



4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*"Jesus shows us that God's mercy and healing are for everybody."*

This week marks the start of our new Celtic Springtime, which began on the Feast of St Brigid on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are already beginning to see the first signs of the season as the new flowers are starting to appear in our parks and gardens. This year, for the first time, we are celebrating St Brigid's feast day with an additional bank holiday this weekend.

Our Gospel story begins with the healing of St Peter's mother-in-law. It may seem a bit unusual that she was immediately put to work but at least it shows that she had fully recovered. This story also tells that St Peter was a married man and suggests that both married and single people can equally contribute to ministry in the church. We are then told that Jesus goes on his way healing many people that he encounters. There is a real sense of inclusiveness here: Jesus shows us that God's mercy and healing are available for everybody. Jesus is not content to remain in one area but is keen to move on to other places. The dynamic of the Christian message is always to move forward. No wonder then that, after all his hard work, like many of us, Jesus needs rest and refreshment. Let us pray that, in the coming week, we may be inspired by the way Jesus goes about this ministry reaching out to the people he encounters wherever he finds them and to be mindful of how the Holy Spirit encourages him onward to new challenges and moments of grace to assist to those in need of help and healing.

**Deacon Gerard**

### *'GOOD GRIEF' LENTEN GATHERINGS:*

Our Partnership of Parishes will join with St. Andrew's Church of Ireland Parish, to pray and reflect together on four Wednesday evenings of Lent. Beginning in St. Andrew's on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February, following in St. Anne's on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February, Sacred Heart Yellow Walls, 6<sup>th</sup> March, and finishing back in Malahide in St. Sylvester's on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Further details to follow. Please put these dates in your diary for this most welcome ecumenical initiative.

### *PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT*

In the past the Parish Financial Accounts were published and circulated to parishioners on an annual basis. The Reports from 2019 -2022 will be published this weekend as a supplement to the Parish Newsletter and will also be available on the Parish Website. Last year's accounts will be published as soon as they are finalised.

### *COLLECTIONS*

*28 January 2024*

First Collection € 1396

Share € 1095

We are very grateful for your continued support.

### *WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS*

*Sat. 6.30p.m.*

Tom Walsh, [A]; Kattia Fidgeon, [21<sup>st</sup> A]

*Sun. 10.30a.m.*

Eileen, Joe and Kathleen Evans, [A];

Michael O Broin, [A] Brother of Sheila McConnon

Mary Caulfield.. [12<sup>th</sup> A];

*Sun. 12.00 noon*

Catherine Lawn, [RD]; Phil Breen, [1<sup>st</sup> A];

Jeanne Sheils, [1<sup>st</sup> A]; Elizabeth McCabe, [A];

Mary Caulfield, [12<sup>th</sup> A]; Benedict Culligan, [A]

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### **LESOTHO CHARITY CAKE SALE -**

#### **TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

A cake sale will take place on **Sunday, 11th February after 10.30 and 12 o'clock Mass** in the Parish Centre. This is a fundraiser between five transition students from Portmarnock Community School to raise funds. It is an annual transition year trip with the Action Ireland trust charity to travel to Lesotho in an effort to change the future of children's lives there. All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879.

Details for the Parish Pilgrimage will be given at a later date. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you wish to travel.

### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**Ruah: Breath of God invite you to**  
*Life in the Spirit Seminars in Sacred Heart Church, Yellow Walls Parish*

Church of the Sacred Heart

Every Tuesday night at 8.00p.m. from the **6<sup>th</sup> February to the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

To Register please contact Teresa at 087 2069249

### **BAYSIDE - ALPHA COURSE**

#### **6-week Lent course on spiritual conversion**

Would you like to take part in something new this Lent? Bayside Alpha are running a free 6-week Zoom course called *Metanoia*. Metanoia means a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion. The videos contain half hour episodes shot in locations throughout the Holy Land and there is an opportunity to meet other people, to share your journey and listen to other people's journeys. The course starts on Tuesday the 13th of February 2024 at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. If you would like to take part please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

### **LENT IN KILBARRACK-FOXFIELD**

Journey Through Lent: Will you journey with us for one hour each Wednesday through Lent as we reflect on the Word of God in preparation for a more personally meaningful Easter season? Led by Fr Séamus in St John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack-Foxfield Parish, Greendale Road, Dublin 5, D05W354. We start on Wednesday, February 4, 7.30 – 8.30pm – hope you can join us. All welcome!

### **STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE, IS THIS FOR YOU?**

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 14. Find out more on our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) A 2 minute introductory film can be accessed on [Prioryinstitute.com](http://Prioryinstitute.com)

### **TRAINING FOR A ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Join Viatores Christi (VC) for our annual live Venture training programme (online) this January 2024! Tailored for current and aspiring missionaries and volunteers, this international and inclusive programme hones practical skills for impactful work in the field [sorcha@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:sorcha@viatoreschristi.com) or visit <https://vcvolunteers.ie/venture-training/> to download our latest brochure and course syllabus.

### **MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024** with Marian Pilgrimages

To be included in our group please contact Derek & Anne Farrell 0862573824, or 0879224077. Direct flight from Dublin to Mostar and then only 30 mins. coach drive to Medugorje, return flight Split to Dublin. Staying in Ines house close to Church. Our Spiritual Director is Capuchin priest from the Raheny Friary Fr. Des Mc Naboe. OFM Cap. Early booking is essential as demand for places is very high as was the case in 2023. Early booking discount of 50 euro per person applies if deposit paid by end January 2024.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO BENEVENTO, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, & ALBA ADRIATICA : 27 May 2024 for six nights.**

In memory of Noreen Handley and Fr. Angelus, OFM and Tour Guide and Friend, Una Russo. Led by Aisling Handley and Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael Toomey. For information please contact Aisling Handley at 086 1641101

### **MISSIO IRELAND**

Wish to thank the parishioners of Portmarnock Parish for their generous response of **€2,312** to the Mission Sunday Collection

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