

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 22

Response:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now
I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach
or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of the
One who gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my hardships. In
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ
Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to
God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:1-14

(Shorter form read between >> << Mt 22:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

>> "Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may
be compared to a king who gave a feast for
his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants.
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off to
his farm, another to his business, and the rest
seized his servants, maltreated them and killed
them. The king was furious. He despatched his
troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his servants, "The
wedding is ready; but as those who were invited
proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads
in the town and invite everyone you can find to
the wedding." So these servants went out on to
the roads and collected together everyone they
could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding
hall was filled with guests." << When the king
came in to look at the guests he noticed one

man who was not wearing a wedding garment,
and said to him, "How did you get in here,
my friend, without a wedding garment?" And
the man was silent. Then the king said to
the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
throw him out into the dark, where there will be
weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are
called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and

Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday Message

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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A FEAST FOR EVERYONE

MT 22:1-14

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a king who gives a great feast for his son's wedding. He has sent out the invitations, but those he invited to the feast aren't interested. They don't show up. They make excuses and avoid committing themselves.

The king is furious and tells his servants that those he invited have shown themselves unworthy of the banquet. Instead, the servants are to go out onto the roads and streets and invite absolutely everyone they can find. There is no need for personal invitations. Everyone is welcome. Before long, the wedding hall is full.

In the parable, the king represents God. The great feast is a traditional Jewish image of God's kingdom. We see this in today's first reading from Isaiah. Matthew is telling the story of God's involvement with God's people, and how this is played out in the life of Jesus.

Matthew knows the end of the story. He has seen how Jesus was rejected by the people of Israel, for whom he came, just as they had rejected the prophets before him. They have rejected God's invitation over and over again, and so the Good News is now preached to the Gentiles. God is opening the gates of the kingdom to everyone everywhere.

God is a gracious host who hopes that everyone will come to his feast. It doesn't matter who we are or where we come from. All that is asked of us is that we respond wholeheartedly to this invitation by doing our best to live in tune with the values of God's kingdom. ■

DO

Think of your attitude to the stranger, the newcomer, the one who is different. How welcoming are you?

SAY

"Lord, help me to live in such a way that I will be able to feast at your heavenly banquet forever. Amen."

PRAY

Pray for those who have rejected God's invitation to his wedding feast. Pray that you will respond more fully to God's invitation.

LEARN

This is Prisoners' Sunday. We pray for prisoners and their families. We remember especially prisoners of conscience and political prisoners, those brave people made to suffer for their beliefs and moral courage.

REFLECT

Several years ago, an American woman called Tamara Fowler was due to get married. Two hundred guests were invited. But then, a few weeks before the big day, Tamara decided to break off her engagement. Her parents were heartbroken. They had been looking forward to the wedding and had spent thousands of dollars planning a dinner reception at a top restaurant.

Her father thought about the situation, talked it over with his wife, and prayed about it one night before going to bed. The next morning, he later said, he knew what they had to do. They decided to go ahead with the wedding dinner as planned—but not with the original guest list. Instead, they invited a different group: 200 homeless men, women and children. The family contacted a local homeless charity. The woman who picked up the phone later said she was so shocked, she thought it was a prank call. The Fowlers explained what they wanted to do and that they especially wanted to help children.

And so, on the day the wedding was due to

take place, buses brought dozens of needy people to one of Atlanta's top wedding venues. Children had space outside to play. Face painters and jugglers were hired to entertain them.

The children, it transpired, had to be shown how to eat hors' d'oeuvres, how to use the right cutlery. They weren't used to fine china. At evening's end, the caterer was amazed. For the first time, she said, at the end of a big wedding there were no leftovers. Every plate was clean. Those special guests were fed, but they received more than a great meal that day – they received love. They felt included. They hadn't been forgotten.

That meal was a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven, an image of the heavenly feast. Pope Francis often described the church as a big tent and not a small chapel that holds only a few. He repeatedly stressed the importance of welcome and inclusion. Inclusion reflects God's mercy, he said, and God's mercy embraces everyone. Christians must mirror God's mercy by opening our hearts to others without

judging or excluding anyone based on status, race, ability, or background. Inclusion, he emphasised, must go beyond rhetoric and be reflected in daily life. It should create a "culture of social tenderness."

Days after his election, Pope Leo said the same: "We must be a church with open arms for everyone, open to all who need our presence, dialogue, love."

As they sat in that hotel eating great food off of fine china, those homeless people must have said to themselves, "I wish it could be like this all the time." Of course, it couldn't. But they had been given a glimpse of how things could be, of how things should be.

To be Christian is to welcome and include. It's the opposite of them and us. Our challenge is to live in such a way as to make God's presence real and tangible, by creating homes, families, communities, and parishes that are welcoming and loving, so that ours will be a church of which it can be said: "Here comes everybody." ■



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



Volunteering for the Vineyard: living the invitation in Holy Child Nativity Parishes

This Sunday's readings invite us into a beautiful scene of welcome. In the First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10), the prophet shares a lovely vision of a great mountain banquet filled with rich food and fine wines, where every tear is gently wiped away. This joyful promise comes to life in the Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14), where a king opens his son's wedding feast to the crossroads, warmly welcoming everyone, "bad and good alike."

This feast reminds us of the sheer, overflowing goodness of God.

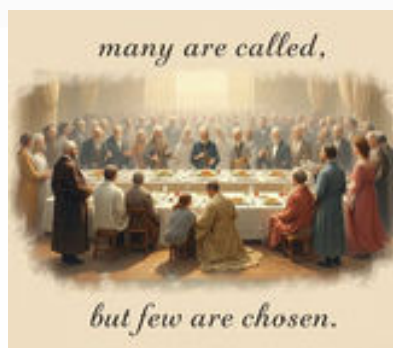
The invitation is a completely free gift; our Father does not wait for us to be flawless before inviting us to sit at His table. However, He loves us too much to leave us exactly as we were. The sobering moment when a guest is questioned for lacking a wedding garment reveals that true faith is alive and active. This garment isn't a rigid dress code; it is a heart clothed in divine mercy, love, and a desire to serve.

We saw a wonderful, living example of this active love in our own community during Volunteering Sunday last weekend. We are absolutely thrilled to share that 25 people in Beaumont and 15 people in Whitehall stepped forward to volunteer for various parish ministries and roles.

By offering their time and talents, these 40 parishioners have chosen to put on the wedding garment of discipleship in a deeply practical way. They are helping to make our churches warm, vibrant places of encounter. We are incredibly grateful for their encouraging witness, which brings such life to our community. This week, as we gather around the altar, let us celebrate a God who welcomes us all, and may we find joy in working in His vineyard together.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: Forty parishioners said yes to God's invitation last weekend. The wedding garment of service fits beautifully. How might you say yes this week?



A Day in Church History

On this day in 1962, Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council — one of the most significant moments in modern Catholic history. Gathering over 2,500 bishops from around the world, Vatican II renewed the Church's vision of welcome, participation, and service — themes that resonate beautifully in today's readings.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

Pope Francis

The parish **CARE FOR CREATION** team in Whitehall would like to invite you to join us next **Saturday, 17th October 2026 from 2.30 to 4.00pm** to help prepare the church grounds for winter.

Children and families are welcome to get involved by bringing their own watering cans and other gardening tools to help plant some bulbs and seeds. Last year the children had great fun and learned a lot. We will conclude with a short Prayer Service for Peace. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome even if you don't feel you have the energy for gardening.



JESUS YOUTH TEENS GATHERING

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY

10:30

BEAUMONT PARISH CENTRE

All new members WELCOME!

Contact: Hannah 089 263 2998 Dhiya 0894259570

The Annual Collection for Elaine Bannon's Mission in Rombo Kenya will take place after all the Masses this weekend, **10th Oct and 11th Oct 2026**, in the **Church of the Nativity of Our Lord**. Your support is very important and greatly appreciated. Elaine will be present to tell us how things are going in Kenya.

HYMNS



10.30am Mass, **Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall** opening hymn no.8 closing hymn no.32

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 12th Oct

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Whitehall Active Retirement Group (W)

7pm

Crochet Class (B)

7.30pm - 9pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal (W)

Tuesday 13th Oct

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

3pm - 5pm

Beaumont Active Retirement Association

5pm

Irish Dancing (B)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 14th Oct

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

11.30am - 1pm

Crochet (W)

7pm

Crochet Class (B)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

8pm

Ardrise Ladies Club

Thursday 15th Oct

9.30am - 11.30am

Whitehall Coffee Shop

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.45am - 12.45pm

COPD Exercise Class (W)

6pm - 7pm

Tai Chi (W)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

Friday 16th Oct

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

1pm - 5pm

Bridge (W)

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Drama Classes for kids (B)

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Drama Classes for kids (B)

3pm

Divine Mercy

Prayer Group (B)

W: Whitehall B: Beaumont

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book one of our rooms



MASS INTENTIONS - 10th Oct to 18th Oct 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Eileen Rowley Quinn (2A) / Michael Purdue (30A) / Liam & Maureen Scahill (A)
Pertolino Martins RIP / Jason Sheehan-Kirk (BR)

Sun 10.30am

Thomas Coleman (3A) / Arthur Keogh & Florence Finlay (BR)

Sun 12.30pm

Eamonn Keller (MM) also remembering his wife May (18A)

Bridget Crowe (14A) / Catherine Briscoe (A)

Patricia Carey (A) also remembering her sons Liam & Damien

Ciaran Kelly & Chris Standen (BR)

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Fr Jack O'Donoghue (10A & BR)

George and Pat & son John Troy (A)

Available for Intention

Pauline Fitzpatrick (1A) / Thomas Kelly (22A) / Paul Lynch (25A)

Tommy Flaherty & the Waite Family (A)

Paddy Blayney (10A) / Michael Murphy (14A)

Martin Stewart (2A) / Kathleen Fitzpatrick (4A) / Breda Ralph (30A)

Deceased members of the McLoughlin family (RIP)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Sr Rita Murray (MM) / Teresa Haugh (Memorial Mass) / Ann and Michael McManus (A)
Kathleen and Joseph Hedderman (A) and family members

Josephine O'Flanagan and her husband Colm (A)

Bridget Byrne (22A) / John O'Neill (A)

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Maura Murphy (MM) / Tony Geraghty (2A) / Lena Mulligan (2A)

Deceased members of the Parish Choir

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Doreen Hogan (RD)

Raphel and Paily Karingen (14A)

Tommy and Ian Farrelly (BR)

Sean and Bridget Pepper (A)

Available for Intention

Michael Whelan (5A)

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Brendan Daly (MM) / Nancy McKenna (MM) / Eddie Toomey (A)

Pat and Mary Conboy (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Paul Kelly (MM)

Frank Dornan (A) also remembering deceased members of the Dornan family

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Christy Smith (5A) / Kathleen & Jackie Timmons (A's)

A: Anniversary MM: Month's Mind. BR: Birthday Remembrance RD: Recently Deceased



Collections 4th Oct

W

B

First:	€1,927	€1,174.25
Share:	€1,055	€760.45
Envelope:	€808.05	€894.45
Upkeep:	€80	€85

Thank you to all who support our collections



Your prayers have been requested for those who have been called to God this week

Roksana Brzezinska RIP

Freddy Joyce RIP

Noel McLoughlin RIP

Seamus Carroll RIP

Doreen Hogan RIP

Anne Nolan RIP



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

-Romans 15:13



CONTACT INFORMATION

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CARMELITE OPEN DAY

Are you a man or woman aged 18–40 who would like some time for prayer and reflection? The Carmelite Friars and Nuns are holding an Open Day of Prayer, Reflection and Sharing on **Saturday 21st November 2026, from 10.30am to 4.30pm**, at the Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin D04 YF66.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend the day with the Carmelite community. There is no charge, and a light lunch is provided.

Please register by Sunday 15th November by emailing opendayavila@gmail.com.

For more information,

www.carmelites.ie (Nuns) and www.ocd.ie (Friars).

TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

The Adult Choir for the 10.30am mass in Church of the Holy Child, is hosting a fundraising Table Quiz to raise funds to update sound equipment in the church. The quiz will be at **7.30pm in the Comet Pub** (Swords Road) on **Thursday October 29th**. €40 per table (max. 4 players). To book a table please contact 087 6386786

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church. Please ensure that any completed envelopes are returned no later than **Friday 30th Oct 2026**.

WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP

Call in and browse our selection of books by various authors, including Richard Rohr, Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Brian Grogan.

We stock a wide selection of cards and religious objects including olive wood items from Bethlehem. The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale. Shop open weekdays and weekends after each Mass.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on **Wed, 14th & 28th Oct, from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall, Parish Centre**.

The group provides a welcoming space to share your bereavement journey or to listen to others' experiences.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If you or your family need assistance, our Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to help. Contact the East Region helpline: 01-8550022.

Beaumont Charismatic Prayer Group

An evening of uplifting worship, scripture reflection, and prayer.

Come as you are.

Contact:
Paschal Robinson

Phone:
087-6309-109

Meeting:
Mondays at 8 o'clock
Venue: Beaumont Parish Centre

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BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Dara Peyton who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 1st October 2026.

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OUR PARISHES Christmas FAIR

We are delighted to announce that our four parish communities will be coming together for a joint Christmas Fair this year!

We are very excited about this special event and look forward to celebrating the season together as one parish family.

Everyone welcome!

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

BEAUMONT PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

10.00 AM – 2.30 PM

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22(23)

R: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *R*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *R*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *R*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *R*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

With the help of the One who gives me strength, there is nothing I cannot master

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a

wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

MASSSES

Mon to Fri: 9:15am

Saturday: 7pm

Bank Holidays: 10:00am

Sunday: 10:30am & 12:30pm

Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 08:45 - 12:00

Sat: 18:30 - 20:00

Sun: 10:00 - 13:30

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 7pm Saturday Mass or on request.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

MASSSES

Mon to Fri: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:00am & 6:00pm

Bank Holidays: 11:00am

Sunday: 10:00am & 12:00pm

10am Mass is broadcast by webcam

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 09:30 - 13:00

Sat: 09:30 - 19:00

Sun: 09:30 - 16:00

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 10am and 6pm Masses on Saturdays and on request.

BLESSED MARGARET BALL

MASSSES

Wednesday: 10:00am

Sunday: 10:00am

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays. This can be arranged by appointment with the Parish at least one month in advance of the Baptism.





Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 10th /11th October, 2026.

Website: www.sjb.ie Masses available on webcam Email: office@sjb.ie

Priests Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04 Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 288 22 48	Times of Mass Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 6.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon Weekdays: 1.05 p.m. Saturday: 6.30 p.m. Vigil
Parish Office Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01 288 21 04 Email: office@sjb.ie	

Confessions: Available on request.

Baptisms: Held on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Saturday of the month. All enquires welcome through the Parish Office on 01 288 2104, or email, office@sjb.ie

Marriages: By arrangement, three months' notice required to the Parish in which you reside.

Carysfort National School
Admissions 2026/2027.

Carysfort National School will begin accepting applications for school year 2026/2027 from Thursday 1st October until Friday 13th November inclusive. They are switching to online application only via the school website <https://carysfortns.ie/admissions/>.

November Altar List of the Dead

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead, so that they may be prayed for at all Masses during November and on the first Friday of each month for the coming year. If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are envelopes at the back of the Church.

These can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office. Contributions and donations for the November List of the Dead go directly to support your local parish clergy when they offer prayers and Masses. We ask you to be as generous as possible in your contributions.

Dates for your Diary

- **World Mission Sunday**
17th/18th October, 2026.

The collection for World Mission Sunday will take place **next weekend 17th/18th October** and will replace the **SECOND COLLECTION**

- **Annual Mass of Remembrance**
Tuesday 10th November,
at 7.30 p.m.

HOME AND AWAY

This weekend near the front of the Church a map of the world will be displayed. Beside the map there will be some stick-on arrows with room on each arrow for a name of a person or family. This is an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones who live far away outside of Ireland. Many parishioners have loved ones whom they left behind to come to Ireland or have relations who have emigrated or live abroad. Home and Away Week is an opportunity to pray together and remember those who live far away, but are very close to our hearts. You can place the arrow containing their loved one's names on the map of the world where their loved one's lives. They can say a prayer and light a candle.



Prayer for those who are Home and Away

**How often, Lord,
Would I wish to stretch across the
miles,
And touch loved ones far away,
Or be whisked on angel's wings to their
very side.
Be with them in all they do,
And when their hearts Grow lonely and
homesick,
When they long to see and hold their
loved ones,
Touch them, Lord, with the touch of
your presence.
Hold them in your embrace,
Help them feel better,
Knowing that in your love,
We are all close together.
Amen.**

The Lumen Dominican Centre

Evening courses resume next week and run on a Wednesday and Thursday evening for six weeks. Here is a link to our courses on our website <https://lumenop.ie/product-category/courses-autumn-2026/> or call the centre at 01-2882075. All are welcome.

Crosscare Collection.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the Crosscare collection on the weekend of the 19th/20th September. The amount raised was €2,490-60

Outdoor Collection for the Parish
Maintenance Fund.

The amount raised on the weekend of the 26th/27th September was €1,718.00. Thank you for your continued support.

This Saturday 10th October, at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School, who are preparing to make their Confirmation.



St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 11th October



CURRENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at 10am preceded by the Rosary at 9.30am,

Church closes at 5pm

Monday: Area Mass at 7.30pm preceded by
Rosary and Novena at 7pm

Wednesday: Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion at 10am

Saturday: Church opens at 10am
Vigil Mass at 6pm

Sunday Mass at 10.30am

1st Saturday of the month – 10am Mass
followed by confessions.

Last Tuesday of the month

Prayer Group Mass at 8pm, all welcome

Bank Holiday: Mass 11am only, no evening mass.
Church closes at 2pm.

All services available on

www.blanchardstownparish.ie/webcam

Also on Phoenix Radio– 92.5FM

Eucharistic Adoration: Tue & Fri 10.30am-5pm

Blanchardstown Area evening Mass 7.30pm

Mon: Blanchardstown

Tues & Thurs: Castleknock

Wed: Mulhuddart

Fri: Corduff

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD & TABLES at the back of the Church: Please do not leave any material (posters/notices/leaflets/books/publications, etc.) without checking with Fr. John or the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Sacramental Preparation 2027

First Holy Communion 2027 A warm thank you to all the parents/guardians of the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in

2027, for joining us at our first meeting in the church last Thursday. We look forward to sharing many special moments with you and your families over the coming months.

The enrolment mass will be held on the weekend of 24th/25th October.

Parents/Guardians and the children are invited to attend either mass, 6:00pm Saturday or 10:30am Sunday, for their enrolment rite to start the parish programme of preparation

Confirmation 2027: Parents/Guardians are invited to our enrolment mass in the Church on Thursday 15th October at 7pm.



St Vincent de Paul

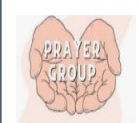
Our outdoor monthly collection for St Brigid's will be taken up this weekend at both masses. Thank you.



TEEN HOPE;

Our next Teen Hope meeting will be on Friday 16th October from 7pm-8.30pm.

A time for teens to relax with pizza, chat, prayer and fun! All 1st and 2nd years are welcome!



Our Parish Prayer Group:

Every Tuesday in the Jubilee Room at 8pm.

1st & 3rd Tuesday ; Prayer Meeting.
2nd Tuesday ; Led Holy Hour with Adoration.
4th Tuesday ; Holy Mass.



ALONE, the national organisation

supporting older people to age happily and securely at home, has launched its new Strategic Plan.

ALONE's new strategy acknowledges the scale and complexity of these challenges, but it is firmly focused on the future. It sets out a clear, ambitious vision for how Ireland can respond differently — by building a system that works around older people, rather than expecting older people and their families to navigate complex systems alone.

Together, we can ensure no older person feels alone.

For assistance, advice or to find out more information please contact our local Support Coordinator Lilly.deleon@alone.ie 0818 222 024 www.alone.ie



Blanchardstown Tidy Towns

Halloween Costume and Winterwear Swap

Saturday 24th October
11.30am-3.30pm St Brigid's Community Centre.

Bring items in excellent condition and receive one ticket per item.

Browse the rails and see if you would like to take anything home. Extra tickets are available to purchase for €5. Please see posters for further details.



'Koins for Kids'

All coins and notes, old, new, damaged, all currencies, will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped into the office and passed on to the 'Koins for Kids' charity. Our mission is to strive towards ensuring that children that suffer from illnesses and conditions beyond their control have access to the best possible equipment for their diagnosis and treatment. As a 100% voluntary charity 100% of your donation will go to helping these children. Thank you.

Baptism meeting for parents whose children will be baptised in November, will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Pastoral centre.

A king invites lots of guests to his son's wedding feast – but they don't turn up! Instead, the king invites everyone he can find. They all have a great time at the feast!

PARTY TIME!

God is like the king

He has invited us to his celebration. How can we show him that we want to be with him? What can we do to show God we want to join his party?



Here are clothes with some of the things we can "wear" every day. Colour in the different words. How many can you find?

Wearing love?

Which of these children is "wearing love"?



Thank you, God, for inviting me to your special party!

Love from,



things you give to me. Amen

A PRAYER TO SAY:

I want to enjoy the party with you Lord. Help me to enjoy and make the most of all the good

An amazing week for Saints

St Teresa of Avila. Thurs– 15 Oct - 1515-82. highly active and practical, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life.

St Margaret Mary – 16 Oct. 1647-1690, visionary, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St Ignatius – Sat 17 Oct. bishop of Antioch, died a martyr in Rome. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.



Next Sunday 18th October will be Mission Sunday. Missio Ireland is the Irish branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies which is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. This appeal takes place in every parish worldwide where the Church is present.



Anne Maybury's Annual Coffee Morning for the hospice. **€1,517.80 was raised.**

Mass intentions for the week

Sat	Séamus Bonner John Ross	Ray McCooey Mick & Teresa Cody Séamus O'Neill
Sun	Miriam Macken M/M	Mary Taylor Patricia Farrell

Pray for our recently deceased **Rosaleen Kinane**
Always loved, never forgotten



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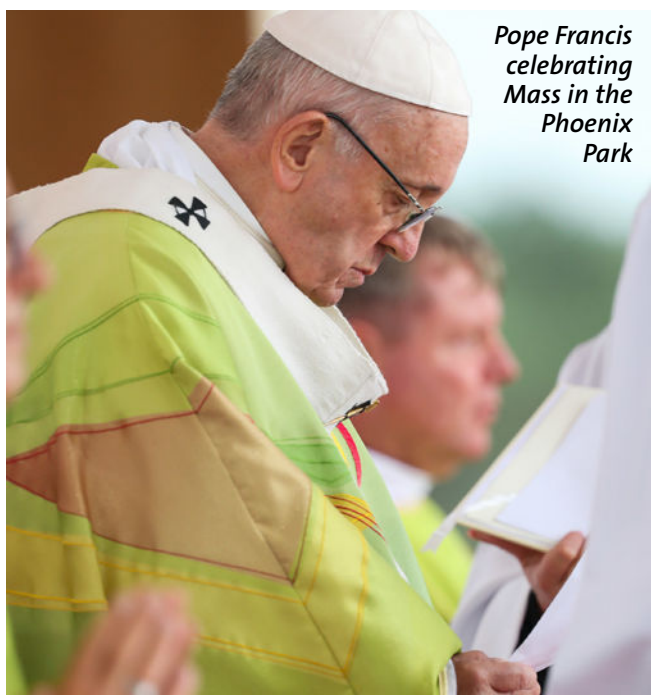
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NEWSLETTER

A promise kept: When the late Pope Francis met survivors of abuse during his visit to Dublin

A GROUP OF EIGHT survivors of abuse met with Pope Francis on the first day of his visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. The eight came with a variety of experiences of abuse by priests and religious and/or of abuse in Church run institutions. The arrangements for the meeting were only finalised the day before it took place. The meeting was to last 30 minutes

and each of those invited was advised that they should think of one or two key messages they wished to convey to the Holy Father, as each would only have a very short time to speak to him. Whether or not this had been agreed with Pope Francis in advance is unclear. However, as in many other situations, Pope Francis departed from the script. The meeting worked out rather differently.



***Pope Francis
celebrating
Mass in the
Phoenix
Park***

Two people (one from Towards Healing, one from CSPA) accompanied the survivors to the meeting, though they were not present during it. The group met in Archbishop's House in Drumcondra on the morning of August 25. The City was in lockdown due to the Pope's visit. Gardai drove the group to the Nunciature (residence of the Papal Nuncio on the Navan Road) in two people carriers. The group arrived about 3pm and the meeting was due to commence at 4pm. However, there had been an unfortunate breakdown in communication which resulted in the group initially being refused entry to the Nunciature.

A security man, with limited English, informed the group that there was no meeting scheduled for 4pm and that they would have to leave and come back later. At

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'We ask for forgiveness'

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this point there was no way to contact those who had organised the meeting as they were with the Pope and had their phones switched off. Those accompanying the group and the Gardaí who drove them to the Nunciature attempted to explain the sensitivities of the situation to the security man, but this made little impression on him. During this time, the survivors were still sitting in the cars. The day was hot. They were uncomfortable. It was impossible to disguise what was going on. One of the survivors protested that it was a gross discourtesy to the survivors to invite them to meet Pope Francis and then to turn them away when they arrived at the venue for the meeting. At this point, the prospects for a successful meeting were receding fast.

A further discussion was held with the security person, using somewhat less diplomatic language to explain that Pope Francis would be very displeased with his actions. He agreed to call his boss who clearly had a better understanding of what was at stake. The survivors were ushered into the residence where some young nuns served refreshments. This helped to ease the tension in the group who were understandably upset at having been left waiting in the cars.

The group bonded quickly. Seven of the eight were happy to be identified, but the eighth person asked not to be, a wish that was honoured by the others. They also agreed to meet with the Pope as a group, which made for a much better use of the available time. Pope Francis arrived at the Nunciature at about 5.10 and the meeting commenced within five minutes. There was another meeting scheduled to take place after the meeting with the survivors, after which Pope Francis was due at the Festival of the Families in Croke Park. There was not a lot of time. Pope Francis went into



*Pope Francis
praying before the
Blessed Sacrament
in St Mary's
Pro-Cathedral*

the meeting with the eight survivors and an interpreter.

An hour passed and those waiting outside the room wondered whether this was a good sign or not. Within another ten minutes there was a sound of laughter, which seemed like a good omen. The scheduled 30-minute meeting turned into a 90-minute meeting at the end of which Pope Francis did not rush away but stayed chatting and posing for selfies.

Afterwards, the members of the group spoke about their experiences. They were all very positive and, significantly, no reference was made to what had taken place when they arrived at the Papal Nuncio's residence. A number of themes emerged:

- Pope Francis gave them all time to say what they needed to say
- He did not appear to know all about the various institutions and situations in which abuse occurred. He listened carefully and asked questions in order to clarify what the survivors told him
- He was unambiguous in his condemnation of the abuses they described
- He told them that he was determined to deal with the abuse and those who have covered it up
- He told them he would reflect what they had told

him in the Mass on the following day.

During the Mass in the Phoenix Park the following day, Pope Francis spoke about the meeting. He described those he met as survivors of the abuse of power, of the abuse of conscience and of sexual abuse. He asked for forgiveness for the many forms and instances of abuse and exploitation and for the Church's failure to respond properly when the survivors came forward to tell their stories.

He also said the following:

We ask forgiveness for those children who were taken away from their mothers and for all those times when so many single mothers who tried to find their children that had been taken away, or those children who tried to find their mothers, were told that this was a mortal sin. It was not a mortal sin; it is the fourth commandment! We ask forgiveness.

Pope Francis had been requested to make it clear that those mothers who were searching for their children and those children who were searching for their mothers were not committing a sin by so doing, as they had been told so many times in the past. Four years later, a number of this group met again to contribute to the Synod. In the report of their meeting in June 2022, it states:

Pope Francis, when he was in Dublin, was asked specifically to say that it is not a mortal sin for mothers who were separated from their babies in mother and baby homes to look for them later. He did so at the mass in the Phoenix Park. It was a transformative and healing moment for many people. It lifted a cloud of shame from many of the mothers. It had a practical and immediate impact. There was an 800% increase in tracing enquiries.

Pope Francis brought peace to many troubled souls. May he now rest in eternal peace. ■

Contents of report for the Archbishop

EACH YEAR A REPORT on the activities of the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service is prepared for the Archbishop. It provides a useful means of discerning trends in the number of complaints and allegations of child sexual abuse made against clerics of the Diocese. It also provides data indicative of the Diocese's commitment to the creation and maintenance of safe environments for children and vulnerable adults.

CASE WORK

The Report of the Commission of Investigation into the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin (the Murphy Report) was published in November 2009 and over the following two years there were allegations of child sexual abuse made against more than 30 priests or former of the Diocese. While the allegations were new, most related to abuse that had occurred in the past and related to priests or former priests who were deceased or had already been taken out of ministry. Since then there has been a steady decline in the number of new allegations of abuse.

Every so often, however, we are reminded that the issue of child abuse in the Church is part of our present, rather than part of our past. The *Scoping Inquiry into Historical Sexual Abuse in Schools run by Religious Orders* brought the issue back to centre stage during 2024. During the year CSPS received twenty-one allegations against seven respondents (the person against whom an allegation of abuse is made is referred to as a respondent), as compared with five allegations against five respondents in 2023. The new allegations received in 2024 referred to events that occurred before 2000. None of the respondents are currently in ministry.

Something similar happened in 2018, when the issue of abuse within the Church generated a lot of public discussion in the lead up to the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis. There was a spike in the number of allegations in 2018 and the downward trend re-asserted itself the following year.

TRAINING

Fifty-nine safeguarding training sessions were delivered during 2024 and they were attended by 1,500 clerics, religious, employees

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12,000 vetting applications

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and volunteers. This figure is similar to the figures for previous years, though the numbers dipped during Covid. It is remarkable, and hugely encouraging, that the commitment to the creation and maintenance of safe environments for children and vulnerable adults remains a priority for the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese. There is always a temptation to become complacent, which would be a disaster. So far, that temptation has been avoided.

VETTING

Each year, approximately 12,000 vetting applications are processed. The majority of these relate to ancillary staff of schools under the patronage of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Vetting is also done in parishes, for those whose work involves ministry with children and vulnerable adults, and vetting is also provided for some religious orders and organisations, such as the Legion of Mary. The system that is currently in place is now a largely online one. It works well, due in large part to good cooperation between those submitting the vetting applications, the National Vetting Bureau and the CSPS staff processing the applications.

SUPPORT OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

In this Newsletter, we regularly highlight the support provided to survivors of abuse by organisations such as Towards Healing and Towards

Peace. These are services funded by the Church. There are other support services, notably the National Counselling Service (run by the HSE), One in Four and the Rape Crisis Centres (both of which are voluntary organisations). CSPS provides a support service on behalf of the Diocese and also works with these other organisations so that the support provided for survivors is often a co-operative venture, involving more than one organisation.

An example of joint working with survivors is when we, in CSPS, are contacted by a counselling service who have a client who has disclosed abuse by a cleric and who wishes to meet with representative of the Diocese. A member of the CSPS will meet with the person concerned, sometimes with their counsellor, to hear their story. Often these contacts result in a meeting with the Archbishop, which can be a significant milestone of the road to recovery for a survivor.

There are other areas of co-operation between CSPS and other support services. During 2024, team members, along with colleagues from other diocesan offices, participated in training provided by the Galway Rape Crisis Centre. The training focused

on dealing with disclosures of abuse and proved informative and very worthwhile.

The Scoping Inquiry, referred to above, generated interest in Trauma Informed Practice, the methodology employed by those contracted to engage with the survivors as part of the Inquiry. There was a general consensus that this part of the Inquiry was done well. Training in this model is being hosted by the Diocese on May 27, 2025. This is a collaboration between the Diocese, Towards Healing and the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland. ■

How to get in touch with the CSPS team

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Vetting applications should be submitted to garda.vetting@dublindiocese.ie

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS.

The Prayer of the Faithful. What Is Happening

Having professed what we believe, we now act on it.

The Prayer of the Faithful, sometimes called the Universal Prayer, is the congregation exercising its baptismal priesthood interceding before God on behalf of the whole world.

This is not a parish noticeboard read aloud. It is the Church fulfilling her deepest vocation: standing before God for others. The intentions move outward deliberately - the Church universal, civil leaders, the sick and suffering, the local community. We pray first for those beyond ourselves. This ordering is intentional and quietly counter-cultural.

How We Should Respond

Each petition ends with a response, "Lord, graciously hear us", which we should mean rather than merely repeat. Behind every intention read aloud are real people, real suffering, real need. Let the response be an act of genuine intercession, not just a verbal reflex. If a particular intention strikes close to home illness, conflict, grief — allow yourself to hold it a moment longer before responding.

Living This at Mass

This Sunday, be mindful of your own personal and family intentions. Many ask us for prayer. The printed prayers are a framework, not a ceiling. The Universal Prayer is universal precisely because it has room for everything you carry.

Pope Leo XIV

Our age needs men and women who have the courage to do good even when it comes at a cost. Draw close to those who are alone, support those who are weary, and seek out those who have drifted away. Have the courage to forgive, to begin again, and to engage in dialogue.



Entrance Longing for light , we wait in darkness .Longing for truth we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see..

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts . Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church

gathered today.

Longing for peace , our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts . Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church

gathered today.

Recessional

As I kneel before you As I bow my head in prayer

Take this day, make it yours And fill me with your love

**Ave Maria Gratia plena Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu**

All I have I give you Every dream and wish are yours

Mother of Christ Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

**Ave Maria Gratia plena Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu**

As I kneel before you And I see your smiling face

Every thought, every word Is lost in your embrace

**Ave Maria Gratia plena Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu**



MASSSES 10 AM MONDAY TO SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 6.30 PM **SUNDAY MASSSES** 9 AM, 10.30 AM, 12

NOON .**CONFESSIONS** After 10 am Mass on Saturday and on request **BAPTISMS** on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 pm.

Please contact the Parish Office **CONTACTS** Parish Office 8316016 Fr Michael O'Grady P.P. Priest2050@gmail.com/8316016, Fr

Patin n Madden/ 8316016. **CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS** Marie Carthy, Mary Connolly. Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection ,Services Phone 018360314 RCN 20016166.

10th/11th October 2026

RECENTLY DECEASED:

James Kenny, Andrey Zmrots.

Bridget O'Connor, Ann Nolan.

6.30 pm: Thomas and Edward Newman (Ann),

Imelda Rooney (7th Ann),

Mary Synnott (1st Ann), and her husband Paddy,

Mary Davis (Ann),

Pat Keyes (Ann).

9.00 am Mass for the people.

10.30am

Margaret Cosgrove (19th Ann), and her husband Jack.

12 noon: Laurence O'Toole (3rd Ann),

Paul Fulham (11th Ann),

Margaret Heffernan (2nd Ann).

Andrey Zmrots (recently deceased)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Mission Sunday.

World Mission Sunday, which is celebrated on the 2nd last Sunday of October each year, is the one Sunday of the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. It is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. Mission Sunday collections will take place in every single parish where the Church is present. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, plays their part in supporting each other. All offerings and donations made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. These dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. The Mission Sunday collection offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children survive and thrive. Mission Sunday Collection next Weekend. It will replace the usual Share Collection.



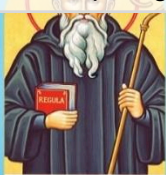
Annual Mass Attendance Count.

As in previous years the Archdiocese is asking every parish to take an attendance count of those attending weekend Masses. Having a sense of Mass attendance in parishes and partnerships of parishes is invaluable for the Archdiocese in planning ahead; especially in relation to any possible reduction of parish personnel, and advising on reducing the number of Masses. The count, this year, will be taking place over the next three weekends. Once the survey is complete we will publish the results in the newsletter. Numbers often rise and fall depending on the amount of people coming to remember loved ones.

At the moment our Parish has a Saturday morning, and a Saturday evening Mass, and then three Sunday morning Masses. Getting Mass cover when a priest is ill/ away is becoming increasingly difficult as the number of serving priests decrease and age.

Church Heating/ Family Offering .

This weekend we turned on the Church heating- hopefully you are enjoying it. With this, we will see a marked increase in our monthly expenditure. Please be mindful that the only money that stays within the parish to pay our bills is that which we receive through the Family Offering Collection/ Stabbing Orders. The two Mass Collections go to support the priests of the parish and diocese, and the poorer parishes. When a parishioner dies we lose also their generous support of the parish, and the reality is that they are irreplaceable. Thank you to those who support us so generously, we do need more. Fr Michael.



St Benedict

Parish Weekly News for

St Benedict's & St Monica's

11th October 2026 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / A



St Monica

Parish Mission Statement

We, as members of St Benedict's & St Monica's Parishes, strive to be a community united in our Catholic Faith, and strengthened by prayer, worship and service. We accept our call to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, working to serve all with justice, peace and love, in the name of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Pastors Desk

Look to the Heart

There is a big problem with this story. In a good story Jesus always raises a question. It seems a bit unfair to be thrown out, having been brought in at the last minute, because you had no garment. However, the garment means you want to be there and to take on the values of the feast. The garment is the desire of the heart to be a follower in name and deed.

God invites all but expects us to come with a good heart. Often, we see people around mass who seem not to respect it. They may not come often, but God looks to the desires of the heart. Maybe the non-churchy parents who want their child baptised know deep down that their love for the child brings them to baptism. Is that not a good reason? Or maybe the young people who come to mass because they have exams coming up and need all the help they can get?

While Jesus is totally the inviting one, he wants us to remain with him. The heart that follows is the heart that wants to love, and that desire is the wedding garment.

The man knew in his heart that he should not be there. Jesus sees into the heart. What we look for is the sincerity in what brings us to God and that can be different for everybody. Religion is firstly of the heart and then practice. We never know what's in the heart of our people who sometimes come in faith. You never can tell! Let God be the judge of that!

Recall a time you felt invited by God to help a neighbour.

Offer that thanks to God now.

Lord, make my heart compassionate like yours.

Fr Donal Neary, S.J

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
**18th October
2026**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The 2nd Collection / Share Collection at Mass next Sunday 18th October, will be replaced by the collection for the Pontifical Missions Society. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.



Gluten Free Hosts are available for Coeliac parishioners. Please call to the sacristy before Mass (either on the day or in advance) to let the priest know how many gluten free hosts to consecrate.

Parish Office

Located in St Monica's Church & is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings only from 9:30am to 1pm

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Parish Website: www.stbenedicts-stmonicas.ie

Registered Charity No: RCN 20016166 CHY 7424

Mass Times

St. Monica's

Mass - 10am Monday,
Wednesday, Friday
& Sunday

Adoration 10am Tuesday
Service of Word
10am Thursday

St. Benedict's

Mass - 10am Tuesday
& Thursday

Mass - 11am Sunday
Service of Word - 10am
Monday & Wednesday
Adoration - 10am Friday

Mass Intentions

Request form available
online from the parish
website or in person in
the Church or the Parish
Office

Mass Cards

Can be purchased in the
Church after Mass or
from the Parish Office

Certificates

online from parish
website

Confessions

By Request

Baptisms

Every Third Saturday of the Month @ 11am

St. Monica's

Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov.

St. Benedict's

Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.

Marriages

By appointment with the Local Clergy.

Funerals

Please make initial contact with your chosen Funeral Director who will then liaise with the Parish Team.

Parish Team

Fr. Cyril Mangan PP
01 8471497 (Parish Office)

Fr. Paddy Boyle
086 101 1415

Fr. Ronnie Dunne
087 242 2265

Parish Secretary

Fiona Handbridge
01 8471497

Finance Secretary

Noreen Keating
01 8479822

Safeguarding Officer

Barbara Finnerty

Sacristans

St Monica's Church
Monica, Tony & Anne

St Benedict's Church
Marie, Peter, Greg & Tommy

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for children wishing to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in our parish next year is open on our Parish Website. Register using the link www.stbenedicts-stmonicas.ie or QR code:

St Benedict's Church

First Holy Communion



Confirmation



St Monica's Church

First Holy Communion



Confirmation



IMPORTANT

If your child is not yet baptised and you would like them to receive the above sacraments please contact the parish office urgently.

DOLCE

Dolce choir sing for Manor House School Raheny, on Friday 16th October at 7:30pm in Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace Church, Raheny. Special guests Past & Present students from Manor House. Tickets cost €15, available at the door.



TESCO KILBARRACK COMMUNITY FUND

Great news! **Our Bethany Bereavement Support Group** has been chosen as one of 3 groups to benefit from the Tesco Kilbarrack Community Fund! Over the next 9 weeks, please show your support by placing your blue token/disc into the box marked **BETHANY** when shopping at Tesco Kilbarrack. No tokens? Just ask a member of staff! The more tokens we collect, the more funding Bethany will receive. Please spread the word and ask your family, friends and neighbours to support Bethany.

Every token counts! Every token makes a difference!

Thank you all so much for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Bethany Bereavement support group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. We are looking for volunteers to join our service. The training for this voluntary service is 5 full day training sessions, which are spread over 5 weeks.

For further information email us at bethanybereavement1982@gmail.com or visit our website at www.bethany.ie or contact the Helpline 087 9905299

Mass Intentions

Day	St Monica's	St Benedict's
Sun	Beatrice Doyle (48 th A)	Joe Byrne (26 th A)
	Julia Kavanagh (A)	Sandra Conroy (7 th A)
	Jacqueline Hickey (B/R)	Elizabeth Conroy (4 th A)
	Emmet Bradshaw (R/D)	Anne Carroll (A)
	Austin Finnerty (3 rd A)	Detta Fitzgerald (A)
	Sarah Gallagher (A)	

Birthday Remembrance (B/R) Anniversary (A) Recently Deceased (R/D) Month's Mind (M/M) Remembrance(R)

November Altar Lists of the Dead are now available at the back of each church. Please return to the Parish Office or the Sacristy. The **First Friday** of each month the 10am Mass in St. Kilian's is offered for all those who have died.

Our Annual Parish Remembrance Mass for all whose funerals were held our churches in the past year will be celebrated on **Monday 2nd November which is the Feast of All Souls November at 7.30pm in St. Kevin's Church.**

We will remember in a special way, our parishioners who have died this year and a family member will be invited to bring forward a candle to the Altar. At this Mass we remember all of our deceased family and friends.

All welcome to this special Mass for all our loved ones.

Blessing of Graves in Newlands Cemetery Fr. Frank will be blessing the graves in Newlands Cemetery on Monday 2nd November at 3pm.

World Mission Sunday 18th October 2026

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It will replace the SHARE collection, **next weekend.**

There are **Mass Cards** available in both St. Kevin's Church during office hours, and St. Kilian's Church after each Mass both Tuesdays and Fridays and the Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 12 noon Mass. You can go to the Sacristy in St. Kilian's after Mass and one of the Sacristans will look after you.

St. Kevin's Boys School and St. Kevin's Girls N.S. Enrolment for Junior Infant and Special classes September 2027/2028.

Applications open on Monday 5th October 2026 and close on Friday 23rd October 2026. For full details, please see the posters on our church notice boards, or contact the schools directly.

St. Kevins Boys school 4517925, St. Kevin's Girls N.S 4517981

St. Kilian's JNS – Enrolment for Junior Infants and autism support class September 2027/28. Applications open on Tuesday, 6th October and close on Monday, 9th November 2026. For details, please see the Admissions Policy and Information on our school website

www.stkiliansjns.ie

28th Sunday of Ordinary time

Alleluia

The Word was made flesh and lived
among us,
to all who did accept him,
He gave power to become children of
God
Alleluia

Mustard Seed – Partnership Bible Workshops

Getting to know the Bible

Through a series of Workshops
(Meeting Room at the rear of St. Kevin's
Church, Kilnamanagh

Wednesdays from 7.30pm -9.00pm

21st and 28th october

4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th November

2nd and 9th December

*Previous knowledge of the
Bible*

NOT NECESSARY

If interested please leave your contact
details to the parish office, or see the
posters and the flyers at the back of
each church.



Contact Information

Parish Administrator:

Fr. Frank Drescher

Parish Sister: Sr. Liz Byrne

01-4515570

Parish Secretary: Annette O Dwyer

Parish Office @ St. Kevin's Church

Tel. 01-4515570

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Email: kcparishoffice@gmail.com

Website:

www.kilnamanaghcastleview.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Kilnamanagh

Mass Times and Services

Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday St. Kilian's 10.00 am

Wednesday 10.00 am

St. Kevin's, Thursday 10.00am

(Hospitality after Mass)

Friday 10.00 am

St. Kilian's,

(Hospitality after Mass)

Sundays

6.00 p.m. Vigil – St. Kilian's,
Kingswood.

10.00 a.m. – St. Kevin's,
Kilnamanagh

12 noon -St. Kilian's, Kingswood

Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South - Parish Notices - Sunday 11th October 2026Parish Office: 01-4572900 Parish Mobile: 089-4519959 Email: lucansouthparish@gmail.com Website: www.lucansouthparish.net**Parish Priest:** Fr. Aidan Kieran

Registered Charity Number (CRA Number): 20016166

Revenue Charity Tax Number: CHY 7424

Parish Chaplain: Fr. Christian Obi **Deacons :** Norvil Caguioa, Joe Walsh**Mass Schedule**

Mon 12th - Weds 14th	9.15am
Thurs 15th	9.15am, 7.30pm
Fri 16th	9.15am
Sat 17th	10.00am, 6.00pm
Sun 18th	10.30am, 12 Noon

Confessions

Thurs 15th	7.00pm, 8.15pm
Fri 16th	9.45am
Sat 17th	10.30am, 5.30pm and 6.45pm
Sun 18th	1.00pm

Divine Mercy Food Bank

Divine Mercy Food Bank opens on Mondays except Public Holidays. Food parcels can be collected 11.00am - 12 Noon. Donations of **non-perishable food items** (eg Tinned Food, Food in Jars, Porridge, Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Tea Bags, Coffee etc. can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church. The Food Bank Team want to express sincere gratitude to parishioners for your ongoing generous support.

Bingo: St. John Paul II Room

Weds 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm

Mass With Anointing of the Sick**Saturday October 24th, 12.00 Noon**

There will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday October 24th at 12.00 Noon. Mass will be followed by tea and sandwiches. Please invite someone who would benefit from receiving this sacrament of healing.

Individual Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament

An individual blessing with the Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Friday October 16th after the 9.15am Mass.

Thursday Evening Mass Returns This Week

The Thursday Evening Mass resumes this week on Thursday October 15th. The programme is:

7.00pm Rosary and Confessions	7.30pm Holy Mass
8.15pm Adoration	8.45pm Benediction

Prayer App

Deacon Gerry Malone has developed a free Prayer App to provide support in our daily prayer life. The App contains various types of Prayer for different times of the day including; the Liturgy of Hours, Daily Mass Readings, The Rosary, Praying with Pope Leo for his monthly intentions and much more. This is completely free and is available through www.thesower.net

How to Listen to Radio Maria Ireland

Listen **via our Facebook Page:** Listen Live **Via Digital TV** - Saorview Channel 210; The Radio Maria Ireland App **WEBSITE** - www.radiomaria.ie **PHONE** – Call 01-437 3277 and listen live. Send a text 089-4672000, or visit us in St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount.

St. Vincent de Paul Contact InformationDublin Office: 01-8550022 www.svp.ie**Faith Formation Classes**

Faith Formation Classes for children and teens resumed on Saturday 12th September at 4.45pm. Register on www.lucansouthparish.net

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Sunday at 7.00pm in the St. John Paul II Room. New members are welcome.

Fatima Devotions: St. Matthews, Ballyfermot

Tuesday October 13th

2pm Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet,
Way of the Cross, Confessions
4pm Holy Mass

Tap and Donate Terminals in the Main Porch

There are two Tap and Donate terminals in the main church porch. The terminal beside the St. John Paul II Room can be used to donate to the Family Offering Collection of the parish. The funds donated on this terminal are used to cover the running costs of the parish.

The terminal near the sacristy is for donating to the First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass. The funds donated on this terminal are given 60% to the Common Fund to support the clergy of the diocese, and 40% to SHARE.

Prayer in the St. Faustina Chapel

Mon 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Thurs 1pm - 1.30pm
Fri 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 11th October 2026

Priests of the Parish: Fr Liam Tracey OSM PP

Fr. Jim Mulherin OSM

Parish Office: 01- 4944295 Mon - Thurs 9.00 - 1.00 p.m.

E-mail: marleyparish@gmail.comWebsite: www.marleygrangeparish.ieFacebook: www.facebook.com/divinewordmarleyInstagram: [marleygrangeparish](https://www.instagram.com/marleygrangeparish)*St. Enda's Partnership of Parishes**Ballyboden, Ballyroan, Churchtown, Knocklyon, Marley & Rathfarnham**Building Hope*

Parishes in our Archdiocese are working in partnership groups to support each other. Our Partnership is named after St. Enda.

Our Partner Parishes are

Ballyboden, Ballyroan, Churchtown, Knocklyon and Rathfarnham.

Please feel free to take home a copy of this Newsletter
or view on our Parish Website.

Ballinteer Male Voice Choir

Autumn Concert

Friday 16th October 2026

St John's Church Ballinteer D16 VK27

Tickets available on Eventbrite.ie/at the door

Divine Word N.S.

Applications for Junior Infants 2026-2027 are now open.

Online applications can be made on our website.

Applications are open until **12pm 6th November****Mass Intentions for the coming week**

Mon	12 th	Oct	10am	Intentions of Dory Lagoa
Tues	13 th	Oct	10am	Nan, Tommy and Kathleen Fahy Anniversary RIP
Thurs	15 th	Oct	10am	Mass Intentions book
Fri	16 th	Oct	10am	Mary Murphy Anniversary RIP
Sat	17 th	Oct	10am	Declan Darcy 3 RD Anniversary RIP
			6pm	Anne Maher Months mind RIP
Sun	18 th	Oct	12pm	Brian Warren 1 st Anniversary RIP

The St Vincent De Paul SocietyChurch gate collection takes place on 17th & 18th October

Thank you for your support.

If there is a person or family in need of assistance
please contact our confidential telephone line 086 1248957

**World Mission Sunday****18th October 2026**

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal in support of overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries.

The Mission Sunday collection replaces the Share 'green bag' collection.

Visit www.missio.ie for further information.

Gluten Free Hosts are available at any Mass in our church

Please call to the Sacristy before Mass.



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prisoners Sunday

11th October 2026

God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of reconciliation and of justice.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us... Amen

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen



OPENING PRAYER

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines, of food rich and juicy,

of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's
shame everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said:
See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved
us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.22

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort (R)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R)

SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now
I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach
or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is



4. Our Parish Sunday October 11th 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th October

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Joe D'Arcy R.I.P. (A)

Seamus Maher R.I.P. (A)

Patricia Allport R.I.P. (A)

Frances O'Connor

Birthday Remembrance

David O'Callaghan R.I.P. (A)

& Joe O'Callaghan R.I.P.

9.00 a.m.

For The People
Of The Parish

10.30a.m.

Andy & Mary Kelly
R.I.P. (A)

12 Noon

Eugene Kyne R.I.P. 1st (A)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th October

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Veronica & Robert Best
R.I.P. (A)

Murt Cuggy R.I.P. (A)

Kathleen Mooney R.I.P. (A)

Pat Behan R.I.P. (A)

9.00a.m.

For The People
Of The Parish

10.30a.m.

Sr. Esther R.I.P. (A)

12 Noon

Patrick O'Kelly R.I.P. (A)

Please submit items for
the newsletter by 9a.m.
on Tuesdays.

Parish Contact Details

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Fr. Paddy O' Byrne C.C. 194 Navan Rd. 01 8386900

Fr. John Moran (Retired)

Rev. Eamonn Murray 01 8380265

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Emergency number: 087 1186474

Email: info@navanroadparish.comwww.navanroadparish.com & follow on Facebook:

Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians

PRISONERS' SUNDAY-11th OCTOBER

A PRAYER FOR PEOPLE IN PRISON

God of seen and unseen struggles, Christ in all things, we pray for all those in our prisons, whose mental health is a constant battle. We lift up those who are visibly troubled, and those who struggle in the dark.

In moments of grief, may they know your compassion.

In times of depression, may they know your nearness. When faced with addiction, surround them with your grace.

Bless those who work to lighten their burdens, and may we be compelled to do likewise. Amen.

Monthly Church Gate
Collection

takes place after all Masses this weekend 10th/11th October. Thank you for your continued support for the essential work of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7



Our Parish

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- 11TH OCTOBER 2026



"One in Christ, United in Mission"

The theme for World Mission Sunday is chosen by the Holy Father. This year, 2026, we are celebrating the centenary of this special day of prayer, solidarity and missionary awareness. Pope Leo XVI is the first pontiff in modern history to have served most of his priestly ministry as a missionary before becoming a successor to St. Peter. When he served as a missionary priest and Bishop of Peru, he saw firsthand how the faith, prayer and generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. The annual collection is important because 1,130 diocese in mission territories cannot sustain themselves financially. Yet the day is fundamentally spiritual before it is financial. Recent popes have repeatedly emphasised that mission begins with prayer, witness and communion. Every baptised person shares responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel and supporting the growth of the Church throughout the world.

CHURCH NOTICES**FIRST COLLECTION**

4th October €1,260

SECOND COLLECTION

4th October €900

FAMILY OFFERING

4th October €1,080

SUNDAY MASS TIMES6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat) 9.00am,
10.30am, 12.00noon.**WEEKDAY MASSES****Monday-Friday**

9.00am & 10.00am

Saturday

9.00am & 10.00 am, 6.30pm.vigil.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**Saturday:** 10.30am and 6.00pm.**ADORATION****Monday to Saturday:**

7.45a.m to 8.45a.m.

Thursdays: 10.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.**Saturdays:** 5.15pm to 6.15pm**THE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY**Are recited every weekday after
9.00a.m. Mass.**FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH**Devotions at 5p.m with
Exposition and Confession. -7th Nov.**VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF****ST. JOSEPH** -Meeting-third Wed. of
each month after 10a.m. Mass. -21st Oct..**BAPTISMS**- Please book through the
Parish Office-01 8380265First Three Saturdays of each month
at 12.30p.m.**PARISH COFFEE MORNING**

Every Tuesday after 10a.m. Mass.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER**GROUP**- Tues. 20th Oct. at 7.30p.m.
All Welcome.**Reading References for Sunday 18th October
-Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:***Is 45:1, 4-6. Ps 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10, R / v 7. 1 Th
1:1-5. Mt 22:15-21. God's people strive for
justice, peace and salvation.***World Mission Sunday.****Rediscovering Catholic Customs****Mass Intentions**At every Mass, the Church offers the one
sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father. The
Mass is therefore the greatest prayer we have.Because of this, the Church has always
encouraged the faithful to ask that Mass be
offered for particular intentions; for example,
for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved
one, for someone's recovery from illness, for a
wedding anniversary, or for some other
person or particular need.So, when you request a Mass for your
deceased loved one, you are essentially
saying: "I want the Church to offer the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass for them."When you request a Mass for someone who is
sick, you are saying: "I want the Holy Sacrifice
of the Mass to be offered for this person's
healing and needs."When you request a Mass in thanksgiving, you
are saying: "I want to join my thanksgiving to
Christ's perfect offering of Himself to the
Father."The Mass intention does not add some extra
power to the Mass. The Mass is already the
infinite sacrifice of Christ. Rather, the Church
allows us to direct the fruits and prayers of a
particular celebration of the Mass toward a
particular intention. Sending a Mass card is a
statement that we have arranged to have Mass
offered for that person's intentions. It is a
beautiful expression of our love and concern
for the person concerned.**Sensory Hour AT CABRA
LIBRARY**Join us at Cabra Library every
Thursday from 5p.m. - 6p.m.
for Sensory Hour. Children with
sensory needs are welcome to
use the Sensory Pod, sensory
books and toys in a room with
reduced sensory triggers. Drop
in, no booking required.**Cabra Library Knitting &
Craft Group**Every Tuesday 11:00am. We
are running a new knitting and
craft group in Cabra Library and
it's open to all. You are welcome
to come on Tuesdays and the
only thing you need to bring is
yourself and your own needles
and wool. No booking required.**Language Exchanges****Ciorcal Comhrá - Irish Language**Every Saturday from 11.30a.m.
to 12.30p.m.**Spanish/English**Every Wednesday from
6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m.**OCTOBER-BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH-**For more information please log
onto: www.breastcancerireland.com**From: Navan Road
Community Council****The Canal Towpath** is closed off again
for works from the 5th October - the
10th Lock (Ashtown) to the 9th Lock
(close to Ashington)

There is no timeline given.

PHOENIX PARK; Friday 9th October,
2.00p.m. in the Visitor Centre/a
Talk Childhood in the Park, free,
may need reservations - book at01 6770095. **Tours of Ashtown Castle,**
beside the Visitor Centre - hourly/on
the hour, free, no booking required,
could be busy if tour bus/s arrive.**Áras an Úachtaráin** tour - Saturdays
only, meet at Visitor Centre-
times; 10.00am; 11.15am; 12.30pm;
1.45pm; and 3.00pm - 1 hour/15min
approx. - occasionally due to State
business, may not take place.email: phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie
web: www.phoenixpark.ie**THE THREE TENORS**will perform in the Church of Our La-
dy Help of Christians on **SUNDAY 6th
DECEMBER** at 7.30p.m. Tickets €35
available to buy in the Parish Office
Monday to Friday-9a.m. to 1p.m.
And on www.eventbrite.ie



Prisoners' Sunday 2026 Sunday, October 11, 2026

This is the National Day of Prayer and action designated by the Catholic Church to remember prisoners, their children, families, and everyone touched by the criminal justice system. It is an invitation to look past headlines and statistics, reflecting on the scriptural call,

"I was in prison and you visited me".



'PRAY THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER FOR PEACE'

Pope Leo said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October. He called for them to pray the Rosary *"with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict."* Pope Leo said: *"Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation"*.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 10th October – 6.30am

Tim O'Callaghan, [Month's Mind];
 Peter Andrews, [9th A];
 Patrick & Josie Maher, [A];
 Elizabeth & Michael Dillon, [Rem – dec'd]
 Angela Ryan, [Bth Rem, dec'd].

Sunday, 11th October - 10.30am

Michael Fitzpatrik, [A];
 Daniel & Mary Casey, [A].

12 Noon

Verona Connolly, [Month's Mind]
 Marie Dunleavy, [Rec Dec'd]
 Kathryn McCormick, [Bth Rem]
 Jason Connolly, [A]:

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund €1,227
 Share € 780
 Sincere thanks for your support

MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

will be held on Monday, 12th October at 7.30p.m.
 in the Library, Parish Centre



THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion are looking for new members to join them. We visit 2 Retirement Homes, The Residence, Portmarnock and Talbot Lodge. We are hoping to expand our work to visiting Housebound Parishioners. We hold our weekly meeting at 11 am on Monday in the Parish Centre. It lasts about an hour and comprises of The Rosary, Spiritual Readings and planning our work. For further information please contact John Hughes, 0862542883 or Angela Keavney 0863296721.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

As in previous years the Archdiocese will be taking a count in all parishes of those attending the Saturday Vigil Mass/and Sunday Masses. Having a sense of Mass attendance in parishes and partnerships of parishes is essential as the Diocese plans ahead.

The count, this year, will take place on
**Saturdays/Sundays, October 10th/11th, 17th/18th
 and 24th/25th.**



Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening will centre around the fundamentals of parental grief and 'what helps.'

This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on Thursday 15 October at 7pm. Bereaved parents are very welcome to register here: <https://bit.ly/OctBIE>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Will be celebrated on Sunday 18th October



Mass will be celebrated in honour of Our Lady of Fatima's Final Apparition on Tuesday 13th October in the

Church of The Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls, Malahide. Rosary will be prayed at 7pm followed by the celebration of The Mass. Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who have not already been enrolled. Tea and coffee to follow - Hope you can join us.



"In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."

Last Friday October 9th, we celebrated the Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman. Pope Francis quoted these words of Newman at his canonisation ceremony in Rome in 2019: *"The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man"* (Parochial and Plain Sermons, V, 5). Newman was a leading intellectual and writer of 19th century England who famously converted to Catholicism, founded what later became University College Dublin, built University Church on St Stephen's Green and is known for his prayerful concern for people's spiritual welfare and his love for the poor in Birmingham. Newman points out that sometimes we are led to think that we ought to be useful on a large scale and to move away from our usual "line of life". But he tells us that this should not be the case. "We need not give up our usual manner of life, in order to serve God and that "that the most humble and quietest station is acceptable to Him, if improved duly." In one of his more famous quotations, Saint John Henry wrote: *"In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."* I think this perfectly describes his pragmatic approach to life and to ministry. It is an most opportune time for Newman to be canonised. He is a moderate voice of reason who encourages constructive and worthwhile debate on the issues of the day. When Newman was made a Cardinal on May 14th 1879, *l'Osservatore Romano* published the address given by the Cardinal

Newman on its front page. He said: *"In a long course of years, I have made many mistakes. I have nothing of that high perfection which belongs to the writings of Saints ... but what I trust that I may claim all through what I have written, is this,—an honest intention, an absence of private ends, a temper of obedience, a willingness to be corrected, a dread of error, a desire to serve Holy Church, and, through Divine mercy, a fair measure of success."* Newman advocated a middle course – *via media* – advocating a reasoned approach to the various challenges that he faced. He acknowledged that church teaching needs to evolve over time and that it was necessary to take risks - or "ventures" as he referred to them - for the faith. He wrote: Newman also wrote about the importance of an educated catholic laity and the important role that they play in the life of the church. He also spoke about journeying from out of shadows and images into the truth. For him, life was an evolving journey lead by the kindly light of Christ. Newman's legacy is one of tolerance and dialogue, so necessary in the church of today which has to deal with so many challenges. Let us all pray to Saint John Henry for all our needs and intentions and those of our families, friends and parish communities.

Deacon Gerard



**AFTERNOON OF
MERCY PRAYER**

**for the Holy Souls with
Deacon Don Devaney,
Sunday November 1st
Kilbarrack Church from
2.30 to 5pm,**

**with light refreshments about 4pm in the Parish Centre.
Contact : What's App 0852548244.
www.paulwickham.com**

**BIBLICAL CATECHESIS
WITH FR. DOMINIK DOMAGATA**

**GENESIS – The Beginning of everything
- And the Beginning of Salvation**

There will be talks given by Fr. Dominik one Wednesday every month from 8:00pm to 9:00pm in St Sylvester's Parish Centre, starting on **21st October 2026 and running until 19th May 2027.** For further information please contact Ronan a 087 2429540

PORTMARNOCK SCOUTS

Thank you to all who supported their Annual Sleep Out against Homelessness with Focus Ireland 'Shine a light' in the grounds of St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock On Friday, 9th October. .

DIARY Sat. 10th October – 18 th October 2026 28 th Week in Ordinary Time.
Saturday 10 Oct• 6.30pm Mass - For Deirdre Durran, recently deceased, - For Keith McLoughlin, recently deceased, - For Margaret Kelly, recently deceased
Sunday 11 Oct • 10.00am Mass – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Prisoner’s Sunday. 10.00 Mass - For Deirdre Durran, recently deceased, - For Margaret Kelly, recently deceased, - For Shay Griffin, anniversary. 12.30 Mass - For Marto Hoary, recently deceased. - For Marie McEntee, 1st Anniversary, - For Special Intention
Monday 12 Oct • 10.00am Mass - For Deirdre Durran, recently deceased, - For Don Buckley, recently deceased, - For Beno Newport, anniversary.
Tuesday 13 Oct. • 10am Mass - For Don Buckley, recently deceased, - For Thomas Keyes, recently deceased, - For Eileen Grehan, recently deceased.
Wednesday 14 Oct. • 10am Mass 10.00am – Prayer Service with Holy Communion.
Thursday 15 Oct • 10am Mass – St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church. - For Jim Lynam, remembrance, - For a Birthday Remembrance, - For Robert & Ben Dunne, anniversaries.
Friday 16 Oct • 10am Mass – - For PJ Griffin, recently deceased, - For Bonnie Howard, recently deceased, - For Linda Craig, special intention.
Saturday 17 Oct • 6.30pm Mass – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr - For Brendan Enright – recently deceased - For Joe Kirwan – recently deceased, - For Rosa Byrne – anniversary.
Sunday 18 Oct • 10.00am Mass – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 10.00 Mass - For Celia Bennett, recently deceased, - For Joe Kirwan, recently deceased. - For Philip & Margaret Jones, 50th Anniversary 12.30 Mass - For Paul Hussey, 2nd anniversary, - For Michael Flanagan, anniversary, - For Niamh Hannan, 6th anniversary.

PRAYERFULLY REMEMBERED
Briege Barrett – Recently Deceased Edith (Edie) O Doherty – Recently Deceased John Font – Recently Deceased

CHURCH READERS – WEEKDAY MASSES
<i>The following are listed to read at</i> 10.00am Masses October - Monday 12 th : Funeral Mass Tuesday 13 th : Maurice Hayden Wednesday 14 th : Prayer Service with Holy Communion Thurs 15 th : Catherine Yeomans Friday 16 th : Tim O’ Donovan

WEEKEND MASSES:
Sat. 17th Oct . & Sun. 18th Oct Saturday 6.30pm: F. Howard Sunday 10.00am: Family Mass Sunday: 12.30pm: Cantor/ Reader

OUR PARISH

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office opening hours are 9.30am to 12noon Monday to Thursday. The Office will be closed on Fridays. Any requests for Mass Cards and Masses will only be dealt with during the above opening hours. Many thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS
Please be advised that we are currently experiencing a high demand for Mass Intentions, and our diary is booking up approximately four weeks in advance . If you are requesting an Anniversary Mass, Special Intention, or any Mass for a particular date , please book at least four weeks in advance . While we will always do our best to accommodate your preferred date, please be aware that it may not always be available. Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament takes place in our Church on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm and Thursday mornings from 10am to 12pm	
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SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION SESSION

A Safeguarding Information Session for all volunteers and staff in the Parish will be held in the Church on **Thursday 15th October from 7pm to 8.30pm**. We invite all staff and volunteers to attend.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP ALL WELCOME

Looking to deepen your faith and share in prayer and fellowship with others in our parish? Our weekly prayer group **meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in St. Fintan’s Parish Centre**. We come together to pray, reflect on Scripture, and support one another in our spiritual lives. Everyone is welcome, come along and join us. **For more information, contact Bernard on 085 714 1137.**

MISSION SUNDAY – 18TH OCTOBER 2026

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. This year Mission Sunday is on Sunday 18th October. Please call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information.

BIBLICAL CATECHESIS – ST. SYLVESTER’S, MALAHIDE

Genesis - The Beginning of Everything — and the Beginning of Salvation. Eight meetings over 8 months - **St Sylvester's Parish, Malahide • Parish Centre — St Finnian's Room • 8:00 pm starting Wednesday 21st October 2026 – May 2027 • 8 monthly catecheses • 60 minutes each**. An eight-month journey through Genesis. See posters in our Church foyers for more information.

MARRIAGE COURSE

- **PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE COURSE:** Weekend residential courses available. **13-15 November 2026 and 26-28 February 2027.**
- **MARRIED COUPLES COURSE:** Weekend residential courses available. **14-15 November 2026 and 27-28 February 2027.** Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

VOCATIONS

We are delighted to share some very encouraging news from the Vocations Team: there are now **six people studying for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 2026** — four in Maynooth, studying Philosophy and Theology, and two beginning their Propaedeutic Year in Valladolid, Spain. We give heartfelt thanks to their families, friends, parishes and communities who have supported and encouraged these young men throughout their journey of discernment.

We ask all our parishes and communities to continue to **pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life**. If you know someone who may be considering a vocation, they can contact Fr Seamus McEntee or Fr Bill O’Shaughnessy of the Vocations Team at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie

BOOK LAUNCH

Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel by David Neuhaus SJ. Monday 19 October 2026, 7.00pm. This is an In-person event at Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, D03 FP52. Books will be available for purchase. Limited to 30 people; registration: reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529 448

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening will centre around the fundamentals of parental grief and 'what helps.' This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on **Thursday 15 October at 7pm**. Bereaved parents are very welcome to register here: <https://bit.ly/OctBIE>



PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS
For the weekend of 04.10.2026, parish contributions amounted to (envelopes and baskets) €1140.00 First Collection € 850.00 Second Collection We would like to thank all our Parishioners for their generous contributions.



Welcome to St. Joseph's Church Terenure - South Dublin Deanery – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sun 11th Oct '26

Email: stjosephterenure@gmail.com **Phone:** 4921755 – **Parish Office Hrs:** 10am to 1pm (Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri.)

Fr. Dave Brannigan P.P. Phone: 086 364 9899 – Webcam via Parish Website www.stjosephsterepure.com (Registered Charity No. 20016166)

Mass: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri @ 10am - **Sat Vigil 6pm - Sun 10am** **Confession:** 5.30-6pm on Saturday in Confession Box or by Appointment.

Mission Month October 2026

New Voices of Hope

Recently we had a Parish Pastoral Council meeting on the theme 'The Parish of the future', and one person mentioned they'd like to hear more 'Stories of Hope'. So as October is the Month of Mission, I have asked a number of guest speakers to share on the following theme 'New Voices of Hope for Mission. Shaped by the Person of Christ'.

1st Sunday will begin with Sr. Ursula Agge, a Medical Missionary of Mary Sr. from Nigeria, whose last Mission Placement was in Tanzania.

2nd Weekend of October we will have Br. John Stretton, an English John of God's Brother doing social work here.

3rd Weekend is actually Mission Sunday Weekend, and I have asked Fr. Doran to share with us some of his Faith story then.

4th Weekend either myself or Rev Victor will speak on our experiences as it is the Bank Holiday Marathon Weekend, and it might be hard to get here, with all the Barriers.

5th and we saved the best for last — our own Orla McCarthy, PPC, Baptism, Partnership, Choir, Deanery, and Dublin Diocesan Council among other involvement reminding us

Mission is here, Mission is now, and Mission is everywhere. Maintenance & Mission are the two great callings of the Church connected by the invitation to Evangelise.

We hope to have many more Stories of hope each October shaped by their faith because we encourage and support each other on the journey. Huge thanks to all those who have helped us to begin this exciting faith-filled adventure for St. Joseph's Parish.

Fr. Dave Brannigan

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (i) Monday-Saturday: 7.30am - 9.30am (Holy Hour for World Peace: Saturday 8.30am – 9.30am) (ii) Monday (except Bank Holidays) and Tuesday: 10.30am - 11.30am. (iii) Monday: 7-8pm. Venite Adoremus.

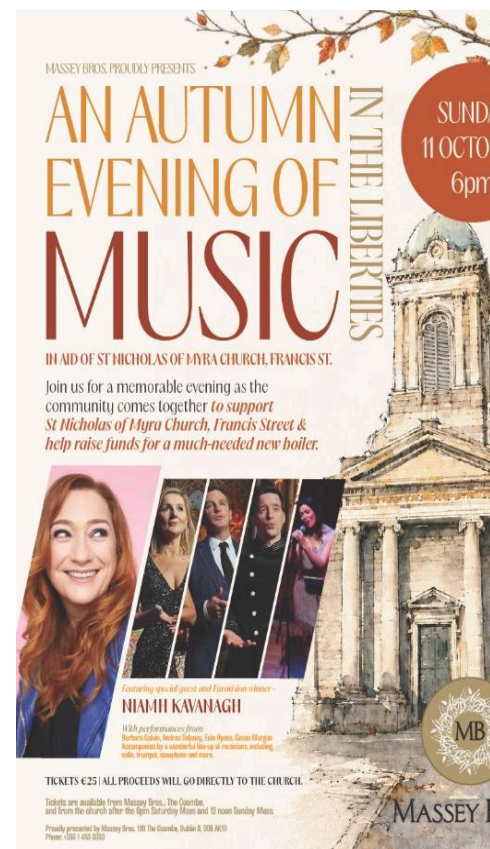
Please Note: The parish office will be closed from Thursday 29th October and will re-open on the 5th November.

**SVP Collection takes place this weekend
10th and 11th October**



THEWAY.IE

 *TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit www.theway.ie*



St Pius X Bridge Club

Play year round on
Thursdays at 7.15pm
in

St Pius X Nat School Hall
Ample parking in school grounds
All CBAI members most welcome
Contact: Bernard 087 2429624
Claire 086 8755474

Decluttering for wellness

Want to start decluttering and organising but don't know where to start? Learn how to declutter and organise your home with accredited Psychotherapist Fiona Hall, Ireland's first psychotherapist to start working in this area for over 10 years. Fiona will provide you with a step-by-step plan to declutter and organise your home and life.



**Thursday 15-10-26 at 11am
in Terenure Library**

Admission free, to book call or email
E: terenurelibrary@dublincity.ie
T: 222 8700

