luas stop.

Cost approx €25 payable in cash. Names to Susan Grimason 086 336 7283

**Friday Womens' Gathering:** Gather for a cuppa and chat on the first Friday of the month – all are welcome. 3pm-4.30pm in the Meeting Room off the Parish Hall. Next gathering is Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Zion Mother and Toddler Group:** Numbers have been low in September and October so we would love if you could spread the word about this lovely hangout for pre-schoolers and their carers. Wednesdays from 10am-12 noon in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation group 2026:** We are in the process of putting together a schedule of classes in the Autumn/winter for the confirmation group of 2026. If you are interested, please contact Deirdre at [zionparish@gmail.com](mailto:zionparish@gmail.com)

**The Gardened Soul – An Emotional Connection to more:** What a wonderful morning in the church last week launching Rev'd David's lovely book. As you are probably aware the books sold out so a few people asked where they could be purchased. Click [Here](#) to get to the webpage.

**Alice Leahy Trust:** Donations of clothes for the homeless are always very welcome. There is a box at the back of the church. Jeans and tee shirts especially welcome.

**Pastoral Visits & Home Communions:** If you would like a pastoral visit, or to be added to the home communion list, please let the Rector know.

**Reading & Tea/Coffee Rota:** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for Sunday readings and refreshments.

## EVENTS

**An evening in Advent:** There will be a showing of the Christmas episode of 'The Chosen' in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 8pm-9pm.

**Rathfarnham Parish Winter Fair:** This will take place in the Church grounds in Rathfarnham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2.30pm-6pm. The Rathfarnham Christmas lights will be switched on at 4pm.

### **Be Enthralled and Inspired**

**African Gospel Choir and Band Tullow Church, Brighton Road, Foxrock:** Saturday 6th December 7.30pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music, uplifting melodies and a touch of Christmas at the African Gospel Choir event - their fourth visit to Tullow. Experience the joy and energy of gospel music as you immerse yourself in an evening of celebration and praise. Be prepared to clap your hands, tap your feet, and sing along to powerful songs that will touch your soul.

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening that promises to be both enchanting and inspiring.

Tickets €20 (including booking fee) on Eventbrite.ie here  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/african-gospel-choir-tickets-1910113925169?aff=oddtcreator>

## MINISTRY OF HEALING

**Reading by Candlelight Book Group:** as darkness moves towards light, join the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland for an online reading group. Gather with us for four evenings as we discuss short stories and poems that open the heart to the season's mystery and hope. Together we'll read works by Tove Jansson (creator of the Moomins!), Maeve Brennan, Maeve Binchy, and many others, exploring the complexity of Christmas, the sometimes - painful family dynamics, and the moments of beauty that remain etched in memory. Our final session will be at Epiphany, when we will read James Joyce's "The Dead", one of the greatest short stories ever written. Details: 8pm on Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Book via [www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie)

**Windows of Waiting:** through the Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland's new offering, Windows of Waiting, you will receive twelve gentle reflections by email or WhatsApp. This mix of prayers, poems, guided meditations, and creative ideas will help you to rest, reflect, and prepare room for the coming of Christ this Christmas. You will receive two reflections each week, across the six weeks of Advent, written and created by Lydia and Catherine. Windows of Waiting offers twelve moments of stillness by email: a window to open, a word to hold, a light for your waiting heart. Sign up via [www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie)

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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

11.30am - 2pm

ZION PARISH HALL



TOYS

COFFEES

BURGERS

BOTTLE STALL

TREASURE CHEST

SANTA'S GROTTTO

CAKES

BOOKS

DELI STALL

& LOTS MORE

For more information please contact Brian Hunt  
on 087 6999712 or [brianhunt77@gmail.com](mailto:brianhunt77@gmail.com)



## ZION CHRISTMAS MARKET



SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025: 11.30am-2.00pm (In Zion Parish Hall)  
In 2 weeks time.....

### THIS WEEK – we are focusing on the following and asking for your help:

- BOTTLE STALL – we are seeking donations of unopened bottles/cans of every sort – wine, spirits, minerals, olive oil, etc etc. Christian Schaffalitsky 086 2537948 OR David Soden (Church Warden) would love to hear from you – bottles can be left at the parish office/given to David/Christian. (NOTE – PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRY DATES ON ITEMS YOU ARE DONATING – WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SELL OLD/ALREADY OPENED/OUT OF DATE ITEMS!! And yes, believe it or not, unfortunately people do donate items like these each year!!)
- Could you donate an item for the BIG RAFFLE please?  
We are seeking donations of Cosmetics sets, bottles of spirits, (THAT ARE NOT OUT OF DATE), novelty gifts, home made knits, and anything else you can think of that you would like to win in a raffle! – Please talk to Alison Hunt after church on Sundays or contact her on 087 6999712, or else leave them in the parish office, marked “RAFFLE”

#### We also seek your help with the following

- HOMEMADE ITEMS FOR THE DELI COUNTER. The Deli team would appreciate donations of homemade Pate, Quiches, Truffles, Fudge, Hummus, jams, Marmalade, Chutney etc. Please talk to Jenny O’Regan, (tel – 086 889 2320), or leave your item with Dee in the office.
- SMALL TOYS. We need toys in good-condition/ small enough to display on a table top –no large toys, bikes prams etc please! Please leave at the parish office/on the stage in the Hall, or bring to the hall any Saturday afternoon (ask for Girls Brigade Leader Gillian Lesware)



NOTE – DEE IS GENERALLY IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM 9.00AM-2.00PM  
FURTHER INFO FROM BRIAN HUNT – TEL: 087 6999712, EMAIL : brianhunt77@gmail.com



**ZION PARISH**  
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**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sunday 30th December

11.30am - 2.00pm

Zion Parish Hall

**Cake and baked goods drop off times:**

Thursday 27th: 9am-2pm (Parish office)

Friday 28th: 8.15am-9am (Parish office)

Saturday 29th: 6pm-7pm (Parish Hall)

Sunday morning (Parish Hall)





# November Services

## **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Wholeness and Healing

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Second Sunday before Advent

9am Holy Communion (trad)

10.30am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism

*We welcome Amelie, Maia & Elodie Bunworth in Holy  
Baptism*

## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Sunday before Advent

*The Kingship of Christ*

9am Holy Communion (trad)

10.30am Morning Prayer

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Advent Sunday*

9am Holy Communion (trad)

10.30am Readings and Music for Advent Sunday

*This service followed by Zion Indoor Christmas Market*

