



Mark 4:35-41
"Quiet now! Be calm!"

We are almost at the beginning of the holiday months of July and August when schools are closed, and people can enjoy more free time. Some of us may be fortunate enough to be going away for a week or so and others may be staying closer to home. Whatever our circumstances, it is very important to have some "down time" over the next few weeks as our regular commitments may become less demanding and hopefully the weather will remain sunny so that we can enjoy the longer evenings and hopefully continued sunshine.

I was down in Co Westmeath recently and it was wonderful to see all the flowers in full bloom. There is something wonderful about being able to smell the sweet scents of summer flowers on a warm day in the fresh air.

The summer may also allow us to spend a little more time with Jesus whether at mass, at prayer or reading the scriptures. When we are going out for a walk perhaps near our beautiful nearby Dublin coastline or sitting in our back garden, it can be a great opportunity to return to a favourite reading in the bible or perhaps one of the readings of the day and reflect on what God may be saying to us in the particular circumstances of our lives.

We can all be extremely busy with work, family, and parish commitments. In my case, it was a particular blessing to be able to assist three parishioners to receive the sacraments in Yellow Walls parish in recent months. I would encourage us all to be welcoming to people who choose to become part of our faith community, so that we can share our experience of the Christian life with them and, through this experience, receive many blessings ourselves.

Our Gospel today reminds us to be "Quiet now! Be calm!" "I hope we can all take time to listen to God's voice over the coming months. I would like to wish you all God's blessing for a happy and enjoyable summer, and I hope that you get some time off for refreshment and relaxation.

Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS

First Collection :Common Fund	€1321
Share	€ 930

Sincere thanks for your continued support.



FINGAL CEMETERY MASS

Sunday, 23rd June 2024 at 1.00p.m.

BALGRIFFIN CEMETERY MASS

Sunday, 14th July 2024 at 1.00p.m.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND STEWARDS
REQUIRED FOR BOTH MASSES. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR
AVAILABILITY TO THE PARISH OFFICE**

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 22nd June -

6.30p.m. Colin Maguire,[A]; Kathleen Houlahan,[Bth Rem]; Orla Greene,[Bth Ann].

Sunday, 23rd. June -

10.30a.m.: John Power,[A]; Luke & Betty Finnegan,[A] and their son Michael; Peter, Mary & Una Mara,[A].

12 noon: Christopher Smith,[A]; Morgan O'Brien,[A]; Theresa McGowan,[20th A]; Vincent Ward,[A]; Ann Kavanagh,[1st A]; Doreen Bedford,[A]; Brendan Comerford,[A]



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15th -19th September 2024.

€815 pps. For further information contact
Pauline Geoghegan at 0876293744



SUMMER CLOSURE:

The term has come to an end for the following groups who meet in the Parish Centre : **Art Class; The Portmarnock Singers; Afternoon Club, MyBody Exercise Class; St Vincent de Paul; Folk Group; Charismatic Prayer Group.**



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

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JESUIT RETREAT

The Irish Jesuits are launching a new Young Adult Retreat (18-30 years old) that will take place in Gonzaga College between 28-30th June, called *All Things New*. There will be talks and workshops discussing faith and social issues facing young people in Ireland, as well as the opportunity to connect with others who are either practising or rediscovering their faith. Enquiries: allthingsnew024@gmail.com / [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



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. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

PORTMARNOCK HISTORICAL WALK & TALK

Wednesday, JUNE 26th, - 10:30 am

departing the inner car park at St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock, returning to the Parish Centre

approximately one-and-a-half hours later. The walk will be led by local historian Garry Ahern who will take the walkers on a walk highlighting the 94th Anniversary of *Southern Cross* flight and other local features. Tea/coffee and scones will be served with some additional time for questions and answer session after the walk. All funds raised in aid of **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.**

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE - SUMMER MEETING STATEMENT

The main issues discussed by bishops during their Summer meeting were:

- *Bishops welcome Pope Francis's message for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*
- *Pope Francis's letter on human dignity and this Sunday's 'Day for Life' message on end of life care*
- *Plight of migrants and refugees in Ireland - Bishops to write Pastoral Letter on Immigration*
- *Santa Marta Group's international leadership summit on human trafficking in Cork*
- *Safeguarding Children update*
- *Prayers and call for cessation of Israel/Hamas war – "a catastrophe for humanity"*
- *Bishops encourage volunteers for Trócaire and thank support for Lenten campaign*
- *Young Adult Ministry*
- *World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on July 28*
- *Irish Synodal Pathway and Universal Synodal Assembly update*

Full statement www.catholicbishops.ie



A warm welcome to Monsignor Pavan who will be staying in Portmarnock Parochial House during his visit to Dublin.

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. MANY THANKS.

TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI. SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30AM. and 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1ST & 3RD 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.