



Every Good Wish and Blessing for Easter and always to all our Parishioners, Families and Friends. Sincere thanks to our Parish Staff, Ministers and Volunteers who keep the Parish up and running from day to day. The Parish Church has been a powerhouse of prayer throughout Lent, not least during Holy Week, with a 10 hour prayer 'marathon' for Peace, and the beautiful celebrations of the Easter Triduum and Easter Masses. Again, sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Liturgies and to our Singers, Musicians and Directors who worked so hard to enhance our worship. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Canon John & Father John



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Easter encourages us to make new beginnings, to turn over the page and to break out in new directions. Blessed John Henry Newman said "to live

is to change" and this time of the year, the new growth of Springtime, encourages us to turn over a new leaf and to start afresh. Easter offers hope to all who are oppressed, broken and hopeless. God's grace and mercy can bring new life into any situation no matter how difficult it may seem. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." Our calling is to inspire others so that they in their turn can put their gifts and talents at the service of those in need in our community. In our Gospel today, we are told about the dramatic discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala. When she made her way to the tomb on that first Easter morning, she was doing so in order to complete the Jewish burial customs. And, initially, she did not realise that Jesus has risen from the dead. We are told that: *Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'* She has

been called the "apostle to the apostles" as it was her role to tell St Peter and the other apostles about the Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Both apostles then arrived at the tomb and St John (speaking about himself) said: "He saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead." Pope Francis recently elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said at the time: "Saint John Paul II paid great attention to the particular role of Saint Mary Magdalene as the first witness who saw the risen Christ, and as the first messenger who announced the Lord's resurrection to the Apostles." The Season of Easter lasts for fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost and is slightly longer than the Season of Lent which has just concluded. In the coming weeks, let us celebrate and share our Easter joy with those we meet who may need inspiration and encouragement. A retired priest I know, always said that it is important to remember that "after every Good Friday, there is an Easter Sunday". A Jesuit priest, Father Stephen Redmond, once wrote the immortal words "Easter is forever" which sums this Season up so well. Fr Redmond quoted St Augustine's famous comment on John 17:24 where he refers to the words "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they will see my glory, which you have given me." It was not enough for him to say "I want them to be where I am" but he adds the very important words "with me". For to be "with him", as St Augustine reminds us, is a *great good*. Our Easter joy is based on the fact that we believe that the Risen Lord, who stood among his disciples on that first Easter morning, is also present with us today. I would like to wish you, your families, friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Deacon



POPE FRANCIS
Praying
in St. Mary Major Basilica, Rome
in preparation for Easter

MASS ON EASTER MONDAY
for the Partnership of our Parishes
will be at 11.00am
in St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock.

PLEASE NOTE NO MASS ON TUESDAY
MORNINGS IN ST. ANNE'S, PORTMARNOCK
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
Mass Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls at 9.30am,
St Sylvester's, Malahide at 10am



WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20th April Easter Sunday
10.30am

Christine Ross,[A]; Fr. Alexander Ross,[A];
Brid & Peter Egan,[A]; Shane O'Brien,[A];
Paul Carolan,[4thA];Teresa Buckley, [A];
Maurice Buckley,[A]; Daniel Houlahan,[Bth Rem].

12 noon

Kathleen Flaherty,[4th A]; Sean Fagan,[A];
Ross O'Keeffe,[A]; John McCarthy,[3rd A];
Mary Kate & Patrick Kilmartin,[A].

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 13th April 2025

Common Fund €1621
Share € 1040

Sincere thanks for your support.

TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

On the weekend before the Confirmation ceremonies i.e. **Sat/Sun, 26th/27th April** for St. Helen's' SNS and **Sat/Sun, 3rd /4th May** for St. Marnock's NS, the **Ceremony of Light** will be included in the weekend Masses. Please accompany your child to the Mass of your choice at either 6.30pm, 10.30am or 12noon. Each child should bring their Baptism Candle, or another Candle. This will be the Candidate's Confirmation Mass. The Confirmation is a 'stand-alone' ceremony without Mass. The Holy Communion Children should continue to attend the **Family Mass** as their most important preparation. As the year moves ahead so rapidly may I take this opportunity to offer you and your Family every good wish and blessing for Holy Week, Easter and always.
Canon John.



ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, April 2025
Rosary 7.15p.m. ; Mass 7.30p.m.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE KNOCK 2025



Saturday 26th April Leaving St. Anne's Church at 7.30am.Stopping at the Grenville Arms each way. Dinner included €55.00.

Deposit of €25 to Parish Office or Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744

MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS



in ST. SYLVESTER'S MALAHIDE on Sunday, April 27th commencing at 2.45pm and concluding with Mass at 4.00pm

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST KILBARRACK

from 3pm to 5.30pm and concluding with Mass. Confessions Available.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration currently takes place in St Anne's Church, after 10.00a.m. Mass every Wednesday until 1.00pm and in the Jubilee Adoration Chapel :
10.30am. – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday (excl. Wed am) 7.00a.m. – 8.00am on Tuesday, and 7.00pm – 9.00pm Monday and Thursday.

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Portmarnock Parish LOURDES

4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN
Spiritual Director
Canon John Flaherty

3* Hôtel San Sauveur
17th – 21st June 2025
€820 pps



FLIGHTS - TRANSFERS - HOTEL - GUIDE
Contact Pauline Geoghegan – 087 6293744



FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

17th – 24th September 2025

Spiritual Director:

Fr. Roland Ely Nfambang

For further information contact
Teresa McCabe - 0872069249

PARISH OFFICE - Will re-open on
Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, 9.00a.m. – 1.30pm
Reception Parish Centre: 10.30am – 2.30pm