



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

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund	€1,420
Share	€ 975

Sincere thanks for your support

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Peter Wynne, Carrickhill Walk

MASS ON EASTER MONDAY

for the Partnership Parishes

will be at **11.00am** in St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock.



"Saint Mary Magdalene's role on the first Easter Sunday morning made her the first witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

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. Easter encourages us to make new beginnings, to turn over the page and to break out in new directions. The new Springtime encourages us to turn

over a new leaf and to start afresh. We are also called to share our Easter joy with those in need. 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. Initially, she did not realise that Jesus has risen from the dead. 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. Saint Mary Magdalene role on the first Easter Sunday morning made her the first witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 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 elevated the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to a full feast day similar to that of the twelve apostles. The Vatican said: *"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. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote: *"Today there are many people who humbly believe, suffer and love, in whom the real God, the loving God, shows Himself to us. Today God also has His witnesses in the world. We just have to be vigilant in order to see and hear them."* 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, also stands among us today. I would like to wish you, your families, friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Deacon Gerard

Happy Easter



CONFIRMATION 2026

Pre Confirmation
Masses
will be celebrated

on **Saturday, 11th April and Sunday, 12th April,**
for children attending **St Marnock's SNS**
and on
Saturday, 18th April and Sunday, 19th April
for children attending **St Helen's SNS**

Please accompany your child to the Mass of
your choice, at either 6.30p.m. Saturday or
10.30a.m. or 12 noon on Sunday



CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE

20th April 2026 at 2.30p.m.
St. Helen's JNS

13th May 2026 at 2.30p.m.
St. Marnock's JNS

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
on each day to assist with the
Celebration of First Penance.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sacred Heart Church, Yellow Walls
Sunday, 12th April - Commencing a 2.45pm,
Concluding with Mass at **4pm**
Confessions available from 2.15pm

St John the Evangelist, Kilbarrack
Sunday, 12th April at **3.00pm**
Mass and Confessions All welcome



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, APRIL 25TH 2026

A bus for the Partnership
Parishes - Portmarnock,
Malahide, Yellow Walls and
Kinsealy, will be travelling to Knock. Leaving St.
Anne's Car Park at 7.30a.m. on Saturday, 25th April,
the bus will collect Pilgrims at St Sylvester's Malahide
and Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls. Cost is €65 pp
payable on booking, and will include dinner on the
way home. Please contact Pauline at 087 6293744



Supporting Parents After Bereavement

The next online Bereavement
Information Evening for
bereaved parents will take
place online on **Tuesday 14 April at 7pm**. This month is
Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare
Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare
Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and
loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice
Foundation for over 13 years.

PORTMARNOCK PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 13th - 18th September

Contact Pauline Geoghegan, 0876293744
Spiritual Director: Canon John Flaherty

MEDUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES 3rd to 10th JUNE 2026

contact Derek + Anne Farrell
Mobiles : 0862573824 + 0879224077 .
Spiritual Director : Fr. Christopher Nkole.
29TH JULY – 5TH AUGUST 2026
contact Teresa McCabe 087 206 9249

Spiritual Directors:
Fr. Roland Nfambang & Fr Omodunbi



Family Resource Services CLG

a new **Peer Support Group for
Adults** experiencing difficulties
with their mental health which
will meet fortnightly in our
premises in Baldoyle,
commencing on April 16th. The group will be facilitated
by Shine, a national charity that supports people with
lived experience of mental illness and their family
members / supporters (<https://www.shine.ie/>). People
living in North County Dublin who are experiencing
mental illness or mental health challenges are very
welcome.