



**Good Shepherd Sunday  
Vocations Sunday  
April 26**

*"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy." – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026*

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an "interior discovery" of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous "yes" is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

**COLLECTIONS**

Common Fund	€1,445
Share	€ 940
Sincere thanks for your support	

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

**Bridie Mannix, Carrickhill Drive  
Josephine Burns, Carrickhill Drive  
Eithne Whelan, Portmarnock Crescent**

**Saturday, 6.30p.m.**

**Brenda McKenna, [A]; Herbert Lawton,[A];  
Murt Kelly,[10<sup>th</sup> A]**

**Sunday, 10.30a.m.**

**Patrick & Kathleen Toft,[A]; Michael Finnegan,[8<sup>th</sup> A]  
Sean & Mary O'Leary,[A];**

**Sunday, 12 noon**

**Una Pike,[53<sup>rd</sup> A]; Joe Reale,[12<sup>th</sup> A];  
Theresa Hogan,[19<sup>th</sup> A]; Frank Comiskey,[1<sup>st</sup> A];  
Frank Donegan,[A]; Sr. Vera Dalton,[1<sup>st</sup> A];  
John & Mary McShane,[Rem]; Noel Kealy,[A];  
Patrick Carolan,[A].**



**CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE  
ST MARNOCK'S JNS  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 2.30p.m.**

Parents who wish their child to celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance please arrive at the Church at 2.30p.m. Please ensure each child be accompanied by an adult – Parent/Grandparent/ Guardian. There will be a number of priests present to assist with First Confession.

**Congratulations to the children of St. Helen's JNS who attended the Celebration of First Penance with their teachers and members of their families on Monday last.**

Families should continue to attend the **Family Mass** each **Sunday at 10.30a.m.** as it is important preparation for receiving the Sacraments.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the children of **St Helen's SNS** who were confirmed on **Thursday, 23rd April.**

They are a great credit to their Families, Schools and Parish Community. It was wonderful to be with the Families and School Community as we marked this very special time in the children's progression in the Faith. We look forward to the continued participation of the children and Families in Mass throughout the year ahead and particularly at the 10.30 Family Mass on Sundays.

**FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**



**40 HOURS ADORATION**

**St Anne's Church, Portmarnock  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 8.00am. until  
Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 midnight  
There will be a led Holy Hour ending with  
Benediction at 7 30p.m. On Saturday shortly after the  
6.30p.m. Mass**



**FATHER PETER MCVERRY**  
**FAITH IN ACTION**

I had the opportunity recently to listen to some talks by the Jesuit priest Father Peter McVerry which were very revealing and eye opening and really got me thinking of how privileged, I am and how I take the comforts of life for granted. He came from a privileged home himself to then be thrust into the poverty and powerlessness of the people in Summerhill, yet this is where he encountered Jesus. All his training about theology and philosophy was irrelevant to these people because what they were looking for was someone to walk in their shoes, to understand their pain and hardship to get down to their level and listen to them without judgement, criticism and give them dignity. Father Peter's humility and his affirmation of what he had learnt from these people living on the margins of society, is to be exceedingly grateful to God for what we have in life. His prayer each day is a prayer of thanks and a life devoted to 'giving back' to society and to God. The people he encounters every day have helped to open his eyes to those who are most in need in our society. They helped him to discover a God who is passionate about the suffering of God's own children. They were God's call for him to conversion. Jesus explains us that there was one gate by which we can enter into the Kingdom of God – and that gate is compassion. Matthew 9:36 tells us that when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were helpless – like sheep without a shepherd. There are so many people who are lost, who desperately need the love and compassion of Jesus, those who are poor not just in their physical needs but in their need to be understood, loved and accepted for who they are. Just as Jesus announced that entry into the Kingdom of God was through compassion, so he warned us that ignoring the suffering of those around us would exclude us from the Kingdom of God. Jesus sought to teach people a different image of God, God not as Judge, but God as Compassion – a God whose love for us is unchanging, whose forgiveness is greater than all our sinfulness, whose passion is compassion. Father Peter gives the example of living in the apartment - two people looking out of the same house, at the same time of the same day, into the same back garden, but they have two totally different views; there is a view from the top and a view from the bottom. A very interesting perspective that I had not thought about before. I am now more aware of the homeless and people I see on the streets, and will certainly reach out to them, engage with them on a human level. Matthew 10 verse 42 tells us, "Anyone who gives even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my disciples shall not lose his reward." One of the key messages to be taken from these talks and Fr Peter's testimony is not to judge. We do not know their past, circumstances, past life or daily struggles. Judging people on the margins, is a reflection on

oneself and that is a game changer. Those who are underprivileged and living on the margins, are very close to God's heart – God has a special place for them in God's Kingdom.

**Beatrice Reilly**

*[Beatrice volunteers as a Catechist in Donaghmede, Baldoyle and Coolock parishes.]*

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**MEDUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**

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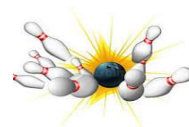
Spiritual Director : Fr. Christopher Nkole.

**29<sup>th</sup> JULY – 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026**

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Spiritual Directors:

Fr. Roland Nfambang & Fr Omodunbi



**PORTMARNOCK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB ARA**

Social games take place in the Main Hall of the PSLC on

**Tuesday morning from 11am –**

**12.30pm. & Friday nights from 8pm – 9.30pm**

Free coaching and any equipment needed is provided. New members are always welcome.