



In today's Gospel, we come across the familiar figure of the rich young man who encountered Jesus during his ministry and asked him what he

needed to do in order to inherit eternal life. Unlike with the apostles, Jesus did not call the young man directly or select him for ministry. Instead, the young man chose to go over to him. What is also interesting about the story is that the young man decided not to pursue the call of Jesus. We are told that "he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." There are a number of points that can be made about this story. Firstly, he is described as, a "young man". So, perhaps he was still not mature enough to take on the challenge of the Gospel. Jesus may have recognised that he was not yet ready for this task. There are many times in our lives when we may be asked to do something, but we may not be ready to take on the challenge. It could be a project at work, school or college or perhaps an opportunity to join a football team or sports club. We may conclude that, while we appreciate the invitation, our resources may not permit us to take it up at that particular time. Secondly, the young man is one of the few prominent characters in the New Testament who does not accept the challenge that Jesus offers him. Of course, we do not hear about this again, so we have no idea how his life worked out into the future. I am sure we can speculate that the encounter with Jesus did have a profound effect on the young man and most likely altered the course of his life for the better. Often in our lives, we can meet people who will make a deep impression on us and encourage us on our journey of faith. But, it's only with hindsight that we can fully appreciate the benefit of such encounters. Thirdly, Jesus reminds us that wealth and possessions - as an end in themselves - can be a barrier to faith. Of course, we all need certain things for our daily lives and that's fair enough but I think the issue that Jesus is pointing us towards is that we should not allow the accumulation of wealth to dominate our lives. The main goal of our lives should not involve the accumulation of wealth especially at the expense of others. So, we are being asked to be modest with our possessions and live lives that are focused on the values of the Gospel. \ In the context of today's Gospel, we can imagine that the rich young man must have often recalled his meeting with Jesus and wondered what might have happened had he accepted his invitation. In the challenges of life and the challenges of being people of faith, I think we have to make the best call we can with God's help. In the words of the poet Seamus Heaney we can "believe that a further shore is reachable from here." In other words, our prayers are listened to and God is present in our lives. *Deacon Gerard*

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased  
Barry Cox, Martello Court

Saturday, 12 October - 6.30p.m  
Peter Andrews [7<sup>th</sup> A]; Peter Brady [4<sup>th</sup> A]

Sunday, 13 October –  
10.30a.m. Teresa Kenny [A]

12 noon Jason Connolly; [1<sup>st</sup> A];  
Bernard Henshaw, [A]; Chris Conway, [A];  
Tom McLernon, [A]; Isabel Fernandez de Castille Jos  
Celia Maria Bianchi; Albert Tutusaus;  
Carlos Moretti; Olinda Moretti

## COLLECTIONS

Weekend: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Common Fund € 1588

Share € 610

*Thank you for your generous support*



## INVITATION

*Please come and light a candle and say a prayer for peace in our beautiful world*

**DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR PEACE**

**SAT 19TH OCT 2024 : 11 AM - 5 PM**

St Annes Church, Portmarnock

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Reflective music, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Candle procession, Prayers for Peace. **EVERYONE WELCOME** for 5 mins or the whole day!

**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.



### ST BERNADETTE - RELIC PILGRIMAGE: DUBLIN

For details visit the  
Oblates or Franciscan  
websites

Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

[www.oblateparishinchicore.ie](http://www.oblateparishinchicore.ie)

Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

[www.franciscansdublin.ie](http://www.franciscansdublin.ie)

OR [www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie).

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED  
PLEASE CONTACT TESS AT : 086 8576190

### THE PORTMARNOCK & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

**OPEN DAY:** to recruit new members on  
**TUESDAY OCT 15TH AT 10.30AM.**

The Men's Shed is located at  
The White Sands Hotel. Do you live in  
Portmarnock, Malahide or surrounding areas?  
Enjoy a bit of craic over a game of pool, a cup of  
tea or some woodworking? Join our men's shed –  
all ages welcome - Come along to our open day to  
see for yourself.

**ANAM CARA**, the organisation that supports  
bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support  
Evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm in the  
Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17  
Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved  
parents regardless of the age your child died, the  
circumstances of their death, or how recent their death  
was. You do not need to register in advance. We also  
offer an online support group meeting. To find out  
more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**DRAMA GROUP:** A new drama group is  
starting in Portmarnock Parish this week in  
Teallach Áine (Room in Parish Centre attached to  
the Church). No cost- the goal is to hold a play at  
Christmas and tickets sold will be to support  
people in war afflicted areas in the world. The play  
title will be decided by the group. So whether  
you've never acted in your life or you were  
previously Oscar nominated please consider  
joining. Over 18s. (Over 16s to be accompanied by  
their parent/guardian) Any questions phone  
Michael 087-9532583

**#YML**  
DIOCESAN  
CERTIFICATE IN  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
LEADERSHIP

6 Saturdays  
10am - 4pm

**REGISTER NOW**

**Dates Schedule**

- January 11th
- February 22nd
- March 29th
- April 26th
- May 17th
- June 14th

**Who is it for?**

- For Young Adults looking to upskill themselves to develop peer-to-peer ministry
- For those who feel called to minister to, and accompany, Youth and Young Adults in their parish
- For those looking to develop a Youth Ministry in their parish

Reflective practice will include exploring youth culture today, leading prayer & groups, working with teens, organising events, building teams, and using resources, presented with guest speakers.

For all queries & to Register email: [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

**COST: €120  
FOR 6 MODULES**

[www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

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**INFORMATION  
SESSION**

An information session on the new #YML - Youth Ministry Leadership course will take place on zoom on  
**Monday 18th November at 7:30pm**  
The session will be repeated on Tuesday 26th November for those that can't make the first session.

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**PORTMARNOCK LIONS CLUB:** We would like to express our grateful appreciation for the support for our collection on the weekend of 28/29 September where a total of €1411 was collected. We are very grateful for your support.

**PORTMARNOCK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB** - Main Hall of the PSLC on Tuesday morning from 11.00am – 12.30pm and Friday night from 8.00pm – 9.30pm. Contact: - Nuala 087 9435397