



John 6: 35

"The flame of faith has been passed on to us to share with the generations to come".

You may be familiar with the ruined church at Grange Abbey which is located close to the Donaghmede roundabout. The church was used regularly from the 14th-16th centuries but has remained, five centuries later, as a symbol of the faith of that community from hundreds of years earlier. In those times, it would have been farming land in the area and I imagine it would mainly have been farm labourers who would have attended mass there, perhaps at the beginning of a hard working day bringing in the harvest or on a Sunday in their best clothes coming to celebrate the Eucharist in the company of their friends and neighbours. I sometimes pause and reflect as I pass by the ruins on my way to Portmarnock. While we are separated by over 500 years from the worshippers in this beautiful church, we do have at least one thing in common with them and that is to share and celebrate the faith we have in the Risen Jesus who was present to them as he is equally so to each of us in our day. During the 250 or so years when the church was in use, people gathered to share the ordinary things of life. They reached out to support the less well off, comfort the bereaved and offered consolation to the sick and distressed. I'm sure that they were also a community of prayer. People would have called into the church to reflect, say a quick prayer to seek assistance in their needs. They did not, I am sure, feel that they were doing anything extraordinary. But, in a way, they really were. They kept their flame of faith alive to share with the generations to come and showed how hard work and the gift of faith can lead to a satisfactory and fulfilling life. That flame of faith has, in turn been passed on to us and it is our job to share it with the generations to come. That's what God asked of that community in Grange Abbey and it's also what he asks of us all today. Let us reflect on how we might do this most effectively as we continue to enjoy these summer days. It's a great challenge for each and every one of us to share in the life of the

church and help to pass the flame of faith to future generations. **Deacon Gerard**

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Claire Rooney, Carrickhill Walk
Hugh Mooney, St. Anne's Square

Saturday, 3rd August, 6.30p.m.

Jack Burnell,[RD];

Elizabeth [Betty] Kelleher,[A];

Sunday, 4th August, 12 noon

Sr Elizabeth Cahill,[RD];George Canning,[3rd A];

Esther Tracey,[A]; Marie Smith, [R D in USA];

Brendan Savage,[Bth Rem]. Pauline O'Daly,[A];

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

Common Fund € 1205

Share € 760

Sincere thanks for your continued support.



Michael Addington, a young, recent DCU engineering Graduate, who lives and attends Mass locally, will appeal for support for his volunteer work in Zambia at Masses this weekend. Michel will travel shortly with a group of young Catholics to teach IT skills to young impoverished Zambians under the auspices of *Inspire Zambia* a registered Irish charity. Each volunteer is required to raise €3,000 to support the Zambian training programmes. Michael has already raised €1,100. Any support you can give will be much appreciated and wisely used. You can donate in cash as you leave Mass OR on Michael's Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/p5hgc3-volunteering-in-zambia>. Further Information on *Inspire Zambia's* website <https://inspirezambia.ie/>

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday 5th August

Partnership Mass at 11.00a.m. **YELLOW Walls**

No other public Mass in the Partnership Parishes today.

**MEALS ON WHEELS
PORTMARNOCK
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED –**

If you have a couple of hours to spare
once a month, please contact
Benita @ 087 679 8673 : Frank @ 086 3726989

BAYSIDE ALPHA are hosting Bishop Barron's 6-week film series on The Mass, starting on Sunday the 4th of August from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. To join this Zoom course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com



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Thursday evenings from 7pm -9.30pm,
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The Holy See has announced the appointment by Pope Francis of Monsignor John Kennedy, a Dublin diocesan priest, as titular Archbishop of Ossero.

Monsignor Kennedy is Secretary of the Disciplinary Section of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Ordained a priest on 13th July 1993 in the Church of St John the Baptist, Clontarf. John's appointments were as Curate in the parishes of Crumlin and Francis Street before he was assigned in 1998 to study Canon Law in Rome. Subsequently he was released by the then Archbishop of Dublin, to work in the Office of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.



His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa OFM, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem visited St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Sunday, July 21, 2024. We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land and for all the Christian leaders who, with the Cardinal Patriarch, continue to advocate for peace and justice for all who suffer as a result of war and conflict in the Middle East.



Come and See
MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND

You are welcome to join us for a weekend of prayer, silence, community and joy!

23rd -25th August 2024 20th-22nd September 2024

We are a cloistered, contemplative community of women called to be a living reminder of *God's Love*

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AUGUST 24
FAN THE SPARK
Young Adult (18-40)
Catholic Conference

RUTH O'CONNELL
M.Phil Art History

FR VINCENT STAPLETON
Thurles Parish

LUKE MCCANN
Belfast Legion

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM | TICKETS €15
DE MONTFORT HOUSE, MORNING STAR AVE, BRUNSWICK ST, DUBLIN 7

- Tour of Frank Duff's House
- Visit Oratories of the Morning Star and Regina Coeli Hostels
- Talks from Guest Speakers
- Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- Food and Social

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm.
Items for next week's newsletter by lunchtime Wed please.