



### *Gospel Reflection* *Mark 4: 26-34*

I once knew a parish sister in my home parish who was, with the benefit of hindsight, far ahead of her time. From her many years working as a missionary in Africa, she realised the importance of encouraging parishioners to

take on roles in the church and assisted them in getting qualifications that helped them in their later ministry. Several people I know from that time, went on to work in ministry in the Diocese and I know that the advice they got from the parish sister really helped to shape their work in ministry as it has my own. Unfortunately, the parish sister did not live to see the fruits of her efforts, but I think she would very much approve of the far greater involvement of lay people in the church in recent years which has been facilitated by courses in places like Dublin City University and the Pathways and Certificate in Catechesis programmes which are run by Archdiocese of Dublin. I thought of her when I read today's Gospel about the farmer sowing seeds on his farm, which is an image of preparing for the Kingdom of God. We are told that the "seed is sprouting and growing" and he loses no time when the harvest arrives. There is a certain urgency about proclaiming the Gospel, we need to get on with it! I also recall the words written about Saint Oscar Romero: "We plant seeds that one day will grow, we water seeds already planted." It's our challenge to spread the word of God as well and to remember that that even small gestures on our part can make a big difference in spreading the Gospel. Whether it is by assisting others, taking time for prayer and reflection, or getting involved in the life of our parish partnerships. People are encouraged by the example of our Christian lives. We must never underestimate how a good life, well lived can be a great example to people on their journey of faith. **Deacon Gerard**

### *Mission & Ministry Matters*

The June 2024 issue of Mission & Ministry Matters is at :



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Upcoming Events:  
From June

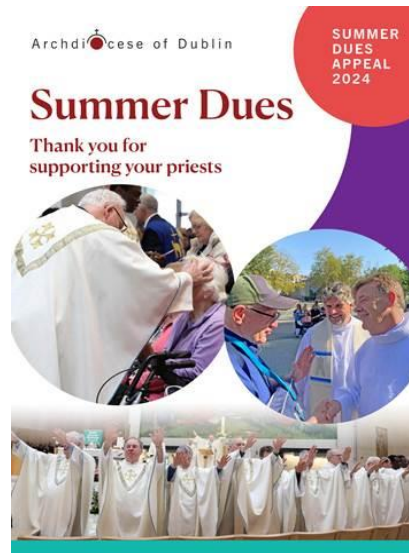
<https://www.missionministry.ie/e-zine/>



### *DAY FOR LIFE - SUNDAY, JUNE*

**16:** Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across

Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The Day for Life message is available at <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>



### *MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL SUMMER DUES APPEAL*

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of

sowing the Word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day; while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34). The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but 'we are always full of confidence' (2Cor 5:6). We are full of prayer too it is the Lord's work the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us. I wish you many blessings over the summer months. **+ Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

### *SUMMER DUES INITIATIVE*

The generosity that people show toward their priests is very reassuring. Your contributions can go further without any additional cost to you, thanks to the Tax relief available on charitable donations. With your help the parish can claim a tax refund from Revenue to the value of up to 45% of your

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identifiable contributions amounting to €250 or more in any given year. The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are PAYE or Self-Assessed. This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of income for the parish. For further information please contact Orla at the Parish Office, who will explain the process in more detail.

### *COLLECTIONS*

First Collection : *Common Fund* €1188  
Share € 840  
*Sincere thanks for your continued support.*

### *ST VINCENT DE PAUL*

Monthly collection will take place on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June.

### *WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS*

*SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE -*

*6.30p.m.*

Bernie Fleming [1<sup>st</sup> A]; John Lynam, [A Canada];  
Tom Ryan [3<sup>rd</sup> A]; Eleanor & Frederick Moriarty, [A]

*SUNDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE -*

*10.30a.m.*

Anna Mooney [1<sup>st</sup> A]; Julie Weinmann [1<sup>st</sup> A]  
Maurice Fitzgerald [Bth Rem]; Mary Henderson [5<sup>th</sup> A]  
Joan & Tom Tracey-Mullins, [A]

*12 noon*

Dermot & Mai Kennedy [A]; Enda Dempsey [A];  
Mary Magee [A]; Patrick & Florence Sutton [A]  
Tillie Kirwan [Bth Rem]



### *CEMETERY MASSES 2024*

**FINGAL** : Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1.00p.m.

**BALGRIFFIN** : Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 1.00p.m.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED FOR BOTH MASSES. PLEASE INFORM PARISH OFFICE IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.**



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

“Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> or [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie)

## **Charismatic Day of Renewal**

**Theme:** Charismatic Faith in action

**Venue:** Portmarnock Parish Centre  
Beside St. Anne's Church

**Date:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Time:** Starting with Hospitality at 11am  
Prayer & Worship at 11-30am  
Day will finish at 4pm  
**All are welcome to Join us**



**Bring your own packed lunch Tea/ coffee Supplied**



### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024**

**15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> September**

€815 pps. For further information contact

**Pauline Geoghan**

**087 629 3744**



**A very Happy Birthday from all our Parishioners to Winnie Smith, our much loved former Sacristan who will be 99 on Tuesday next.**



### **IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR**

**THE BLIND** - (Portmarnock-Malahide Branch):

Historic Walk June 26. Highlighting 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Southern Cross flight and other local features. Led by Garry Ahern. **Meet 10.30 at inner car park, St. Anne's church.** Returning to Parish Centre for tea/coffee/scones, and Q&A. **All donations will go to Irish Guide Dogs.**



Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 19th June at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd. D17 Y924. **This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries**

**DEADLINE** FOR INCLUSION OF INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS IS WEDNESDAY 4PM. ANY MASSES BOOKED AFTER THE DEADLINE CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER WHICH IS PRINTED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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