



Bring flowers of the fairest, bring blossoms the rarest, from garden and woodland and hillside and vale, our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling, the praise of the loveliest flower of the May.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,

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Their lady they named thee, Thy mistress proclaimed thee,

O grant their children on earth will be true As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers, as long as the azure will keep its bright blue.

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From Deacon Gerard: When speaking to a group of pilgrims in Rome, the late Pope Francis made the following remarks: *“Many people think that today it is more difficult to say we are Christians and to live faith in Christ. However, I would like to repeat to you that today it is no more difficult than in other ages of the Church: it is just different.”* This reminded me of a biography of St Anthony which I read recently. The writer said that there was never a so called golden age for Christianity and that each century brings its own challenges for the Church and people of faith. He writes that, in every age, there are only a certain number of really committed Christian people. This was as true in the time of St Anthony in the 12th century as it is today. There is a sense then that we can be always looking back over our shoulders at what we consider to have been better times, instead of focusing on the present and how we can positively influence the times we live in with our contributions and efforts through the lens of faith. In the Church today, we certainly live in no less challenging times where the message of the Gospel has become obscured by the creation of a more secular society and, of course, the situation has not been helped by the terrible abuse scandals that have plagued the Church in recent years. Nonetheless, there is a great residue of faith in our parish, in our community and throughout our Archdiocese. In our Gospel today,

Jesus asks us to *“Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.”* That is certainly a challenge to us all in the church today. We need only recall the recent visit of the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Malahide parish and the large attendance at our Easter ceremonies to remind us that there is a strong wellspring of faith in our community. Saint John XXIII said that a parish should be like a fountain in the village that offers to quench everyone’s thirst. We ask Pope Francis to intercede for the church which he so much loved as the process begins to elect his successor. He visited the Regina Coeli prison in Rome on Holy Thursday and asked: *“Why them and not me?”* It was a final challenge to us all. A call to reach out to others who have their own challenges and to do our best to assist them. Let us also ask Our Lady to pray for the future of our church at this time. Pope Francis often visited the icon of *Salus Populi Romani* in the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, and he is now buried there. The name means “Health or Salvation of the Roman People.” Let us ask for her intercession.



WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Father William Richardson,

Father Kevin Cahill.

Both priests worked in the Archdiocese of Dublin

Saturday, 3rd May

6.30pm: Evan Doyle,[Month’s Mind];
Graham Crookes,[RD], Dorothy Murphy,[Rec Dec’d];
Daithi Terry,[16th A]; Ned Carthy,[Bth Rem];
John O’Malley,[1st A]

Sunday, 4th May

10.30am Thomas Bryce,[Month’s Mind];
Beverley McMackin,[Month’s Mind];
Edward Fallon,[A]; Mary Teresa Bryce,[22ndA];
Josephine Carty,[A].

12 noon

Brenda Kenny,[Month’s Mind];
Siobhan Sullivan,[11th A]; Maura Walsh,[10th A];
Agnes Rudden,[A]; Jim Smith,[A].



COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 27th April 2025

Common Fund €1727

Share €1060

Sincere thanks for your support.

EASTER DUES

Sincere thanks to all those who have already contributed to this important collection for the Common Fund which supports all our Archbishop, bishops, active, sick and retired priests throughout the year. Easter Dues may be left in the Safes in the Church, or handed into the Parish Office or Sacristy.

Partnership Mass Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Yellow Walls, Malahide at 11am. This will be the only public Mass in the Partnership on the Bank Holiday.



Our Parish celebration of Confirmation

for the children of 6th Class in St. Marnock's NS will be on **Friday next 9th May at 11am.** Consequently there will be no 10am Mass.

Congratulations to the 90 children attending St. Helen's SNS who were confirmed on Thursday last, a day of great joy for their Families and School. A heartfelt thanks to all in the Schools and Parish who helped our young people and their Families prepare for and celebrate their Confirmation.



The Papal Conclave

is set to begin on

May 7th. *Let us pray for the Cardinals as they begin the process to elect the successor to Pope Francis.*

JOURNEY THROUGH CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

A series of talks exploring the teaching and example of the great Carmelite saints, brought to life by inspiring Carmelite speakers.

Wednesday 7th of May – 7.30pm St. Teresa of Avila

- Towards Depth in Prayer, by Fr John Grennan OCD.

Wednesday 14th of May – 7.30pm St. Therese of Lisieux – Her Little Way: Finding God in the Ups and Downs of Daily Life, by Fr Vincent O'Hara OCD.

Wednesday 21st of May – 7.30pm St. Titus Brandsma - Catholic Journalist: Courageous Witness to Truth, by Br. Patrick Mullins O.Carm. All Talks are on in **In St. Sylvester's Parish Centre,**

Eucharistic



Adoration

10.30am- 4.00pm, Monday to Friday

7.00a.m. – 8.00am Tuesday

7.00pm – 9.00pm Monday and Thursday.

Adoration is in the Jubilee Chapel except on Wednesday mornings from after 10am Mass until 1.00pm when it is in the church. All Welcome.

Portmarnock Parish

LOURDES

4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN

Spiritual Director

Canon John Flaherty

3* Hôtel San Sauveur

17th - 21st June 2025

€820pps



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FINGAL COUNSELLING SERVICE - VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON

Fingal Counselling Service (FCS), a trusted organisation providing mental health support in the Fingal area for over 30 years, is seeking a **Volunteer Chairperson** to lead its Management Committee. We are looking for someone with strong leadership skills, a passion for community service, and the ability to commit approx. **12 hours per month**. The Chairperson plays a key role in supporting the growth and governance of the service. If you'd like to make a meaningful difference in your community, we would love to hear from you. ☎ Call: 01-8902596

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