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I visited a modern Basilica in Montecatini in Italy a few years ago and noticed an unusual picture painted on the wall behind the tabernacle. On taking a closer look, I realised that it was a depiction of our Gospel reading today, with Jesus at the centre, Mary sitting on a chair attentively listening to him and Martha busy with her household duties. I thought it was significant that the designers of the church attached such significance to this Gospel that they gave it such a prominent place in their church. Perhaps they realised that the two sisters symbolise the contemplative and active dimensions of the Christian life, and the tensions between both, which is part of each one of our faith journeys. This story is only found in St Luke's Gospel. But the characters in the story appear elsewhere in the other Gospels. We are told in St John's Gospel that *"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus."* This unique statement which tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. And, of course, we know that Jesus later raised Lazarus from the dead and he then attended a dinner with Jesus. Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany and he was clearly good friends of theirs. We read of three visits there in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9. Jesus' response to Martha is not unkind and it gives us an idea of his affection for her. He says that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being *fully present* to him. And that is what her sister Mary has chosen to do. Martha is, I think, easier to identify because we see ourselves in her. We are often worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forget to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. Our First Reading today also deserves a brief mention. You will be familiar with the work of Andrei Rublev (c.1360 - c.1430), the great Russian icon painter, and in particular with his 'Old Testament Trinity' which is described in the reading: picturing the three angels welcomed by Abraham (Genesis 18). Christians see this scene as a prefiguring of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. This icon is also called 'Welcome to the Stranger'. Anyone praying with this icon for any length of time will feel that the invitation is somehow mutual: the three figures are inviting you to sit at table with them; you are invited into the life of God. As was the case with Abraham in our reading today, we sometimes get to see unexpected "glimpses" of the transcendent which can also be part of our experience of God. Saint John Henry

Newman described this quite well when he wrote: *"The visible world is the veil of the world invisible."* As Thomas Merton reminds us, like Martha, *"we all need enough silence and solitude in our lives to enable the deep inner voice of our true self to be heard at least occasionally."*  
Deacon Gerard

### COLLECTIONS

Common Fund € 1,005 : Share € 635  
*Sincere thanks for your support.*

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Recently Deceased

Emma Ó Ruairc, Carrickhill

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 6.30p.m.**

Dolores & Niall Coffey,[A]

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon**

Esther Sweeney,[16<sup>th</sup>A]; Anne Davidson,[7<sup>th</sup> A];

Mary Gannon & John Martin,[RD];

Dolores & Niall Coffey,[A]; James O'Reilly,[A] & the

McKinney Family; Mena Hartin,[14<sup>th</sup> A];

Mary & Tom Finnegan,[A]; A Special Intention.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

For July, Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday will take place from 11am – 4pm in the Jubilee Adoration Chapel

### ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Rosary 7.10p.m. : Mass 7.30p.m.

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025



#### FULLY ESCORTED GROUP PILGRIMAGE

**17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Direct return flights from Dublin - €865

A deposit of €200 secures your booking

Fr. Roland Ely Nfambang, Spiritual Director

Contact : Teresa McCabe [087 2069249]

### LEGION OF MARY

On Saturday the 12th July, members of the Legion of Mary, from various parishes, distributed over 100 Miraculous Medals to locals and visitors they met in Portmarnock, Praise God! If you would like to become a member, all men and women are very welcome. Please contact Angela - (01) 8462575 or John 086 25428838

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF MALAHIDE,  
PORTMARNOCK, YELLOW WALLS AND  
KINSEALY  
WEEKEND MASSES**  
(5/6 July to 6/7 September inclusive)

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES**

6.00pm Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls

**6.30pm St. Anne's, Portmarnock**

**SUNDAY MORNING MASSES**

8.30am St. Sylvester's, Malahide

10.00am Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls

10.00am St. Nicholas of Myra, Kinsealy

11.30am St. Sylvester's, Malahide

**12noon St. Anne's, Portmarnock**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**ST. ANNE'S, PORTMARNOCK**

**Mass at 10.00am on Mondays and Thursdays**

**ST. SYLVESTER'S, MALAHIDE**

Mass at 10.00am on

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

(Saturday Morning Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July only)

**SACRED HEART, YELLOW WALLS**

Mass at 9.30am on Tuesdays and Fridays

*Please keep an eye to our websites for any updates  
to the above*



**ART EXHIBITION**

**Portmarnock Art Group**

**47th Annual Art Exhibition**

Featuring artists from

*Malahide and Portmarnock*

**The Project Room, AVOCA Malahide**

**Saturday 26th July 10am - 5pm**

**Sunday 27th July 10am - 4pm**

**Supporting St Vincent de Paul**

**LOURDES**



**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage**

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN**

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of the Pilgrimage**

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PILGRIM  
TO  
LOURDES**

**SICK PILGRIMS INQUIRIES**

Application forms for the Special Section for the Sick under the care of volunteer doctors, nurses and helpers travelling with the pilgrimage are available from:

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE OFFICE**

51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin, D09 W5W4

Telephone: 01 - 808 7555 / 01 - 837 6820

email: [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

website: [www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie)

If you are in a position to part or fully sponsor a Sick Pilgrim going to Lourdes please address your contribution to **Canon John Flaherty, Director DDPL at St. Anne's Parish Office, Portmarnock**, clearly marked **DDPL Support a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim**. The cost of bringing a sick Pilgrim to Lourdes is approximately €1,200. Each sick/assisted Pilgrim is invited to make a contribution of approximately €600 towards their costs. Most are not in a position to give this amount. No Sick/Assisted Pilgrim is ever turned away because of inability to pay. To allow this to continue **we rely on your support**.

**Wedding Ring**

**found in the Church.**

**Please contact the Parish Office.**



**Pockets of Hope  
PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2025**

**"Hope Does not Disappoint"**

Our Pilgrim season is from July 13th to August 15<sup>th</sup>

Stamp your route across the 4 churches

Journey yourself or bring a group.

**Pilgrim Route:**

1. St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row
2. Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay
3. Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street
4. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street

**Pray, Reflect and Hope**



Email: [pocketsofhope2025@gmail.com](mailto:pocketsofhope2025@gmail.com) for more

This project on Pockets of Hope is created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and  
Designed by Mary-Aoife Ong

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