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without the noise of words”*

When we look at our readings today, we can see that in the Church even at the time of Jesus and shortly afterwards, there were problems and difficulties as is the case as well today. The second reading, from the Letter of St James, reminds us that: *“Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done.”* St James adds: *“You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy, so you fight to get your way by force.”* However, he points out that people of genuine faith and Christian commitment can make a real difference in difficult times: *“Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.”* In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus predicting the harsh treatment that he would receive at the hands of the authorities. Not only did the apostles not understand what he said, they probably weren't even listening to him as they were too busy arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus tells us that this is not the right way to behave as Christian people. He says: *“If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.”* This is very much how Pope Francis lives his life as an encouragement and example to others. His serenity and wisdom at this time are truly inspirational. Our readings tells us that disagreement, ambition and division have no place in the Church. It's an important lesson for us all to reflect on in the light of recent events. Father Philip, who is parish priest in Lucan put it well when he wrote recently: *“We are still the community to whom Jesus entrusted his mission of announcing a God of mercy and compassion to all...the greatest dignity, which we all share is our Baptism whereby we become equals in the sight*

of God.” Speaking at the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes last week, Archbishop Dermot Farrell said: *“Our deepest listening during our time here in Lourdes will be done “with the ear of the heart” (St Benedict) “God speaks in the depths of the person, without the noise of words,” to use an expression of Bernadette herself. The moments of deepest communion in our lives are beyond words: the embrace of a loved one, the holding of a new-born, the moment of death; these sacred moments, where God-given mystery is tangible, these moments are woven in silence. Sometimes in our own lives in the face of immense suffering and pain, there can only be a dread silence—a silence which is itself a heartfelt cry to God”.* It is in silence that God's voice can be heard. Let us pray in the coming week that we will be inspired by the words of our readings today and be a servant to those we meet in our daily lives.

Deacon Gerard

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Nicholas (Nick) Brown – Portmarnock/Wexford
Rose Byrne, Kilmore/Portmarnock

Saturday, 21 September, 6.30p.m

Diarmuid Harte, [Month's Mind];
William & Rachel Dagg [A]; Helen Whiston,[A]

Sunday, 22 September, 10.30a.m.

Joan & Tom Tracey Mullins,[Bth Rem]
John Breslin,[Rec D]

12 noon

Mary Dolan, [Month's Mind]; John Harvey, [A];
Della Ryan,[RD]; Bridie & Michael O'Brien,[A];
John Peppard,[1st A]; Fergus McDermott,[6th A];
Christy Whelan,[A];Mark, Tessie & Michael
Carroll, [A]; Paddy, Maggie & Lizzie Moran,[A].
John Breslin,[Rec D]

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

MONTHLY COLLECTION will take place after
all Masses this weekend: Saturday,
6.30p.m.; Sunday, 10.30am and 12 noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB -

Voluntary Drivers needed - please contact Tess –
086 8576190



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 BERNADETTE - RELIC PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Victories,
Ballymun Road,
September 25-26;

Wednesday 25th September

2.00 pm Service of Welcome Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Followed by The Rosary while preparing for the Veneration

4.00 pm – 6.30pm Veneration of the Relics with Water Gesture Available

7.00 pm Blessed Sacrament Procession (Holy hour) & Blessing of sick.

8.00pm – 9.00pm Veneration of the Relics with Water Gesture Available, Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

9.00pm The day concludes with Mass

Thursday 26th September

10.00am A visit from some of our schools

11.00am Veneration of the Relics with Water Gesture Available Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

12.00 Mass of Anointing of the Sick

2.00pm – 7.30pm Veneration of the Relics with Water Gesture Available Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

8.00pm Torchlight Procession

10.00pm Night Prayer/Prayer moment Friday

27th September

10.00am Mass & Departure of the Relic to Ardagh & Clonmacnoise

RELIC PILGRIMAGE WILL ALSO VISIT:

October 23-24;

Mary Immaculate, Inchicore,

October 25-26; Adam & Eve's, Merchants

Quay, For more information 086 1646971

PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 27th September –

Rosary, 7.10p.m.; Mass 7.30pm; Followed by Blessing with St. Pio Relic

MATT TALBOT WALK
A Matt Talbot Walk will take place this Sunday, September 22, at 2pm, starting at Sean McDermott Street Church.

PORTMARNOCK LIONS CLUB
Will hold a collection outside St. Anne's Church on the weekend of the 28th/29th September to enable the Lions Club to continue to support vulnerable families and individuals in the community