



“Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another.”

Jesus tells us today that “anyone who is not against us is for us”, which will resonate with many of us given the situation that the Church has found itself in recent times. In other words, the Holy Spirit can act in ways that we don’t expect, and we should not be surprised if we find God in unexpected places. There is an old Irish saying that we often meet God in the stranger which encourages us to be welcoming to others. We need to be a welcoming and inclusive church where everyone is encouraged and respected. Our way of life is a sharing of faith one to another – “Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another” – Pope Francis. Jesus uses a phrase in today’s Gospel that I often reflect on: “If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.” There is a sense here that the small things in life are as important to God as bigger matters. In a way, that God’s perspective is different to ours. And it’s often small gestures that can have the biggest impact on us such as someone taking the time to phone or email us or an unexpected visit or gift. It’s very often the generous thought behind the gesture that is of greatest importance. Father Kieran O’Mahony explains the use of language in our Gospel passage today very well: “Jesus knows, of course, that it is not our hands or our feet or our eyes which cause us to sin (cf. Mark 7:14-23). There is a certain sarcastic, even caustic wit in telling us to lop off extremities, as if it were that simple”. In the week ahead help us to make those choices which will reflect our faith in our loving, just, and faithful God., see ourselves as God would wish us to be. This coming Tuesday October 1st, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Therese of Lisieux. In advance of the Feast day, St Brendan’s Parish in Coolock are having a Triduum at 6.30pm on the Sunday and 7.30pm on the Monday and Tuesday. Even if you can’t attend in-person you can join online at [Webcam | St Brendan's Coolock | Coolock Village Parish Church | Dublin | Ireland \(stbrendanscoolock.org\)](#) It will be a lovely opportunity to reflect on the life of one of the most well-loved saints. As we begin the month of October, let us remember the words of St Bernadette who said that “God speaks in the depths of the person without the noise of words.” Or, as St Benedict said, “our deepest listening will be done with the ear of the heart”. For it is in silence that God can be truly heard.

Deacon Gerard

PORTMARNOCK LIONS CLUB

Will hold a collection outside St. Anne’s Church this weekend - the 28th/29th September, to enable the Lions Club to continue to support vulnerable families and individuals in the community

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

**Mary King, Strand Road
Margaret Ryan, [wife of the late PJ Ryan,
former Principal, St. Marnock’s]**

Saturday, 28 September, 6.30p.m

**Marie Fagan,[4th A] & the Fagan Family;
Deceased Members of the O’Reilly Family;
Gabriel Corcoran,[A]; Breege Brennan,[Rec Dec]**

Sunday, 29 September, 10.30a.m.

Special intention; Richard Lawless, [Get Well]

12 noon

**John Feeney,[4th A]; Maria Bertha Da Silva,[A];
Joe & Marian Mahony,[A]; Joe Keena,[Rec Dec]
In thanksgiving for support of friends and
neighbours of the late Austin Dorgan, [RIP 11th
July];**

COLLECTIONS

Weekend: 15 September 2024

Common Fund € 770

Crosscare Collection € 2975

Weekend: 22 September 2024

Common Fund € 1385

Share € 795

Thank you for your generous support

Message from Fr. Martin Noone Director, Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage

I wish to thank the parishioners of St. Anne’s Portmarnock for their generous contribution of **€4,595**, and their commitment to the Lourdes Associate Membership. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Parish Associates were placed at the Grotto in Lourdes and Mass was offered for the intentions of all contributors during the Pilgrimage



This Candle was lit for all our Parishioners and Families during the Final Mass of our recent Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Candle was then placed close to the Grotto to continue to burn as a token of gratitude to Our Lady and St. Bernadette for favours received.

**EXPLORING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
Open Day**

12th October 2024
11 am to 5 pm

UCD Belfield




For further information and to register scan the QR code or visit vocations.ie/exploring-oct12

NATIONAL VOCATIONS OFFICE
Benevolent Society of Ireland

**St. Brendan's Church, Coolock
Tridium to the Little Flower
29th September to 1st October 2024
Sunday @ 6.30 pm,
Monday & Tuesday @ 7.30pm**

DATE	THEME	SPEAKER	MUSIC
Sunday 29th September 6.30pm	St. Therese' Early life and Spirituality	Beatrice Reilly	Maeve Counihan Jim Synnott
Monday 30th September 7.30pm	How did St. Therese Explain as her Little Way?	Deacon Gerard Reilly	Susan Baker Jim Synnott
Tuesday 1st October 7.30pm	St. Therese today- "I feel that my mission is soon to begin"	Deacon Gerard Reilly	Charis

FAITH CLASS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teaches children about prayer and faith using Montessori principles and it will be starting in Portmarnock parish soon. 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 children will commence on Sunday, 6 October 2024. Time: 11:35am-12:35pm (after family mass), in Portmarnock Parish Centre. Places are limited due to small class size. Contact - Aoife 0861646971 for more information or to enrol.



**SAFEGUARDING DAY HOMILY -
ARCHBISHOP FARRELL
September 21 -St Mary's
Pro-Cathedral, Dublin**

- The ordinary faithful of our land have named the abuse crisis for what it is: *an open wound*.
- Until the abuse crisis is fully addressed, there will be no authentic, enduring renewal and reform of our Church.
- It is vital that we come to recognise the dynamics of denial, and address them.
- Until we truly own what has happened, the necessary change of heart will remain on the surface – and a superficial 'change of heart' is no change of heart.
- Accountability worthy of its name cannot be mere lip service. Apparent accountability is not only offensive, it is a lie, and a lie which compounds the denials of the past, and intensifies the pain of survivors.
- If we are ever to move beyond episodic progress in the face of abuse, Irish society – all of us in all our different traditions and layers – will have to come to terms with the legacy of our complex history. *Archbishop Farrell's homily can be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/safeguarding-day-2024>*

Archdiocese of Dublin

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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
Bowling is one of the few sports that can be enjoyed by any age. New members are always welcome. All ages and levels of experience catered for. Free coaching and equipment is provided. Come and try it.
Contact: - Nuala 087 9435397

FREE LOCAL DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT/INFO GROUP
Monday October 21st at 3pm in Baldoyle Contact Paula 0852548244 www.paulwickham.com