



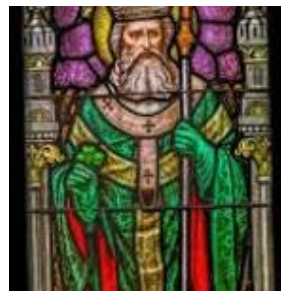
*From Deacon  
Gerard:*

***We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."***

The familiar Gospel story of the Transfiguration is a beautiful, moving encounter with the things of heaven. It's a dramatic moment when Jesus encounters Moses and Elijah and the voice of God the Father is heard. Jesus brings his inner circle comprising Peter, James and John with him to Mount Tabor for this remarkable event. The transfiguration is recounted in the gospels of Matthew 17:1–9 and Mark 9:2-8 as well as Luke 9:28–36.

In addition, 2 Peter 1:16–18 also refers to it, where it says: *"For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."* You can't really expect to get better verification than that! The last line here has a tremendous power of authenticity and witness about it. St Peter, who later became the first Pope, says *"We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain."* It was an event which clearly remained fresh in St Peter's mind and one that he no doubt often recalled, especially in times of difficulty. He was literally an eyewitness to Christ's glory. There is something very touching about Jesus engaging Moses and Elijah. It's as if these two major historic figures from the Hebrew scriptures are giving Jesus strength and advice for his difficult journey to come. An encounter with God in prayer, can give us strength and support as well but how often do we allow time for this in our busy lives? Jesus is encouraging us today to take time out for prayer and reflection this Lent. Pope Benedict once spoke in Lourdes about the "thin veil" that separates this world from the next. This veil is pulled back completely during this heavenly encounter. And we hear the great invitation from God the Father to each and every one of us: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* These powerful words resonate down through history to us all today. This story reminds us of the times in our lives when we have felt particularly close to God. It may have been during a retreat or when walking in the countryside. Or perhaps a time when someone we love said something special to us. We can

always treasure this memory and recall it in times of difficulty. I can remember an old neighbour who I met on our road that "there is always hope." He was a man of faith who lived well into his nineties, and I often think of him when there are a few challenges around. Let us pray in the coming week that we may recognise these moments of grace in our lives when God is giving us encouragement and refreshment. And to have the time and space to recall them during busier times in our lives when the pace of life may be a lot faster. Because God is always present in our lives even when we are unable to recognise it.



***ST PATRICK'S DAY***  
*Mass on St. Patrick's Day in St Anne's at 10.30a.m. and 12 noon (Irish with Music by Burrow Singers and Traditional Accompanists)*



*Wednesday  
Night Prayer  
during Lent:*

This coming Wednesday 19th March, **Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church** will be celebrated in **St. Anne's at 7.30pm**. This is the second week of our Lenten series

**'Faith and Me'**, a joint venture of our Partnership of Parishes with St. Andrew's Church of Ireland, Malahide. The short Service will include a reflection by Mr. Niall McCabe, President of the local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul addressing the theme of putting faith into action. Our Parish Folk Group will lead the singing of Night Prayer. Hospitality will follow in the Parish Centre. Please make an effort to attend to welcome our guests and mark our common observance of the Holy Season of Lent. The Service will be hosted in Sacred Heart Parish, Yellow Walls on March 26<sup>th</sup> and conclude in St. Andrew's Church of Ireland on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **CJF**

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased  
**Dan Linehan, Torcaill**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm**

Anne Kenny, [RD]; Mary Gill, [1<sup>st</sup> A].

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30a.m. Geraldine Gilhooly, [29<sup>th</sup> A], and her parents Fergus & Bridie O'Reilly; Annie & Bridie O'Reilly, [A]; Annie & Andrew Bourke, [A]; John & Margaret Wright, [A]; Jack & Eileen Curran, [A]; Jim & Catherine Patton, [A]; Mary Sorohan, [A]; William Sorohan, [A]; Judy Burke, [A]; Greg Burke, [A]

**12 noon**

Maurice Pike, [A]; Colin Dunne, [4<sup>th</sup> A]; Patrick Penrose, [A]; Larry Smith, [Bth Rem]; Sean White, [A].

## CONFIRMATION MEETING



for Parents/Guardians of Candidates for Confirmation will be held on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in the church.

## DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE KNOCK 2025



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Leaving St. Anne's Church at 7.30am. Stopping at the Grenville Arms each way. Dinner included €55.00. Deposit of €25 to

Parish Office or Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744

## COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Common Fund € 1602

Share € 1110

*Sincere thanks for your support.*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

take place after all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity.



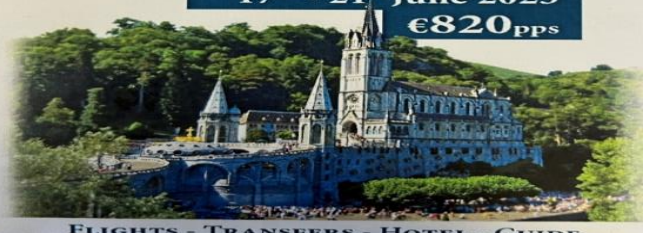
## POPE FRANCIS

Let us continue to pray in a special way for the health and recovery of the Holy Father.

## 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 pps



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Contact: Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744



**Annual Daffodil Day**  
Coffee Morning in aid of  
The Irish Cancer Society on  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, in  
Sienna's Restaurant in  
Malahide, from 10am to  
1pm. All welcome.



"The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven"

## Blessed Carlo Acutis First Class Relic

St. Sylvester's Church Malahide

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

Blessed Carlo (1991-2006) will be Canonised on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

All welcome to come for a blessing.

Schedule of events on [www.malahideparish.ie](http://www.malahideparish.ie)



## THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MALAHIDE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

competition will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<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>

## BALDOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE IS OFFERING A SENIOR ALERT SCHEME

to help adults aged 65 and older stay safe and connected in emergencies. This service is free for the first year (if you have a landline). For more information please contact us at 01 832-6115

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