

***"God knows me and calls me by my name"***

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that *"the words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."* I can remember a priest that I know well quoting this passage to me to explain his main motivation for following a Christian way of life. He

realised that the words of Jesus in scripture can be an inspiration to us and a motivation for spreading the message of the Gospel. As in every age, people can find it difficult or challenging to accept the teachings of Jesus. He asks his disciples today: *"What about you, do you want to go away too?"* This is a very important question to reflect on as we come near to the new school term and the Autumn parish activities begin to recommence. Many people have turned their backs on the church in recent times while others have remained. As we begin again for this academic year, we should reflect on what motivates us to remain Christians when broader society can seem hostile to the message of the Gospel. It is St Peter who provides the answer for us. He says: *"Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life. We believe we know that you are the holy one of God."* Saint John Henry Newman once wrote: *"God knows me and calls me by my name....God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next"*.

This week, we can see the weather change a bit and the leaves are beginning to fall. The harvest is being gathered in the fields. It's a good time to reflect on the harvest of our own lives as we turn our minds to how we can be missionaries in our parish partnerships, to be people of prayer and encourage those we meet in the ways of faith in the times ahead.

Deacon Gerard

***RECENT COLLECTIONS***

Common Fund € 1,248

Share € 785

**15<sup>th</sup> Aug - Feast of Annunciation**

Common Fund € 220

Share € 115

*Sincere thanks for your continued support.*

***MASS IN THE PARTNERSHIP***

Sunday Mass in Kinsealy has been changed to  
10.00a.m.

***DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES***

A church door collection will be taken up this weekend to help defray the costs of taking sick Pilgrims to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage from September 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

***WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS***

Recently Deceased

Carmel Dowling, Woodlands  
Dr Diarmuid Harte, Carrickhill Drive

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30p.m**

Anne Dunne, [Month's Mind];

John Donnelly, [Bth Rem]; Michael Smyth, [A];

Mary & Michael Lawless, [A];

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 12 noon**

Patrick Diggins, [3d A]; Josephine Costello, [A];

Shay Coyle, [3<sup>rd</sup> A]; Con & Madge Foley, [A];

Bridget & Hugh McCabe, [A]; Dave Sullivan, [A];

Bridget Morris, [A]; Gladys Foley, [A].

Mary Curley Dowling, [A];

Sr Josephine Barrett, [Get Well].

***ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS***

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Rosary 7.10p.m.; Mass at 7.30pm.

Followed by Blessing with St. Pio Relic

***PORTMARNOCK CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING***

The Portmarnock Charismatic Prayer Meeting will resume Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, at 8.00pm, in Teallach Áine. This prayer meeting is for everyone. Please join us for an evening of music, prayer and Scripture. All are very welcome.

***LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK***

Will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup>

Depart 7.30a.m. return 9.30p.m.

For further information contact Angela Keavney at 0863296721 or John Hughes at 0862542883.

***MEALS ON WHEELS***

***PORTMARNOCK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED -***

If you have a couple of hours to spare once a month, please contact Benita - 087 679 8673; Frank - 086 3726989

**IRISH GIRL  
GUIDES  
PORTMARNOCK**



Can you help? -

**Volunteers needed.**

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with our Ladybird Unit on **Thursdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm**. Ladybirds are aged 5½ years. We are also looking for volunteers for our Jubilee Brownie unit which meets on **Wednesday 5pm - 6.30pm**.

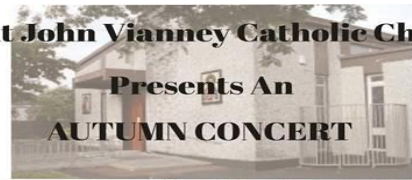
Brownies are aged 7½ -10½ years. We have lots of girls on our waiting lists but need more **Volunteer Leaders**. Please contact :-

email: [rdoer@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:rdoer@irishgirlguides.ie)

Anita 089 509277 or June 0876527979

Please come and support the Poor of Bosnia + Herzegovina who are still suffering after the War in Yugoslavia from 1991 to 1995. 100 % of all funds raised go to the projects we support, because we as Directors pay all expenses out of our own pockets. For further information contact Derek Farrell, mobile: 0862573824 .

**Saint John Vianney Catholic Church**



**Presents An  
AUTUMN CONCERT**

**Featuring The Singing Priest**

**Fr Marino Nguetkam**

**Accompanied By:**

**Mary Flynn : Soprano  
Eoin Tierney : Organist  
Jane Hughes : Cello**



**Sunday 1st Sept - 3pm  
95 Ardlea Road Artane D05TH79**



**IRISH GUIDE DOGS**

**Event Saturday 17 August 2024**

**Auction, Raffle & Team Competition Results**

**AUCTION**

**Painting by Patrica McGee "Lasy Days" (200Euro)**

**TEAM COMP**

**A 4 BALL at Skerries Golf Club (Team 29/34)**

**Golf Balls (104 Blue) Golf Cap (56 Blue)**

**RAFFLE RESULTS:-**

**A 4 BALL at Malahide Golf Club (Yellow 63)**

**Two Tickets for Irish Women's Golf Open 2024  
(Yellow 142)**

**Two Premium Tickets Aviva Ireland v Greece  
(Yellow 128)**

**€100 voucher for J.W.Smyth Butchers  
Portmarnock (Blue 37)**

**A wine hamper from Jus de Vine Portmarnock  
(Yellow 58)**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE EVENT**



**ST BERNADETTE -  
RELIC PILGRIMAGE**

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit three churches in Dublin: Our Lady of

**Victories, Ballymun Road, September 25-26;  
Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-24;  
and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25-26. For more information**

[www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie)

**TALBOT BRIDGE CLUB**

Talbot Bridge Club Malahide is resuming **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** and is open for new members. The club is at the Presbyterian Hall on Dublin Road opposite the Cricket Hall. 7.30-10.15pm. Membership is €40 for the year and €5 weekly table money. Drop in any Thursday evening for inquiries. Contact Mary: 086 3709937

**GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER  
Arthur Mc Cluskey Foundation,**

**Helping The Poor In Bosnia + Herzegovina.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** This is an invitation to our Auction & Raffle starting at approx 8.00pm in Malahide Golf Club, Admission Free. Lots of Raffle prizes and really great Auction Items.

**DOMINICAN RETREATS**

**A Look of Love** - Jim Deeds: 26th to 29th August.  
Cost: €320 residential; €215 non-residential.

**'There's a crack in everything: that's how the light gets in'** - Sean Goan: 31st August to 5th September. Cost: €300 non-residential  
€530 residential;

**Harvesting Gratitude** - Carol Barry. 13th to 15th  
Cost: €280 residential; €180 non-residential.

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