Prisoners' Sunday 2026

Sunday, October 11, 2026

This is the National Day of Prayer and action designated by the Catholic Church to remember prisoners, their children, families, and everyone touched by the criminal justice system. It is an invitation to look past headlines and statistics, reflecting on the scriptural call,

"I was in prison and you visited me".

'PRAY THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER FOR PEACE'

Pope Leo said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October. He called for them to pray the Rosary "*with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict*." Pope Leo said: "*Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation*".

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 10th October – 6.30am
Tim O'Callaghan, [Month's Mind];
Peter Andrews,[9th A];
Patrick & Josie Maher,[A];
Elizabeth & Michael Dillon, [Rem – dec'd]
Angela Ryan,[Bth Rem, dec'd].

Sunday, 11th October - 10.30am
Michael Fitzpatarick,[A];
Daniel & Mary Casey,[A].

12 Noon
Verona Connolly, [Month's Mind]
Marie Dunleavy, [Rec Dec'd]
Kathryn McCormick, [Bth Rem]
Jason Connolly,[A]:

COLLECTIONS

Common Fund €1,227
Share € 780
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MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

will be held on Monday, 12th October at 7.30p.m. in the Library, Parish Centre

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion are looking for new members to join them. We visit 2 Retirement Homes, The Residence, Portmarnock and Talbot Lodge. We are hoping to expand our work to visiting Housebound Parishioners. We hold our weekly meeting at 11 am on Monday in the Parish Centre. It lasts about an hour and comprises of The Rosary, Spiritual Readings and planning our work. For further information please contact John Hughes, 0862542883 or Angela Keavney 0863296721.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY

As in previous years the Archdiocese will be taking a count in all parishes of those attending the Saturday Vigil Mass/and Sunday Masses. Having a sense of Mass attendance in parishes and partnerships of parishes is essential as the Diocese plans ahead.

The count, this year, will take place on *Saturdays/Sundays, October 10th/11th, 17th/18th and 24th/25th*.

AnamCara
Supporting Parents After Bereavement

Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening will centre around the fundamentals of parental grief and 'what helps.' This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on Thursday 15 October at 7pm. Bereaved parents are very welcome to register here: https://bit.ly/OctBIE

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Will be celebrated on Sunday 18th October

Mass will be celebrated in honour of Our Lady of Fatima's Final Apparition on Tuesday 13th October in the Church of The Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls, Malahide. Rosary will be prayed at 7pm followed by the celebration of The Mass. Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who have not already been enrolled.
Tea and coffee to follow - Hope you can join us.

"In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."

Last Friday October 9th, we celebrated the Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman. Pope Francis quoted these words of Newman at his canonisation ceremony in Rome in 2019: "*The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man*" (Parochial and Plain Sermons, V, 5). Newman was a leading intellectual and writer of 19th century England who famously converted to Catholicism, founded what later became University College Dublin, built University Church on St Stephen's Green and is known for his prayerful concern for people's spiritual welfare and his love for the poor in Birmingham. Newman points out that sometimes we are led to think that we ought to be useful on a large scale and to move away from our usual "line of life". But he tells us that this should not be the case. "We need not give up our usual manner of life, in order to serve God and that "that the most humble and quietest station is acceptable to Him, if improved duly." In one of his more famous quotations, Saint John Henry wrote: "*In a higher world it is otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often*." I think this perfectly describes his pragmatic approach to life and to ministry. It is an most opportune time for Newman to be canonised. He is a moderate voice of reason who encourages constructive and worthwhile debate on the issues of the day. When Newman was made a Cardinal on May 14th 1879, l'*Osservatore Romano* published the address given by the Cardinal Newman on its front page. He said: "*In a long course of years, I have made many mistakes. I have nothing of that high perfection which belongs to the writings of Saints ... but what I trust that I may claim all through what I have written, is this,—an honest intention, an absence of private ends, a temper of obedience, a willingness to be corrected, a dread of error, a desire to serve Holy Church, and, through Divine mercy, a fair measure of success*." Newman advocated a middle course – *via media* – advocating a reasoned approach to the various challenges that he faced. He acknowledged that church teaching needs to evolve over time and that it was necessary to take risks - or "ventures" as he referred to them - for the faith. He wrote: Newman also wrote about the importance of an educated catholic laity and the important role that they play in the life of the church. He also spoke about journeying from out of shadows and images into the truth. For him, life was an evolving journey lead by the kindly light of Christ. Newman's legacy is one of tolerance and dialogue, so necessary in the church of today which has to deal with so many challenges. Let us all pray to Saint John Henry for all our needs and intentions and those of our families, friends and parish communities.
Deacon Gerard

AFTERNOON OF MERCY PRAYER

for the Holy Souls with Deacon Don Devaney, Sunday November 1st Kilbarrack Church from 2.30 to 5pm,
with light refreshments about 4pm in the Parish Centre.
Contact : What's App 0852548244.
www.paulwickham.com

BIBLICAL CATECHESIS WITH FR. DOMINIK DOMAGATA

GENESIS – The Beginning of everything
- **And the Beginning of Salvation**

There will be talks given by Fr. Dominik one Wednesday every month from 8:00pm to 9:00pm
in St Sylvester's Parish Centre, starting on
21st October 2026 and running until 19th May 2027.
For further information please contact
Ronan a 087 2429540

PORTMARNOCK SCOUTS

Thank you to all who supported their Annual Sleep Out against Homelessness with Focus Ireland 'Shine a light' in the grounds of St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock
On Friday, 9th October. .