



“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Right to the very end!
With everything he had!
Holy Thursday - Pope Francis visited Rome’s Regina Coeli prison. He was too weak to wash the

prisoners’ feet, but even in his weakness, he found the strength to be with those who are of little value in the eyes of the world. On Easter Sunday - he would summon the strength to greet the faithful from the Balcony of St Peter’s Basilica, and afterwards find the generosity of spirit to greet the crowd in St Peter’s Square itself. From his first appearance on the balcony of St Peter’s the night of his election, to his last, hours before his death, his was a papacy of radical presence to all God’s people. His was a living out of the prophecy of the Lord: *“there will be one flock, one shepherd.”*(John 10:16). As we give thanks for the extraordinary gift he was and is for us all, let us do the one thing he asked for himself, let us pray for him. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. May he hear those words addressed to the good and faithful servants.

Extract from Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell on death of the Holy Father.

Full statement is available on the Diocesan Website: www.dublindiocese.ie

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Mr. Frank Comiskey, Blackthorn Close

Saturday, 26th April

6.30pm: Seamus Agnew,[RD];
Theresa Hogan,[18th A]; Lena McDermott,[A];
Murt Kelly,[A]; Pat O’Rourke,[Bth Rem]

Sunday, 27th April

10.30am Patrick & Kathleen Toft,[A];
Theresa Hogan,[18th A]; Michael Finnegan,[A].

12 noon

Pauline Roche,[RD]; Michael Diffley, [1st A];
Sheila & Thomas Burke,[A]; Una Pike,[52nd A];
Herbert Lawton, [2nd A & Bth]; Joe Reale,[A];
Desmond Byrns,[A]; Theresa Hogan,[18th A];
Agnes & Leo Farrell,[A]; Patrick Carolan,[A];
Frank Donegan,[A]

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 20th April 2025

Common Fund	€2482
Share	€1551
Holy Land Collection	€1130

Sincere thanks for your support.

EASTER DUES

Sincere thanks to all those who have already contributed to this important collection for the Common Fund which supports all our active, sick and retired priests throughout the year. Easter Dues may be left in the Safes in the Church, or handed in to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

DAYS OF MOURNING AND HOPE

(In memory of Pope Francis R.I.P.)

Monday 28 April 2025 – 8.00pm

Monastery of St. Alphonsus – www.rednuns.com

An hour of music, prayer and reflection

Led by the Monastery Community and
the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

On the weekend - Sat/Sun, 3rd /4th May, the **Ceremony of Light for St. Marnock’s NS** 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.**

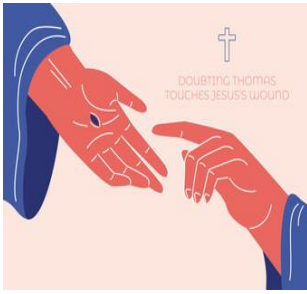


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

will be celebrated

in **ST. SYLVESTER’S MALAHIDE** on
Sunday, April 27th commencing at

2.45pm and concluding with Mass at 4.00pm
and in **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST KILBARRACK**
from 3pm to 5.30pm and concluding with Mass.
Confessions Available.



“Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.”

In Robert Browning’s poem, “A Death in the Desert”, the last and youngest of the apostles, Saint John, is dying. The

scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan writes that he looks back on his life and he wonders what will happen after the death of the last person to know Jesus personally.

There is left on earth

No one alive who knew (consider this!)

Saw with his eyes and handled with his hands

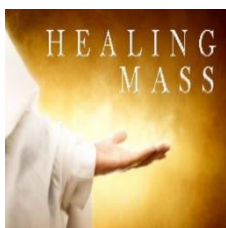
That which was from the first, the Word of Life.

How will it be when none more saith “I saw”?

Father Martin says that the question being asked in the poem is “What will happen when there is no one left who can say “I saw the Lord”? How can people who have never seen him possibly believe in the Lord? This is exactly the dilemma faced by Saint Thomas in today’s Gospel. He was not present when the Lord appeared to the other apostles. Saint Thomas gets another opportunity to meet the Risen Lord. Jesus appears again and gives us a new Beatitude: “Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe.” This Beatitude is intended for all of us who have followed him faithfully down through the ages since then. Jesus is telling us that there is a “greater blessedness”, as Father Martin describes it, for those who have faith in God without having seen him. In his hesitation, Saint Thomas speaks for many believers through the centuries, who have had doubts about their faith and needed extra assurance. We then have Saint Thomas’s remarkable profession of faith when he does encounter the Risen Jesus, the words of which have found their way into one of the memorial acclamations following the consecration at Mass:

“My Lord and My God.”

Deacon Gerard



**Church of the Holy Child,
Whitehall**

Mass for Healing

**Will be celebrated on
Tuesday, 6th May 2025
7pm – 9pm**

Portmarnock Parish
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4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN
Spiritual Director
Canon John Flaherty
3* Hôtel San Sauveur
17th - 21st June 2025
€820 pps

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Contact Pauline Geoghegan – 087 6293744

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.



**ST. FINTAN'S CEMETERY MASS,
SUTTON,**

**will take place on SUNDAY
8th JUNE 2025 AT 12.00 Noon.**

[Please Note: There will be no 12.30pm Mass in St. Fintan's Church on that day.]

**PILGRIMAGE TO
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TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, TUES, WED, THURS and FRI. SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30am & 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS, AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE’S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST. Governance Code Charities Act RCN 20016166