



*"Jesus makes it clear that his family is now a much larger group of people"*

In today's Gospel, we see a different perspective on family life. Our Lady appears in the story but rather than being in her usual prayerful or supportive roles, she appears worried and concerned about her son. More than that, Jesus appears to be dismissive of his own family and offers us a much broader definition of family, which includes the entire Christian community. Father Martin Hogan explains this gospel reading in the context of modern family life. He says: "Every so often a crisis arises in a family relating to a family member and other family members feel the need to intervene. Will it make matters better or worse? If a decision is made to intervene, there arises the question how best to do so. Such interventions are not always well received by the family member, even if they are done out of love or concern, which is generally the motivation for acting." Jesus had most certainly made a radical change of lifestyle from being the son of a carpenter to the Messiah proclaiming the Kingdom of God. His new message was not well received by everyone, and his family obviously felt the need to get involved and probably encourage him to return to his previous way of life, back in the carpenter's workshop in Nazareth. However, Jesus makes it clear that his family is now a much larger group of people which includes his new followers. So, while not being disrespectful to his family of origin, Jesus makes it clear to them that there is no going back to the way that things were in the past. As we all know, not all families are perfect, we all have our faults and failings and this is, of course, reflected in our family lives. We also know that the composition of families has changed in our society in recent years and as a faith community we all have to face up to the changed reality that brings in our pastoral approach to family life.

**Deacon Gerard**

## **COLLECTIONS**

First Collection : *Common Fund* € 1246  
Share € 840  
*Sincere thanks for your continued support.*

## **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

Recently Deceased

Margaret Treanor, Convent Ave  
Alan McEvoy, Strand Road  
Tim Kelly, Carrickhill Road

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**6.30p.m.** For the People of the Parish  
Louise Fitzpatrick, [Bth Rem]

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30a.m.** Paddy Kenny, [A]

**12 noon**

Rita McAdam, [Rec Dec'd]  
Maureen Breen, [15<sup>th</sup> A];  
Dermot & Mai Kennedy, [A];  
John Haddon, [4<sup>th</sup> A]; Jimmy Mannix, [A]



## **ST. FINTAN'S CEMETERY MASS**

**Sunday, 9th June 2024 at 12.00 noon.** [there will be no 12.30pm Mass in St. Fintan's Church on that day.]

## **FINGAL CEMETERY MASS**

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 1.00p.m.**

## **BALGRIFFIN CEMETERY MASS**

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1.00p.m.**



## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

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

**September 2024.**

€815 pps. For further information contact **Pauline Geoghan at 087 6293744**

## CONSIDERING A POSTGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMME?

Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at **St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth**, [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses). Applications close soon.



## ANNOUNCEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP



### FARRELL

at Mass in the Pro Cathedral on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Feast of Saint Kevin, Patron of the Archdiocese, concerning **St. Mary's Pro Cathedral** and **St. Andrew's, Westland Row**.

"Having consulted widely, and have brought the questions before the Lord in prayer, I have discerned that it would be appropriate to seek the approval of the Holy Father for the designation of St Mary's as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese. It is also my intention to initiate the process for the recognition of the special tradition and role of St Andrew's in the life of the Archdiocese by its designation as a Minor Basilica."

**Full text of Archbishop's homily [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)**



Join us for this **new young adult retreat** that will inspire new life and new hope, for you, for your neighbour and for the world. Talks led by Fr. Niall Leahy SJ, Fr. Kevin O'Rourke SJ,

Eamonn Walls SJ- Workshops on faith and social issues facing young people in Ireland- Connect with other young adults practising or rediscovering their faith- Fun activities, recreation and social nights- Adoration, Mass, Confession, Spiritual Conversation. Accommodation will be very simple (bring a sleeping bag and mat) but the food will be fantastic. You are part of a much bigger story than you may realise, and we want to help you find your place in it. It's gonna happen :-Enquiries:

[allthingsnew024@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsnew024@gmail.com) or Book through **Eventbrite**

## 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

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information

## ALONE - VOLUNTEERS

"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](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 1366539."

## SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR DIRECTOR COMES TO DUBLIN, IRELAND

WORKSHOP ON GREGORIAN CHANT  
GIVEN BY MONSIGNOR MARCOS PAVAN  
WITH THE PALESTRINA CHOIR

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin  
Wednesday 26th June - 7.30PM

Tickets: €20 (€15 Conc.)  
\*Followed by light refreshments

**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 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.