



***In the Church we
experience hope and
renewal"***

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks a question that each of us will have to answer at some point in our lives: "Who do you say that I am?"

"The Christ of God": St Peter's extraordinary profession of faith echoes down to us through the centuries. What would we say if we were asked the same question? If social media (with its preference for short, pithy soundbites) were around in the time of Jesus, this very question and St Peter's subsequent reply, might have appeared on Facebook or Instagram. Elsewhere in the Bible, the experience of encountering God is described in different ways. We are told in the Book of Kings that Elijah was able to identify God in a gentle breeze. Of course, our own experience of God can be less dramatic than St Peter who knew him literally face to face. St Teresa of Avila tells us that she looked for God everywhere and finally found him within herself. So, let us ask ourselves today who we say Jesus is and what he means to us in the different circumstances of our own lives.

The poet Patrick Kavanagh once said that "God is in the bits and pieces of life." At mass, Jesus is present in the community of faith who are gathered, in the Word of God and in the Eucharist.

Let us pray today that we may be given the grace to bring others to Jesus, especially those who may have lost their way, or many be need of help or consolation. As we return to work, school, or college after the summer holidays, it's a good time to ask what "new beginnings" we can nurture in our own lives and how we can build up the church in our own parish community. St Therese of Lisieux wrote about the importance of "doing small things with great love". That may well be quite a good starting point for us as continue on our journey of faith this autumn.

Deacon Gerard



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cross care
ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

The annual appeal for CROSSCARE the Social Support Agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin takes place today. Crosscare supports people and families who face complex challenges in life and find it difficult to get the help they need. Last year Crosscare

- Provided accommodation for 800 individuals and families who have no home.
- Supported 12,000 people, those facing homelessness, on low incomes and marginalised.
- Helped 180 young people who left care at 18 and faced life on their own.
- Youth services – street work detached work and outreach to over 4,500 marginalised children, young people and their families.
- Helped 750 families, including 1500 children who experienced food poverty.

**Conor Hickey, CEO, Crosscare
thanks our parishioners for their ongoing
support for Crosscare.**

*Donation envelopes can be found at the back of the
Church or donate online at www.crosscare.ie.*

SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

***PARTNERSHIP AREA MASSES
NEXT WEEK***

DURING THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

from Monday 16th – Friday 20th

Mass will be celebrated daily

9.30 Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls [No Mass Wed]

10.00 St Sylvester's, Malahide, [No Mass Thurs]

10.00 St Nicholas of Myra, Kinsealy, [Thurs]

10.00 St Anne's, Portmarnock [Fri 20th]

Weekends – Saturday, 6.30pm; Sunday, 12.00pm

FULL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE RETURNS

Weekend of 21st / 22nd September

Saturday evening Mass 6.30p.m.
Sunday morning Mass 10.30a.m.(Family Mass)
and 12 noon

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Common Fund € 1,108
Share € 800
Sincere thanks for your continued support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 14th September, 6.30p.m

Carmel Dowling, [Month's Mind]
Kileen Kennelly, [14th A]; Dan Kennelly[4th A]

Sunday, 15th September, 12 noon

Marjorie Roche, [Month's Mind];
Marie Cronly,[Rec Dec]; Killian Roche,[Bth Rem];
Gerard Tighe,[7th A]; Irene Magourty,[30th A]



ST BERNADETTE - RELIC PILGRIMAGE

In September and October, the **relics of St Bernadette** will visit three churches in Dublin: **Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, September 25-26; Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-4; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25-26.**

For more information 0861646971 or to register.

NATIONAL HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 26th September, will be hosted in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. All Welcome. Gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated. If you feel like baking please do!

ST ANNE'S AFTERNOON CLUB

has returned EVERY FRIDAY FROM 1.30PM. We are looking for voluntary drivers to bring some members to the Club, please contact Tess 086 857 6190.

JOHN MAIN MEDITATION

has resumed on Monday evenings at 7.30pm

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

has resumed on Wednesday evenings 8.00pm

ART CLASSES

Fingal Adult Education Service
in partnership with St. Anne's Afternoon Club
have resumed in the Parish Centre
Group 1 – Monday 10am-12.30pm
Group 2 – Monday 1.3p.m. – 4p.m.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES

resume in Portmarnock Community School on Monday evenings, commencing on 23 September 2024. An open evening will be held on Monday next, 16 September 2024, from 6.30 until 7.30pm. Further information: cceportmearnog@gmail.com.

IRISH GIRL GUIDES - PORTMARNOCK

Some places are available in our **Ladybird Guide unit**. The Ladybird Guide unit meets at Portmarnock Den on a Thursday evening from 5.30 - 6.30pm. Ladybirds are aged 5-7 years. They will learn about themselves, their community and the world around them. They will gain interest badges for the different fun activities they do. All learning is done through play. If your child would like to join us please contact Anita 0894509277, or June 0876527979 email: rdoer@irishgirlguides.ie. Volunteers to help with the unit are also very welcome.

ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN

is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 18th September at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. bereaved parents. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888.



DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

After the final Mass our new Auxiliary Bishop, Paul Dempsey, lit two large pilgrimage candles close to the Grotto remembering all those who supported this year's Dublin pilgrimage. A special remembrance was made of all those who supported our Assisted Pilgrims through their prayers and donations. All benefactors of the pilgrimage were remembered in the daily pilgrimage Masses offered by the Archbishop and the Chaplains at the Grotto and in the Lourdes Sanctuaries. **Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. St. Bernadette, Pray for us.**