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In our Gospel today, Jesus is led into the desert and is tempted by the devil. Father Kieran O’Mahony makes the following point about this reading: *“The temptation story is not just about moral choices but about life-choices. As we read in Hebrews: Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (Hebrews 2:18)”*

Jesus wanted to be like each one of us. He was in no need of forgiveness or repentance, but he chose to share the same journey with us. This Lent we are invited to share the joy of the Gospel message which is one of mercy and hope. Perhaps our mission is to bring light into the darkness and difficulties of people’s lives and to share with them the hope of the Gospel. In his message for Lent this year, **Pope Leo** says: ***“Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.”*** He goes on to say that: ***“Our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance.”*** It is

important to remember that Lent is not only a time to *give up* it is also a time to *give to*, whether that’s additional time in prayer, going to daily mass when we can or helping those in need wherever we may find them. Lent can sometimes be seen as a negative or challenging time but I think we should focus on the opportunities for renewal and revitalisation that it brings to our lives. And may we be inspired by the example of Jesus in today’s gospel who was able to resist temptation and was not to be distracted by the temptations of the world. Depending on our circumstances, there are many ways that we can renew ourselves and also to reach out to others in the coming weeks. We can allow more time for prayer perhaps at the beginning or end of each day or we can attend mass when we can (and remember, for those parishioners who cannot attend in person, that all our masses are available on the internet

through our parish partnership websites). **Pope Leo** concludes his message for Lent with these words: ***“Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others.”***  
**Deacon Gerard**

### **COLLECTIONS**

Common Fund	€1118
Accord	€2115
Sincere thanks for your support	

### **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Recently Deceased

Peter O’Kelly, Carrick Court  
Eamonn Burke, Blackberry Rise

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Michael John Canning,[A]

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30a.m.**

Olive Murphy, [Month’s Mind];  
Noel Kavanagh,[RD]; Maurice Bambrick,[RD];  
Dermot C. King,[8<sup>th</sup> A].

**12 Noon**

Martin Kenny,[Month’s Mind]; Ann Kenny,[1<sup>st</sup> A];  
Paul Carroll,[Month’s Mind]; Dermot C King,[A];  
Kitty & Bernie Walsh,[A]; Louise Ryan, [26<sup>th</sup> A];  
Michael Ignatius Dunne,[Bth Rem];  
Cecilia Keating,[A]; Vincent Dowling, [A];  
George Byrne, [8<sup>th</sup> A]; Des Morgan,[A];  
Finola McSweeney,[32<sup>nd</sup> A]; For a Special Intention  
Sorcha Shen,[RD in USA, late of The Dunes,  
daughter of Deirdre Murphy and Granddaughter of  
Dolores and Des Murphy];

### **LENTEN ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER for the four Wednesdays of Lent**

will be hosted by the parishes of Malahide Church of Ireland, St. Sylvesters, Malahide, Yellow Walls and St. Anne’s Portmarnock.

The first celebration of Evening Prayer will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m.** in St. Anne’s, followed by refreshments in Parish Centre. All welcome



### World Day of Prayer

will be celebrated in  
St. Anne's Portmarnock on  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026  
at 12.00 noon.

The liturgy prepared by the Women of Nigeria.  
Refreshments will be served after in the Parish  
Centre. All welcome.

### ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Rosary 7.10p.m. : Mass 7.30p.m.



### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> 2026

A bus has been booked for parishioners of the  
Partnership of Parishes - Malahide, Portmarnock,  
Yellow Walls and Kinsealy. More information will  
be available from Pauline Geogegan, at St. Anne's,  
Portmarnock, at a later date.



### LENT 2026 - WALKING IN MERCY RETREAT

Mercy International  
Association (MIA) is  
offering an online  
retreat on Tuesday,  
February 17, on the  
theme 'Walking in  
Mercy'. The retreat,  
which will be offered by  
MIA's Head of Heritage  
and Spirituality Caroline

Thompson, is an opportunity to kick-start your Lenten  
Journey through the lens of Mercy. The retreat will be  
offered via Zoom at 10am and 2pm. Self-registration is  
open now and all are welcome. For more see  
[www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org).



### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

The Folk Group would welcome  
Guitar and keyboard musicians to  
join. The Folk Group lead the liturgy  
at Sunday Family Mass. New  
members would be welcome.  
Contact John c/o the Parish Office

Archdiocese of Dublin

## BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

A 5 week Lenten course for Parish  
Small Faith Sharing Groups from  
Irish Synodal Pathway

During Lent 2026 we are all being invited to action some  
of the different themes of our National Synodal Journey:

- *Baptised and Sent by the Spirit*
- *Personal Contact with Jesus transforms us*
- *Who belongs?*
- *Healing in Christ*
- *New Life in Christ*

All resources will be provided

### Facilitator Training

Join us on ZOOM to learn how to lead the  
programme in your parish ready for Lent.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**7.30pm-8.45pm**

To register for the Zoom Facilitator Training please  
scan the QR code and fill in the online form:

[www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry) [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)



### 35<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

February 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

In the RDS. Early booking essential

[www.divinemercuryconference.com](http://www.divinemercuryconference.com)

or phone/text/What's App Paul 0872999241

### EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT KNOCK SHRINE

led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic, **Saturday  
March 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Venue: St. John's  
Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm &  
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by  
his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking  
required; everyone is most welcome and please bring  
a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact,  
Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona  
on [fionatjennings@yahoo.com](mailto:fionatjennings@yahoo.com).

### THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MALAHIDE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday **April  
18/19<sup>th</sup>**. The competition takes place in St. Andrew's  
School on Church Road. We would like to invite  
musicians from Portmarnock, Malahide and Kinsealy  
to take part. Entries are now open.

<https://www.malahideyoungmusicianfestival.com>