



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Church will celebrate World Day of the Sick, on the **11th February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**. In this Jubilee Year, in which the Church invites us to become

‘pilgrims of hope’, to celebrate the Day dedicated to the sick, the Holy Father chooses a passage from St Paul’s Letter to the Romans, in which the apostle infuses the Christian community of Rome with courage. **“Hope does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trials”** is the title of **Pope Francis’ Message** for the XXXIII World Day of the Sick’

Pope Francis reminds us: *“Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others.”* Pope Benedict once said that the thin veil that separates heaven and earth is a little more transparent in Lourdes. We are all familiar with the story of St Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with dozen or so years she later spent in Nevers where she worked in the infirmary as a member of the Daughters of Charity of Nevers. In the Convent garden in Nevers, there is a statue of Our Lady of the Waters where St Bernadette would often go to pray. She said: *“It is she who reminds me most of the lady I saw.”* Let us prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Saint Bernadette this weekend for all who are sick both in mind and in body that they may experience the healing grace of God’s love.

The **Portmarnock Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from June 17th- 21st and is advertised elsewhere in this newsletter. You might consider going especially if you have not done so in recent years and would like to return. Contact the parish office for more information. I think that being part of a pilgrimage to Lourdes can provide us with such an opportunity. One of the good things about a pilgrimage is that it gives us some time out to step out of our daily lives and try to gain some fresh perspectives on the challenges that we face and to try to learn a bit more about ourselves. Archbishop Martin spoke about the “quiet prayerfulness” of the sanctuary at Lourdes where there is an opportunity for us to be that little bit more open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit when visiting there.

I would encourage you to consider visiting Lourdes this year and you may know of sick or elderly family, friends or neighbours who might benefit from going on the **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage** which takes place from September 4th-9th. You can contact the Lourdes office at 01- 808 7555 or email info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie for enquiries about sick pilgrims travelling.
Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 3rd February

Common Fund € 913

Share € 870

Sincere thanks for your support.

ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family will be made at all Masses on the weekend of February 15th /16th.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Liam Gannon, Carrickhill Close

Kathleen White, Strandmill Ave

Pat McKeon, Carrick Court

Saturday 8th February 6.30p.m.

Brian Lynch, [Month’s Mind]

Sunday, 9th February 10.30a.m.

Jack & Eileen Elmore,[A]; May O’Neill,[A];

Mary Mara,[A].

12 noon

Deirdre McDevitt,[7th A]; Colette Manning,[1st A];

Edward Bannon,[2ndA]; Kattia Fidgeon,[22nd A];

Patrick Collins,[A]; Elizabeth McCabe,[25th A];

Sergio Cuasito,[26th A]; David Kelly,[1stA], & his parents, Sean & Patsy Kelly,[Rem].



ST. MARNOCK’S JNS & ST. HELEN’S JNS

Admissions/ Enrolments for Junior Infants September 2025, has now closed

34TH DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

RDS, DUBLIN

21ST, 22ND, 23RD FEBRUARY

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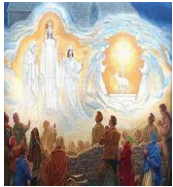
CELEBRATING ST. LAURENCE O'TOOLE.

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 and closes at the end of January.** Contact Marian Pilgrimages, 01 8788159.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 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

The Dublin Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will

take place from 4th to 9th September 2025, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. Director Canon John Flaherty The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to

Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and your hotel, 5 nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout. **FURTHER INFORMATION** info@joewalshstours.ie or phone Dublin: 01 241 0800.

About 100 **Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our Pilgrimage. Accueil Notre Dame, the special place of welcome situated in the Shrine opposite the Grotto will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated Team of Doctors, Nurses and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to Canon John Flaherty, Director, Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road,**



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Portmarnock Parish
LOURDES

4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN

Spiritual Director
Canon John Flaherty

3* Hôtel San Sauveur
17th - 21st June 2025

€820 pps

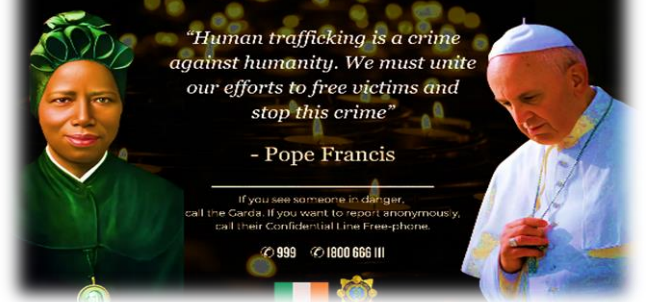


FLIGHTS - TRANSFERS - HOTEL - GUIDE

Contact Pauline Geoghegan 0876293744

St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day
8th February

Santa Marta Group
santamartagroup.org



SHRINES OF ITALY

May, 6th - 9 days,

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

MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

4th to 11th June 2025

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

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

Commencing Wednesday, 12th February 2025 10am - 12 noon, in the Parish Centre. Contact Caitriona 087 7820143

PORTMARNOCK LIONS CLUB

Invite you to donate old glasses to the missions in Tanzania. Glasses can be left at the Parish Centre