



Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes

from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

Pope Leo XIV, Lenten message 2026

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Loretta Doyle, Carrickhill Walk
Máire Killian, Carrickhill Road Upper
Michael Ó Dúill, Bracken Drive

Saturday, 7th March – 6.30pm

Briega McGuinness, [Month's Mind];
Jack Byrne [1st A]; Rose Byrne, [A]
Mary McHenry, [A]; Ciaran May, [13th A];
James Agnew, [A]; Daniel Lenihan, [1st A].
Michael John Canning, [A].

Sunday, 8th March – 10.30am

Rita Freir, [RD]; Marie Power, [A]; John Emmet; [2nd A]
Eugene McCartin, [16th A]; Eddie McConnon, [A];
Tom Gibbons, [3rd A]; the Fee Family;
Patrick & Margaret Slattery, [A] Denis Gorey, [25th A]

12 Noon

Pat Canning, [1st A]; John Donnelly, [5th A];
Rosaleen Smith, [A]; the Hanahoe Family;
Robert Clancy, [2nd A]; Joseph Brennan, [A];
John & Margaret Wright, [A]; Barry Jeffers, [A].
Jack & Eileen Curran, [A]; Jim & Catherine Patton, [A];
John Emmett, [2nd A].

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund	€ 1395
Share	€ 945

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

SVP Portmarnock will hold their Church Gate Collection after all masses next weekend
14th and 15th March.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FOUR WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

will be hosted by the parishes of Malahide Church of Ireland, St. Sylvesters, Malahide, Yellow Walls and St. Anne's Portmarnock. The **second celebration of Evening Prayer** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 11th March at 8.00pm** in St. Sylvester's Church. All welcome



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, APRIL 25th 2026

A bus has been booked for parishioners of the Partnership of Parishes - Malahide, Portmarnock, Yellow Walls

and Kinsealy. More information will be available from Pauline Geoghegan, at St. Anne's, Portmarnock, at a later date.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pastoral Theme 2026 –
The Annunciation
3rd to 8th September 2026,
led by Archbishop Farrell.

Further information from info@joewalshstours.ie or phone 01 2410800. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to Canon John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie

OPENING OF THE SHRINE TO ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

St Sylvester's Parish Church, Malahide, Co Dublin
Visit of the First-Class Relics of St. Therese and her parents St. Louis & St. Zelie Martin
Thursday March 12th to Sunday, March 15th 2026

BLESSING WITH ST. THERESE RELIC

Sunday, 15th March - Mother's Day
Malahide : Blessing with Relic after
8.30am & 11.30a.m Masses;
Kinsealy Blessing with Relic after 10.00am Mass



Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March." www.epilepsy.ie

Why was St Thérèse of Lisieux proclaimed a Doctor of the Church? How did this Carmelite nun who entered the Carmel at age fifteen and died at age twenty-four, become a Saint and universal patron of the missions? Is it possible to relate in any way to St Thérèse and her 'Little Way' in our every day lives? Despite Thérèse's strict religious upbringing, the religious milieu at the time, the emotional losses she suffered (Thérèse was four years old when her mother died), the mental and physical suffering she endured, it was her 'Little Way', her 'mental prayer', her daily sacrifices, her way of Spiritual Childhood, which contributed to her becoming a Saint.

St Thérèse's 'Little Way' How did St Thérèse explain as her 'little way'? In her writings to a Priest Fr. Pere Roulland, a Missionary Priest, on the 9th May 1897, she explained that her 'little way' was about being both small and doing the smallest action with great love. The fullest personal explanation given by Thérèse herself was in an exchange with Mother Agnes (her sister Pauline), on the 17th July 1897, only two or three months before she died. 'I feel that my mission is soon to begin' she exclaims 'to make others love God as I love him. to teach souls my little way [...] I will spend my Heaven in doing Good on Earth'. I will let fall a shower of roses' Roses have been described and experienced as St. Thérèse's signature.

St Thérèse's struggle with prayer

One central characteristic of Thérèse was her struggle with the act of praying. The major 'difficulty' for Thérèse she explained, were distractions. Her mind tended to wander easily, and she looked upon these distractions as a cross to bear. It is a comfort for us all to know that even the great Saints struggled with prayer! In Thérèse's mind, a Saint is not required to do great things, but to do ordinary things extraordinary well and this was basis of her 'little way' – doing ordinary things with patience and love and offering up any upsets or frustrations to God.

St Thérèse's – a model for all who suffer from anxiety In the age of anxiety such as ours, Thérèse is a model for all who suffer from worries that life will not hold the love, happiness, and contentment for which we naturally hunger. Her remedy for such anxiety was simply to give herself to God without conditions, as a child does to a loving mother or father. Thérèse reminds us that God's love includes *all of us*.

St Thérèse's message

Thérèse's message is learning to accept ourselves as we are, trying to change what we can, whether in ourselves or the world around us, and then letting the rest fall to God's care. Her vision of life, as a conduit for God's love, has the power to heal and soothe. Doing ordinary things with great patience and love and offering up any upsets or frustrations to God were the basis of her Little Way. Thérèse was gifted a unique perspective that transcends the time in which she lived and speaks to us

today. Her understanding of the Christian life provides a unique clarity to 21st century Christians, which seeks a pathway to holiness in a world which is not always receptive or supporting of the Christian life. In May 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized Thérèse and in 1997 Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church. To many she has been proclaimed the greatest saint of modern times. St Thérèse pray for us. Amen.

Beatrice Reilly assists in Donaghmede,, Baldoyle and Coolock parishes.



Assistance Dog Programme for Children with Autism Applications opening 9 am to 9 pm on Monday, 23rd March 2026.

Irish Guide Dogs are particularly proud to open the list this year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Since launching Europe's first dedicated Assistance Dog Programme for children with autism in 2005, we have set the benchmark for excellence in training standards, dog welfare, and ongoing family support. As a result of our proven impact and reputation, we are proud to be Ireland's largest and most successful Assistance Dog Programme for children with autism.

Applications

Applications to the waiting list for our Assistance Dog Programme will open from **9 am to 9 pm on Monday, 23 March**. Applications will **only** be accepted via the form.

In advance, we would strongly advise you to read our Frequently Asked Questions and consider attending our online information sessions, details at:

<https://www.guidedogs.ie/what-we-do/assistance-dogs>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our ClientServicesTeam@GuideDogs.ie or call 0818 506 300.



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PORTMARNOCK PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 13th - 18th September

Contact Pauline Geoghegan, 0876293744
Spiritual Director: Canon John Flaherty
**MEDUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES
3rd to 10th JUNE 2026**

contact Derek + Anne Farrell
Mobiles : 0862573824 + 0879224077 .
Spiritual Director : Fr. Christopher Nkole.
29TH JULY – 5TH AUGUST 2026

contact Teresa McCabe 087 206 9249
Spiritual Directors:
Fr. Roland Nfambang & Fr Omodunbi



DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING in aid of The Irish Cancer Society on Thursday 12th March, in Sienna's Restaurant in Malahide, from 10am to 1pm.
All welcome.