



***"Lead kindly light,
Lead gently on"***

In today's Gospel, we have the story of the brothers James and John who made the extraordinary request to Jesus that they should be able to sit on his left and on his right in heaven. This event is the subject of a famous

sermon by Saint John Henry Newman (whose feast day we celebrated earlier this month) entitled *The Ventures of Faith*. Newman tells us that we must take risks our "venture" for our faith. He says: *"They [James and John] ask the gift of eternal life... but He reminded [James and John] that they must venture for it. Here then a great lesson is impressed upon us, that our duty as Christians lies in making ventures for eternal life without the absolute certainty of success."* Newman tells us that ventures of this kind have a certain amount of difficulty and uncertainty associated with them. And this was the case in Newman's own life where he overcame many challenges and difficulties, not least his attempts to establish a Catholic University in Dublin which later became UCD. 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."* This thinking is very much in line with Newman's contemporary, St Therese of Lisieux, who wrote about her "little way" of trusting in God. Generous hearts, like James and John, say to Jesus, *"We can"* in order to do what he asks of us. Newman says that we should trust God to gradually reveal his plans for us. Newman famously wrote: *"Lead kindly light, Lead gently on, I do not ask to see the distant scene, One step is enough"*. When Saint John Henry Newman became a Cardinal in 1879, he chose as his motto *"Cor ad cor loquitur"* (Heart speaks unto heart) for his coat of arms. When writing about these words, Pope Benedict said *"Cardinal Newman's motto gives us an insight into his understanding of the Christian life as a call to holiness, experienced as the profound desire of the human heart to enter into intimate communion with the Heart of God."* And, going back to our Gospel reading: what became of James and John? By tradition James was the first of the apostles to be martyred in Jerusalem and John had a quite different fate as Newman put it *"dying last of the Apostles."* By tradition, St John also cared for Our Lady after the crucifixion, in obedience to the words of Jesus on the Cross *"Son, behold thy mother."* Let us pray today

through the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman, that he will hear our petitions and intercede for us. And may each of us, like James and John, feel able to take on the tasks that Jesus has given us and complete them to the best of our abilities. That's all God expects of us.

Deacon Gerard



**WELCOME TO
FATHER
JOHN
LAIZER, CSSP**

who has been

appointed for the Pastoral care of the Parish during my sick leave. Fr. John is from Tanzania and has already worked as curate in Lucan South Parish for a number of years. He is a member of the Spiritan Missionary Order. I know you will make Fr. John really welcome among us and show him how much we value his ministry to the Portmarnock Parish family and Partnership. May he make his home among us for many years to come. God bless your ministry in Portmarnock Fr. John. **CJF**

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

**Christopher (Chris) Conway, Ardilaun
Bishop Donal Murray, Former Dublin Auxiliary**

Saturday, 19 October

6.30p.m James Burnett[, [25th A];
Peter Andrews, [A]; Michael & Elizabeth Dillon;
Isabel Kelly, [1st A]; Margaret Ryan, [A].

Sunday, 20 October

10.30a.m. Brian & Maura Walsh, [A];
Peggy, Jim & Mary Twohig, [Rem];
John & Annie Keelehan, [5th & 4th A]

12 noon

Patricia & Paul McKee, [60th Wedding Anniv];
Margaret Ryan, [Month's Mind, wife of the late
Principal, St Marnock's]; Jim Humphries, [A];
Kathleen Wynne, [A]; Michael & Mairead
Madigan, [A]; Brian & Maura Walsh, [A];
Isabel Kelly, [1st A]; Ina Byrne, [A]; Bernie
O'Mahony and her parents Molly & Fergus, [A].
Sarah Hussey, [10th A]; Diarmuid Moore, [A].

COLLECTIONS Weekend: 13th October 2024

Common Fund € 1130

Share € 785

Thank you for your generous support

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. 23rd – 25th

www.oblateparishinchicore.ie

Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25th -26th

www.franciscansdublin.ie

OR www.stbernadette.ie.



DRAMA GROUP

A new drama group is starting
in Portmarnock Parish this
Tuesday 22nd October at 9pm

in Teallach Áine (in the Parish Centre). 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) We look forward to seeing you there. Michael – 087 9532583

ARTHUR MCCLOSKEY FOUNDATION

On behalf of the Arthur McCloskey Foundation I would like to thank everyone who supported our Fundraiser Golf Classic in September at Malahide Golf Club. We raised €19,000 which we gave to the Prosthetic Limb Clinic in Mostar. It costs €2,500 to replace one limb and we are very grateful for all your support.

Derek Farrell, Director. For further information:

www.arthurmc.com

AFTERNOON OF MERCY PRAYER

for the Holy Souls Sunday November 3rd in Kilbarrack Church 2.30 to 4.30pm with Deacon Don Devaney, (Divine Mercy Conference) with Benediction/Healing Prayers/Music Refreshments in the Parish Centre

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. *A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme* will take place on: Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th October, 2024 (Advance Booking Essential) contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

BAYSIDE ALPHA are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues', starting on Sunday the 27th of October at 7:30pm. To join this free course email aul@alphabayside@gmail.com

YOUTH 2000 LEINSTER RETREAT



is taking place in Ashbourne Community School, Co Meath from October 25th-27th! This will be a beautiful weekend of adoration, talks, prayer, and time

together, connecting with other young people and encountering Jesus. The retreat is donation only!

To register and for more information,

www.youth2000.ie or mail office@youth2000.ie

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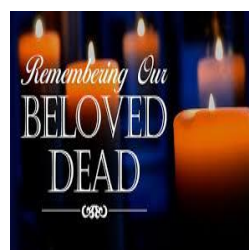
FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

URGENTLY NEEDED
PLEASE CONTACT
TESS AT : 086 8576190

Drivers Wanted!
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volunteer!



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 .