

The Presentation at the Temple  
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Is celebrated on the 2nd, February which is also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Celebration of this day of prayer is

to allow parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation. St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers."

### **PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS**

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

### **Message from the Holy Father for World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace that our life as consecrated persons always be a feast of the encounter with Christ; and in this way, like her, we will be able to bring the light of his love to everyone: his light, not ours! Bring him, not ourselves!

Pope Francis

**FATHER JOHN LAIZER, CSSp**  
From next week. Father John will reside at 21 Wheatfield Grove, Portmarnock.



**ST BRIGID'S DAY**  
*Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February*

**BANK HOLIDAY**  
*Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February*  
*Feast of St. Blaise*

Mass in the Partnership will be celebrated at 11.00a.m. in St Sylvester's, Malahide

### **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Recently Deceased

Noel McKenna, Carrick Court  
Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Bettyglen & Strand Road  
Peter Duggan, Carrickhill Drive  
Mervyn Hogan, Millbank, Station Road

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 6.30p.m.**

Eugene Furlong, [A]; Helen Malone, [6<sup>th</sup> A]

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30a.m.**

Eileen, Joe & Catherine Evans, [A];  
Michael O'Broin, [A], brother of Sheila McConnon;

**12 noon**

Madge & Paddy Martin, [A]; Colm Kennedy, [4<sup>th</sup> A].  
Dennis Byrne, [A]; Jeanne Shields, [A];

### **COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Common Fund €1285

Share € 975

*Sincere thanks for your support.*

### **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS 2025**

*Canon John will be in contact with Parents and Guardians of children attending St. Marnock's and St Helen's Junior and Senior Schools, preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of Confirmation, to arrange dates for Meetings and for the Parish Mass for Enrolment.*



### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*  
Amen Pope Francis

### LIVING AS JUBILEE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

All resources for local pilgrimages can be found on the designated 'Jubilee 2025' on the diocesan website

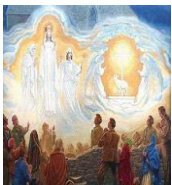


### CELEBRATING ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE.

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the 800th anniversary of the canonisation of St Laurence

O'Toole, May 10 to May 12, 2025. Three-day pilgrimage with Fr Ivan Tonge and Canon John Flaherty led by Archbishop Farrell. **Booking is open and closes at the end of January.** Contact Marian Pilgrimages, Dublin, at 01 8788159.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



**SATURDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** The theme of the pilgrimage will focus on the **Jubilee Year**. The pilgrimage will provide us with an opportunity to gather as a Diocesan community of faith and to participate in workshops,

outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. **The Choir of Many Voices** will be under the able direction of Ciaran Coll. If you would like to join the Choir or have any queries about the pilgrimage, further information: [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)



**ST. MARNOCK'S JNS &  
ST. HELEN'S JNS**  
have opened up our  
**Admissions/ Enrolments for Junior  
Infants September 2025.**

Parents can enrol from :

**8th January 2025 to 26th February 2025**

### REQUIEM CHOIR

The Parish Requiem Choir invites new members. Choir meet every second Tuesday morning at the Church. Please contact Tony O'Dwyer, Organist, after Sunday Mass or enquire through the Parish Office.

## Portmarnock Parish LOURDES

4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN

Spiritual Director  
Canon John Flaherty

3\* Hôtel San Sauveur  
17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
€820<sub>pps</sub>



FLIGHTS - TRANSFERS - HOTEL - GUIDE

### SHRINES OF ITALY

May, 6<sup>th</sup> - 9 days,

Visiting Padua, San Damiano, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo. Spiritual Director: Fr. Gary Darby Contact: Pat O'Connor 087 2610405

### MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

4<sup>th</sup> to 11th June 2025

Spiritual Director: Fr. Anthony Hou. Contact - Derek & Anne Farrell 0862573824 and 0879224077