



"It is not too late to catch a glimpse of Lent and make it our own"

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent as we prepare for Palm Sunday next weekend. It seems

to have been a fast moving few weeks and hard to believe that the end of Lent is in sight. However, it is not too late to catch a glimpse of Lent and make it our own in the coming week. When we are busy, there is not much time for reflection and renewal. Regular prayers are rushed over, we may be rushing and not have time to speak to people or our Sunday Mass may find us somewhat preoccupied and unable to focus fully on the celebration of the Eucharist. Our Gospel reading today is the familiar one of the woman caught in adultery. When reading it, I was reminded of the words of Pope Francis a few years ago when he famously said: *"Who am I to judge?"* None of us have the full picture of other people's lives and only get small insights into different situations and circumstances but we do not get to walk in their shoes or feel the pressures and difficulties they may face. That is why we should always be kind, compassionate and forgiving to each other. We each have an individual journey to make, and, with God's grace, we will do our best. And that is what he expects of us. Let us pray, as we draw nearer to Holy Week, that we may experience the compassion, mercy and forgiveness of God as did the woman in today's Gospel. We might consider going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation here in Portmarnock, in a neighbouring church or perhaps attend our Partnership Reconciliation Service in Yellow Walls on Monday April 14th at 7.30pm. Pope Francis says: *"Thanks to [God's] help, we can always start afresh". "You can start again, because [Christ] awaits you, He is close to you, He loves you, and He is merciful."*

At every mass, we will pray the Our Father together. It asks that we not be led into temptation and be delivered from the evil one. We say this prayer so frequently that we can often skip over its meaning. The Our Father tells us that we can ask for divine assistance through our prayers as we try to do the best we can in our lives. And that is all that is expected of us. Pope Francis has reminded us that: *"The name of God is mercy"*. It is the title of a book that he wrote. It is not just a catchy title; it says something about the very essence of who God is. Pope Francis concluded

the Year of Mercy in 2016 by saying: *"We give thanks for [this year], as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful, in order that we too may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together."* Let us all go forward encouraged and sustained by the fact that our sins are forgiven through the grace of the Resurrection, God's mercy is unquenchable and that Jesus cares for each and every one of us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. And when we encounter lost sheep in our lives may we go out of our way to look after them, to encourage them and to make them welcome. I wish you all a blessed and peaceful week.

Deacon Gerard



POPE FRANCIS

Pope continues his recuperation following his illness. Let us continue to pray for the health and recovery of the Holy Father

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

**Kiera Swan, Carrickhill Walk
Brenda Kenny, Limetree Avenue
Fr Stanisław, Polish Chaplain, Dublin**

Saturday 5th April

6.30pm Mary Doherty,[1st A];
Nuala & Paddy Nixon,[10th A];Des Lehane,[A];
Paul O'Dwyer, [A]; Kathleen O'Shea Carney,[1st A].
Jim Hanifan,[A]; Maria Harte Hanifan,[A].
Sheila & Mary O'Leary,[A]; Shane O'Brien,[A]

Sunday, 6th April

10.30am
Edie Kearney [A]; Deceased members of the Lawless family.

12 noon Clare Gorey,[1st A]; Sean O'Flynn,[7th A];
Nancy McCarthy,[A]; Des Keane,[A];
Paul O'Dwyer,[A].Eimear Hewitt,[1st A];
Paddy & Christina Culhane,[A]; Thomas Moore,[A]
Michael Moore,[A]; Sr. Cora Moore,[A];
Thomas Moore Jnr,[1st A].

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 30th March 2025

Common Fund € 1483
Share € 1010

Sincere thanks for your support.



Wednesday of Holy Week

Traditionally known as 'Spy Wednesday' a special **DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**. Continuous prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass to 10pm. Rosary on the hour. Benediction 9.30pm. Led by the Eucharistic Adoration Group.

Healing evening St Anne's
Venue: Church Portmarnock
Date: Tuesday April 8th
Time 7pm to 9pm.
Led by Fr. Pat Collins
Roisin Doherty & Don Devaney
All welcome.



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.



Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations

Kilbarrack Church
April 27th 3pm to 5.30pm
including Holy Mass & Confessions

PORTMARNOCK INDOOR GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER, RAFFLE + AUCTION

in Aid of The Arthur Mc Cluskey Foundation Helping The Poor of Bosnia + Herzegovina. Friday 12th September in Malahide Golf Club , Raffle and Auction at 8.00 pm Admission FREE . Raffle Tickets on sale now , contact Derek Farrell 0862573824; Anne Farrell 0879224077 Thank you for supporting Our Charity .



OUR PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES COUNCIL

will meet on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm in The Parish Centre, Malahide. Each Partnership has been requested by the Archdiocese to submit a Saint's name for the Partnership which cannot be the name of one of the existing Parishes. Possible names suggested so far are: St. Doulagh's, St. Marnock's, St. Finian's, St. Oliver Plunkett's, Venerable Matt Talbot's, Blessed Carlo Acutis, Venerable Edel Quinn. If you have a suggestion please submit it to stannes@portmarnockparish.ie for the attention of Canon John.

Sr. Noreen Vaughan pictured with: Ms. Lorna Lavin and Ms. Gwyn Bhreathnach, Principals of St. Helen's JNS and SNS; being presented with a bouquet of flowers and a voucher for the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Ms. Roisin O'Kelly of the PPC on behalf of our Parishioners; with Canon John Flaherty and Fr. John Laizer; admiring the celebratory cake which she had just cut. Once again sincere thanks to Sr. Noreen for a lifetime of Service to our Parish Community.

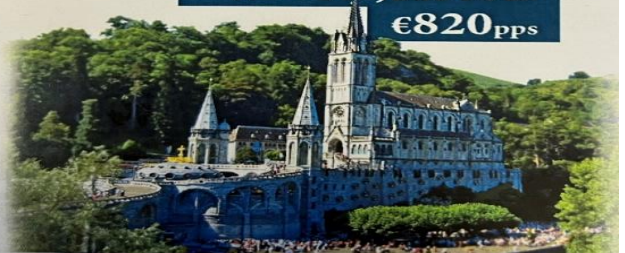


Portmarnock Parish LOURDES

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 Geoghan at 087 6293744#

BOWLING CLUB ARA

Social games take place in the Main Hall of the PSLC on Tuesday Morning from 11.00a.m. to 12.30p.m. and Friday nights from 8pm to 9.30pm. Free Coaching and any equipment needed is provided. New members welcome

Local Dementia Carers Support Group

Monday April 14th, 3pm in Baldoyle
Contact Paul at 0852548244 for more info