



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY.**

**'You shall love the Lord your God.. and your neighbour  
as yourself' (Luke 10:27)**

**Thursday, January 18 - Thursday, 25 January**

**The Diocesan Celebration for the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity will be celebrated in Our Lady Mother of  
the Church, Castleknock, at 8p.m. on January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

The theme for 2024 is based on a text from the Gospel of St. Luke, with material prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf community, whose members have a special devotion to Christian Unity. Observed from 18-29 January since 1908 in the Northern Hemisphere, this Week of Prayer is frequently celebrated around Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere. Materials for the Week is jointly published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

***PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY***

Lord, give us the grace to know you more deeply,  
in order to love you with all of our being.

Grant us a pure heart, to love our neighbour as  
ourselves.

May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see your  
presence in our sisters and brothers,

that we may love each other with the same  
unconditional love with which you love us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***FROM THE DEACON....***

People often talk about the importance of having a  
mentor. Someone who will inspire and help us, often

at an important or challenging part of our life's journey.

This may be a family member, perhaps an uncle or aunt.  
It may be a teacher or work colleague who may have been  
particularly helpful to us when giving advice about our  
careers. Or perhaps a priest or nun or lay person who has  
inspired us on our journey of faith.

We can see a number of mentors at work in today's  
readings. Eli is advising Samuel about the meaning of  
God's call in the first reading and, in our Gospel today, we  
see John the Baptist directing his disciples to Jesus. Later  
in the reading, Andrew having found Jesus goes and tells  
his brother Peter "We have found the Messiah" in a  
wonderful moment of revelation.

So, here we have three mentors, Eli, John the Baptist and  
Andrew helping other people on their journey of faith by  
showing them the way to God.

In our lives, we may have opportunities to show Jesus to  
those we meet in the different circumstances of our lives.  
Saint of Francis of Assisi once said to preach the gospel  
and to use words if necessary. In other words, the  
example of how we live our lives can be at least as  
important to others as they are words that we speak.

There can be many opportunities for us to share our faith  
and to encourage our family, friends, neighbours,  
colleagues and fellow students. It may be a supportive  
word at a difficult moment, a practical gesture of help,  
giving time to listen to someone who comes to us for  
advice or simply be present and attentive to the person  
we are speaking to.

Let us pray in the coming week that we will be able to  
share our faith and insights on life with those in need of  
our guidance and support in whatever circumstances we  
may encounter them.

**Deacon Gerard**

**COLLECTIONS**

**6th January – Feast of the Epiphany**

First Collection € 281

Share € 341

**7<sup>th</sup> January**

First Collection € 1437

Share € 640

We are very grateful for your continued support.

**TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI.**

**SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30AM. and 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS, AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE'S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST.**

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**  
*Recently Deceased*  
*Killian Collins, Carrickhill Close*

**Sat. 6.30p.m.**

Tony O'Reilly [A]; Bridie Rogers [A];  
Bernard & Maureen McCormack [A];  
Kay Furlong [5<sup>th</sup> A]; Kevin Rogers [4<sup>th</sup> A]

**Sun. 10.30a.m.**

Jim Godwin [A]; Thomas Ryan [A];  
Joe & Kathleen Fitzpatrick and grandchildren  
Louise Fitzpatrick & Adam O'Donnell [A]  
Seamus Dolan [3<sup>rd</sup> A].

**Sun. 12.00 noon**

Deceased members of the Carr & Fitzgerald  
Families; Diarmuid O'Connor [9<sup>th</sup> A];  
The Byrne Family; Patricia Redmond [A]

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS**

Parents and Guardians of children in 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes who have registered their child for **First Penance and Holy Communion** are invited to attend a **Meeting of Parents/Guardians** from St Marnocks, and St. Helen's Junior School, on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8.00pm. in St. Anne's Church**, and to present your child at the **Parish Mass for Enrolment** on either **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30p.m. or Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30a.m.**

**CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Message from Mr. Conor Hickey, CEO:-

On behalf of CROSSCARE, I would like to express our sincere thanks for €3,475, which the parish of St. Anne, Portmarnock, contributed to the CROSSCARE Annual Collection on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**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.

**ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN,**

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 17th January at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

*The following will resume during this week:*

**ART CLASSES :** Monday, 15 January

**AFTERNOON CLUB** Sunday, 19 January

**PADRE PIO**

**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

**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.

**POSTGRADUATE OR MISSION**

**MINISTRIES PROGRAMME**

Studying at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, you will be encouraged to engage critically, so that you can form your own ideas and conclusions and become more skilled at expressing yourself and gain the confidence to communicate powerfully and eloquently. **Explore our wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Programmes from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Master's to Doctorate level in:** Theology; Philosophy; Divinity; Liturgical Music. Visit [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses) for more information.

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