



I am writing to you today about Share, the Diocesan Development Fund, the second collection at Sunday Mass, which depends wholly on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese.

Contributions to Share have not fully recovered since COVID-19. I appeal to you today to consider increasing your contribution throughout the year to this important fund which reflects practically our solidarity, support and care for each other as Church across the Archdiocese. At this time in the Archdiocese,

through the Building Hope initiative, we are learning to renew parish life by engaging in conversation, listening to each other, and working together in partnerships of parishes. The recently published Building Hope Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025–2027 provides us with a real possibility of looking together at new ways of expressing our cherished Catholic tradition, vision and way of life. Through your contributions to Share, essential support for these significant parish and partnership conversations, and planning for the future, is offered from our diocesan offices. As well as day-to-day support, and the provision of important governance policies and guidelines, the personnel in these offices are available for consultation, training, formation and guidance concerning local pastoral, education, strategic leadership, safeguarding and communications initiatives, and in meeting statutory obligations in administrative and operational matters such as finance and fundraising, property, health and safety, and data protection. The Mission & Ministry team provides continuing pastoral development support for our parishes and partnerships of parishes. They accompany teams, offering training and formation opportunities, and support the development of voluntary ministries in parishes across the Archdiocese. While the purpose of the Share collection has evolved over the years, it is a significant source of funding and encouragement in the Archdiocese, strengthening parish life and ministry. Importantly, Share also provides much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. It is necessary for all of us to become more aware of the challenges faced in different parishes in our Diocese. Through Share we show practical support for parishes beyond our own parish partnership, particularly those in most need. Scripture today rejoices in those who give generously from the little they have (Mark 12:41–44): ‘Jar of meal shall not be spent; jug of oil shall not be emptied’ (1 Kings 17:14). What a difference we can make to others when we share what we have with them. We may never fully know the value and impact of our generosity to others. Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this Share Appeal Sunday, and for your continued support for Share at the second collection every Sunday throughout the year, as together we seek to build up and renew the Church locally. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us,
+ Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

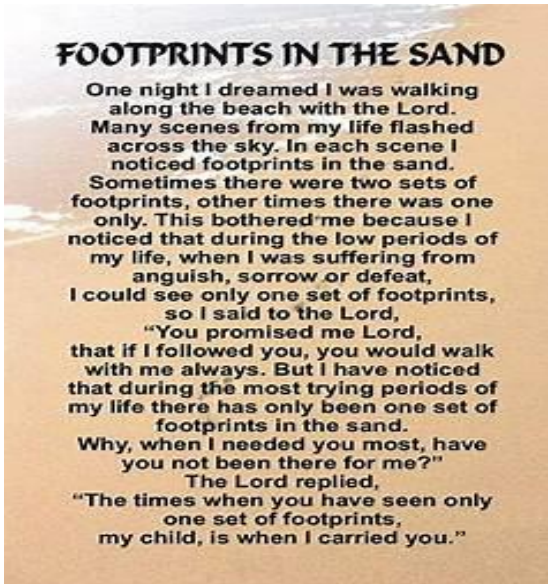
**AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY
 ST ANNE'S PORTMARNOCK
 TO SHARE IN 2023
 €50,707.**

Well done and sincere thanks for your ongoing support-

✠ FROM DEACON GERARD

As we reflect on important issue for our world today, our Gospel story most certainly brings us down to earth. We have the parable of the poor widow who is far more generous with her donation to the temple treasury than the other people who gave from their greater resources. Our Gospel mirrors the story in our First Reading of Elijah from the First Book of the Kings. He encounters a widow who provides him with some food out of the small amount she has for herself and her son. Our First Reading on a Sunday will have similar theme to our Gospel. In this case, small things matter. This tells us that Jesus is concerned about the smaller things in life which many people might not notice. St Therese of Lisieux wrote about the importance of doing the small things well. The challenge for us all is to reflect on how can we make even a small difference. I often think of the importance of the Ministry of Welcome at Mass. A friendly word can make an enormous difference especially at this time of the year when people may be out and about a bit less than during the summer months. The Church has certainly experienced many necessary changes in recent years that were perhaps unthinkable thirty or forty years ago. These changes, although challenging to those who were used to experiencing a different way of being church, are nevertheless necessary as we continue to evolve and grow in faith as a Christian people. The New Testament tells us that the “*word of God is something alive and active*” (Hebrews 4:12). In other words, its dynamic and inspires us in different ways over time. Pope Francis encourages us to look beyond ourselves and be inspired by the poor in the closing mass of the Synod on the Amazon: “*We have had the grace of listening to the voices of the poor and reflecting on the precariousness of their lives, threatened by predatory models of development. Yet precisely in this situation, many have testified to us that it is possible to look at reality in a different way, accepting it with open arms as a gift, treating the created world not as a resource to be exploited but as a home to be preserved, with trust in God.*” Jesus is telling us today that he will walk with us through our challenges and difficulties and that we should not be

afraid. As the reflection *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us: "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, It then that I carried you."



WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Noel Murray, Wendell Ave
Con Power, Summerhill, Co Meath
[Brother of Mandy O'Daly, Ardilaun]

Saturday, 9th November 6.30p.m
Mary Keogh,[A], and deceased members of the Keogh Family.

Sunday, 10th November 10.30a.m.
Paddy Carty
Michael Fitzpatrick

12 noon;

Barry Cox, [Month's Mind];
David & Alice Sweeney,[A]; Clare Higgins,[1st A];
Maureen Comerford,[A]; Eileen Carr,[13th A].

COLLECTIONS

November 1st

Common Fund	€ 295
Share	€ 185

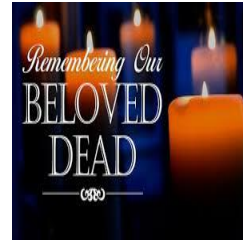
November, 3rd

Common Fund	€1,233
Share	€ 860

Thank you for your generous support

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR

Sr. Jacinta, on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sybil Hill, wish to thank parishioners for their generous donations following the recent collections. €2,621.28 was collected and the money goes towards the care of the Residents, and the needs of the Sacred Heart Residence.



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

envelopes are available in the church and may be left in the Parish Office or in the church safes

PORTMARNOCK CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Portmarnock Charismatic Prayer Meeting takes place at 8.00pm, in Teallach Áine, Parish Centre. This prayer meeting is for everyone. Please join us for an evening of music, prayer and Scripture. All are very welcome.

FAITH CLASS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teaches children about prayer and faith using Montessori principles. This is an exciting opportunity for young children to experience the joy of God's unique love for them in a creative, fun and prayerful environment. Level one class for ages 3-6. Time: 11:35am-12:35pm (after family mass), in the Parish Centre. Contact - Aoife 0861646971 for more information or to enrol

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Drivers Wanted!
Make a difference for someone today!



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FR WILLIE DOYLE SJ



A NEW SAINT FOR IRELAND

The heroic life of the
Servant of God
Fr. Willie Doyle, SJ]

Talk by Patrick Kenny,
Father Willie Doyle Association
Wednesday, 13th November 7.30pm
Parish Centre, St. Sylvester's Church
Main Street Malahide, Co Dublin K36 RY76