



## Catholic Schools Week 2024

Is from **Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January 2024** on the theme of **Catholic Schools as Communities of Service**.

Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He put faith into action by showing all those around him how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and forgiving. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith; He lived it.

We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet. Each person, at every age, is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit.

For Catholic Schools Week, we will contemplate our schools as communities of service under the following themes:

- Service in Our Community of Friends
- Service in Our School Community
- Service in Our Family Community
- Service in Our Local Community
- Service in Our Faith Community

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 Go and do likewise



Dos, a gwna dithau yr un modd  
Imigh leat, agus déan féin mar an gcéanna  
Imich thusa, agus déan mar an ceudna

18-25 January 2024

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



## *From the Deacon*

Today's Gospel describes the very start of Jesus' public ministry. He begins with what today we might call a "soundbite" or perhaps a "tweet":

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."*

This is the founding proclamation of Jesus at the beginning of his public life. It is his opening statement as he sets the tone for his ministry to come. After this, the Gospel then tells the story of the call of the first four disciples: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

It's a dramatic moment when they literally drop what they are doing to follow Jesus. In the case of James and John, leaving their no doubt perplexed father, Zebedee, behind in his boat! The Spirit of God, who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples, continues to work in our day and in our lives.

The Gospel is telling us that Jesus may call us in different directions during our lives. The Dominican website [www.goodnews.ie](http://www.goodnews.ie) includes a quote from the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus from about 500 B.C., who said: *'Everything changes, and nothing remains the same.... You cannot step twice in the same river, for the waters are perpetually flowing upon you.'*

Blessed John Henry Newman put this another way when he said, *"to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often."*

When reflecting on this Gospel during the week and its call to be of service to others, I am particularly reminded of the kind work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul who care for vulnerable especially during these colder months of Winter. They greatly deserve our support. As we thank God for our own calling to be followers of Jesus, we should also reflect on the meaning of that call in the changing circumstances of our lives and how we respond to it. May we be kind and generous in our response to what God may be asking of us at different parts of our life's journey.

**Deacon Gerard**

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## *ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS*

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Rosary 7.15pm; Mass 7.30p.m.

Followed by blessing with St. Pio Relic

### *COLLECTIONS*

**14<sup>th</sup> January**

First Collection € 1410

Share € 895

We are very grateful for your continued support.

### *WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS*

**Sat. 6.30p.m.**

Eamonn Keane, Month's Mind

Bridget Gorey, Month's Mind

Francis Stacey [2<sup>nd</sup> A]; Margaret Creane [7<sup>th</sup> A]

Bernadette Waldron, [2<sup>nd</sup> A]

**Sun. 10.30a.m.**

Edward Rice, [A]; John Byrne, [A];

Marie Power, [A]; Bernadette Waldron, [2<sup>nd</sup> A]

**Sun. 12.00 noon**

Patrick (Patsy) Haran, Month's Mind

Denise Cross, Month's Mind

John & Florrie Finnegan, [A]; Mick Hession, [A];

Jim & Kathleen Cullinane, [A]; John Fulton, [A];

Nora Fulton, [21<sup>st</sup> A]; Margaret Creane, [7<sup>th</sup> A];

Marian Murphy, [20<sup>th</sup> A]; Patrick Kelly, [14<sup>th</sup> A]

Bernadette Waldron, [2<sup>nd</sup> A]

### *CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION*

Parents and Guardians of children in **6<sup>th</sup> Classes** who have registered their child for **Confirmation** are invited to attend a **Meeting of Parents/Guardians** from St Marnocks, and St. Helen's Senior School on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8.00pm**, and to present your child at the **Parish Mass for Enrolment** on either **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30p.m.** or **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30a.m.**

### *THE SYNOD A WORD TO THE WORLD*

St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7pm. Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is a well-known theologian and spiritual author who looks at the questions that many Christians ask in living out the faith. At the request of Pope Francis he led the three day

preparatory retreat for participants in the Synod on Synodality in Rome, as well as delivering weekly spiritual reflections, last October. All are welcome, admission is free but a small contribution expense would be welcome.

### *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.

### *DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK*

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Details for the Parish Pilgrimage will be given at a later date. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you intend to travel.

### *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) Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film [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.

### *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

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