

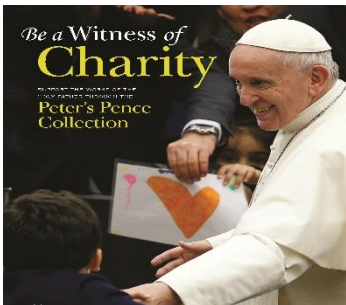


Today's Gospel is a beautiful touching story of the bringing back to life of a young girl. In the middle of the story, Jesus also finds time to heal an older woman who had been ill for years.

The scripture scholar Father Kieran O'Mahony explains: *"The double story is known as the "sandwich technique" and is fairly typical of Mark's writing. There is a profound symbolic meaning in the contrast between the mature woman and the young girl. The stories are also found in Matthew 9:18-26 and Lk 8:40-56."* It is interesting to note that both stories are about women at very different points in their life journey, but both need healing. Their encounters with Jesus bring this about and they are then able to carry on with their lives. The message here may be that we too can encounter Jesus at different stages in our lives and these encounters will give us the encouragement and energy to go off in new directions. We need to allow time and space for the message Gospel to resonate with us, especially during these quieter summer months when we can all hopefully have a more relaxed pace of life. Over these longer days, we are called to reflect on our own ministry which is inspired by the gift of priesthood which we call received at our baptism. We should reflect this summer on the need to go in new directions in our own parishes. I recall the words of Saint Francis Xavier when writing to Saint Ignatius of Loyola from Japan: *"Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians."* We should never underestimate how important the example of our lives; our words and our actions can be to positively influence the lives of people around us.

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.

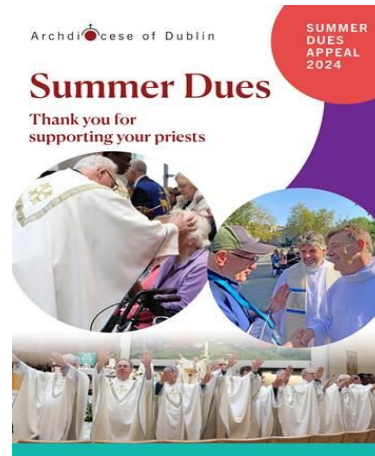
Deacon Gerard



PETER'S PENCE

The Annual Collection of Peter's Pence to support the Holy Father, Pope Francis and the Pontifical Charities is to be taken up at all Masses on the 29th

& 30th June 2024. It will replace the usual SHARE collection. Peter's Pence is a centuries-long tradition of the Catholic Church to support the mission of the Pope. Pope Francis shows how the role of Pope can be unique in bringing the Christian message into our complex world.



Archdiocese of Dublin

Summer Dues

Thank you for supporting your priests

SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2024

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 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 LAST WEEKEND

Common Fund € 1,155 Share € 790

Sincere thanks for your continued support.



CEMETERY MASS SUNDAYS

GLASNEVIN 30th June 3.00p.m.
DARDISTOWN 7th July 3.00p.m.
BALGRIFFIN 14th July 2024 1.00p.m.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 29th June - 6.30p.m.

Tim Kelly, [Rec Dec]; Seamus Bennett, [A]; Kathleen Smyth, [A].

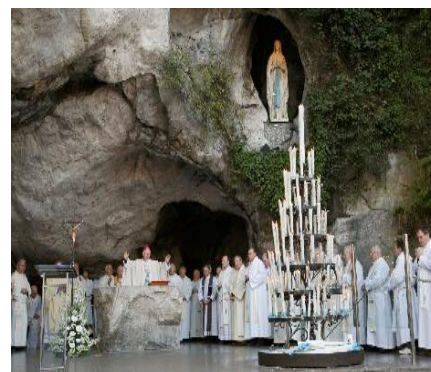
Sunday, 30th June –

10.30a.m. Sr. Lelia O'Sullivan, Bon Secours Sr, [Rec Dec] Maurice Fitzgerald, [1st A];

12 noon

Willie Hyland, [6th A]; Brendan Mooney, [7th A]

Grace & Gerard King, [A]; Noreen Finnegan and her brother Tom Finnegan [A].



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

15th -19th September

2024. €815 pps. For further information contact

Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744



A letter from Archbishop Farrell about the introduction of *Seeds of Faith*, the new Diocesan Policy for the religious education in parishes of Catholic children attending schools other than Catholic schools, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/seeds-of-faith/>

DIOCESAN PRIEST CHANGES And Summer Holiday Arrangements: As announced by Archbishop Farrell some weeks ago the priests changes he made take effect from next weekend of 6/7 July. This means for our Partnership, we will **welcome the arrival of Fr. Des Doyle** to our area. He has been chaplain at Dublin Airport for the last 16 years and also Parish Priest at River Valley since 2016. **We also say good bye to Fr. Conleth Meehan** as he takes up a new appointment in my former parish of Mourne Road, Drimnagh. We pray the Lord's blessing on both Fr. Conleth and Fr. Des as they begin their new appointments. The impact of summer changes right across the diocese and the deepening vocations crisis bite severely now. In the past week, Fr. Martin and I met with Fr. Des to plan for holiday time. I will begin three weeks holidays next weekend and Fr. Martin will be taking holidays from 12th July. This means that Fr. Des will be covering all four parishes on his own for a short while. Unfortunately the number of weekday Masses will be reduced for the weeks that priests will be away – it is becoming almost impossible to find supply priests to cover. We are still looking for priests for all the Sunday Masses. **There will be Mass celebrated in at least one of the churches of our Partnership every day during holiday time.** Importantly, Fr. Des and Deacon Gerard, together with the Funeral Team, will minister for funerals (where Deacon Gerard officiates, it does mean a full funeral service but without the Eucharist). *The summer schedule of Sunday Masses for Portmarnock and the Partnership of Parishes will begin on the weekend of 6/7 July. The Summer Schedule of Masses for our Parish follows. The schedule for the Partnership will be included in next week's newsletter, posted on the noticeboards and on the Parish website.*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St Anne's Church, Portmarnock

7th JULY -15th SEPTEMBER 2024

Saturday at 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)
& Sunday at 12.00

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St Anne's Church, Portmarnock

5th JULY -13th SEPTEMBER 2024

JULY- Mon 8th to 12th & Mon 15th to 19th &
Mon 22nd to 26th **NO MASSES**

JULY-Mon 29th, Wed 31st, AUG-Thu 1st &
Fri 2nd **Masses at 10.00am**

AUGUST 5th until September 13th Mon,
Wed, Thu & Fri **Masses at 10.00am**

*PLEASE NOTE THAT WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHERE FUNERALS ARISE

ST THERESE INTERNATIONAL DAY

KNOCK

Schedule of Ceremonies

2:30pm
Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica

3:00pm
Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by
Benediction and Rosary Procession

Highlights include
Blessing with Relic of St Therese by a Priest
-Veneration of Relics -Films on St Therese

SUNDAY 14TH JULY

St Therese International Day

2024

10am-5:30pm

For details contact 0892726765

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.