

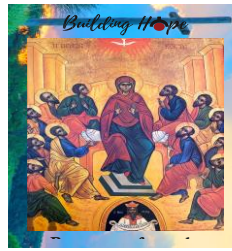


***"The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on."***

To be chronologically correct, the Gospel should be read *before* our first reading today. The reason is that we have the end of St Luke's Gospel and then the First Reading, which is the beginning of St Luke's sequel to his Gospel, which is the Acts of the Apostles. As the scripture scholar Father Kieran O'Mahony says: *"The gospel of Luke closes with a great air of expectation, as the apostles wait to be clothed with power from on high. In this way, the writer prepares carefully for his second volume, the start of which was our first reading today. There is a special flavour to the ending in Luke because it bridges a two-volume work (Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles), synthesising comprehensively yet unobtrusively the themes of the third gospel and leaving the reader in a mood of anticipation."* St Luke begins The Acts of the Apostles with the following words: *"In my earlier work, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven."*

St Luke then leaves us with this wonderful description of the Ascension which concludes with the promise of the return of Jesus to earth at the end of time: *"He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'* The Ascension of Jesus was an important turning point for the disciples. Jesus would remain with them but in a different way. Challenging though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his part of his life with them. Jesus asks his apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace which will come with Pentecost. Often in our world everything has to happen instantly, so it's a challenge for us all to wait for things to happen in God's time. It is important to remember that, as the scripture scholar Father Martin Hogan notes, that this promise that Jesus made to his apostles, he also made to Christians right down through the ages and he now makes the very same promise to us all today. There could not be a more appropriate message for us as church today. In the Church in Ireland at this time, we are all missionaries. Let us pray in these special days of grace between the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday that we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which will assist us on our journey of faith and in sharing that faith with the people that we meet at home, at work, at school and at college.

**Deacon Gerard**



## **NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>**

will begin in all parishes on Sunday, June 1, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. All are warmly invited to join with their parish/partnership in prayer. It will be a period of Prayer, and also of Reflection and Planning as we prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Novena period will conclude on Monday, June 9, the Feast of St Columba (St Colmcille), one of the three Patron Saints of Ireland.

**Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us  
Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us  
Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope**

### **BANK HOLIDAY PARTNERSHIP MASS**

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Mass on the Bank Holiday will be celebrated at 11.00a.m. in St. Sylvester's Malahide**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

**Helena Kerins, Robswall, Malahide**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**6.30p.m.** Alan McEvoy, [1<sup>st</sup> A];  
Ghislane Coyle, [2<sup>nd</sup> A]; Barry White, [7<sup>th</sup> A];  
Special Intention.

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**10.30a.m.** Catherine & James Hurley, [A];  
Ashling Carey, [Bth Rem]; Shay Doyle, [A].  
Peter Mara, [A]; George McCreesh, [8<sup>th</sup> A, Former Sacristan, St Anne's]; Geraldine McCreesh, [10<sup>th</sup> A].

**12 noon** Brendan Byrne, [2<sup>nd</sup> A];  
Tim Kelly, [1<sup>st</sup> A]; Bill Clancy, [9<sup>th</sup> A];  
Christy Murphy, [17<sup>th</sup> A]; For a Special Intention

### **COLLECTIONS**

**Common Fund € 1,272 : Share € 810  
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## DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pupils of Maryfield College, Glandore Rd, wish to thank parishioners for their kind contribution of **€1925** following the collection at all Masses last weekend to **help support their participation in the care of Sick Pilgrims** in Pilgrimage 2025

**VIATORES CHRISTI** Members will speak at Masses in this parish during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses on 7th /8th June, 2025.

Viatores Christi (VC), is an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, founded in 1960. VC brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which we work.



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YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)



## HOPEFEST @ PORTMARNOCK

FRIDAY 13 JUNE | 7PM - 9:30PM

PORTMARNOCK PARISH (D13WK33)

- ★ AN EVENING OF FAITH AND FUN
- MUSIC & GAMES
- ☺ TIME TO CHAT & CONNECT
- 🔊 INSPIRING TALKS & WORKSHOPS
- 🙏 PRAY, CELEBRATE, GROW IN FAITH AND MUCH MORE!



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19TH YEAR! EST. 2007

**RALLY FOR LIFE • SAT, 5 JULY**  
**1:30PM • PARNELL SQUARE • DUBLIN**

### MATT TALBOT: A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES

Cause for the Canonisation of Venerable Matt Talbot

### St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Saturday, 7th June, 2025 at 3pm

Mass will be celebrated by  
Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Dermot Farrell  
on the centenary of the death of  
**Venerable Matt Talbot**

*Relics of Matt Talbot*

After Mass, a procession to the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, laying of a wreath at the tomb and prayer for the beatification of Venerable Matt Talbot.

**2025 - Venerable Matt Talbot Centenary Year**

## Releasing the HEALING POWER of God

### Healing Service

**Venue:** Holy Trinity Parish Donaghmede  
**Address:** Grange Rd, Donaghmede, Dublin D13 H920.

**Date / Time:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June At 6:45 to 9pm  
**Speakers:** Fr John Keane,  
Don Devaney and Roisin Doherty

TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI. SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30am & 12 NOON.  
BAPTISMS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS,  
AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE'S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST. Governance Code Charities Act RCN 20016166