



### *Laetare Sunday*

*"Lord by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free"*

This week, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent with only three weeks to go until Easter. Today's Gospel reading is from the Gospel of St John and gives us the very powerful image of Jesus being lifted up on the cross, so that our sins can be forgiven. This really encapsulates the gift to us all of Easter as we come to more fully understand the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Our reading today echoes the very beginning of John's Gospel where he says: *"God loved the world so much that he gave us his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."*

By God's grace, we are people of the resurrection, we are an Easter people, joyfully proclaiming our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Over the next three weeks, the Church asks us to be patient and prayerful as we await the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

So, let us pray and reflect this weekend on the sacrifice of Jesus for us all on the Cross as we look forward to the great feast of Easter. Let us listen to what God has to say to us. And let us thank him for the great offering of himself in love for us all as we continue on our journey of salvation. As the prayer at mass says:

*"Lord by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free, you are the saviour of the world."* **Deacon Gerard**

### **COLLECTIONS**

First Collection € 1325

Share € 945

We are very grateful for your continued support.

### **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Recently Deceased**

**Donal Bernard, Blackberry Lane**

**John Emmett, Strand Road**

#### **Sat. 6.30p.m.**

Eileen Gould,[Bth Rem]; John Brennan,[A];  
Ann O'Reilly,[A]; Eddie Doyle,[A]

#### **Sun. 10.30a.m.**

Margaret & Patrick Slattery; Claire Burke[2<sup>nd</sup> A];  
Pat Murphy [RD]; Marie Gleeson [RD];  
Mary Kathleen Kelly, [A] Denis Gorey,[A].

#### **Sun. 12.00 noon**

Colette Manning, [Month's Mind];Rosaleen Smith, [A];  
Damien Murphy [15<sup>th</sup> A]; James & Mary Doran, [A]  
Margaret & William Flawn, [A]; Joseph Brennan,20<sup>th</sup> A]  
Catherine Harris, [1<sup>st</sup> A]; Colette Plaisted,[A];  
Mary & Dermot Halpin,[A]; Jerry & Kathleen Coakley.[A]

### ***NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP APPOINTED TO DUBLIN***

The Holy Father has appointed Father Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop of Dublin. His appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin brings a new challenge in these changing times. With fewer clergy and greater lay involvement in parishes, the new Auxiliary Bishop will be supporting the Archbishop in his role of leading the Archdiocese along the synodal pathway: clergy and lay faithful working together to bring the message of the Gospel to a new generation.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

#### **Confession for Confirmation Candidates:**

Parents/Guardians who want their Confirmation Candidate Children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance of Confirmation are invited to bring them to the **weekly Confessions after 6.30pm**

**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.**

**Mass on Saturday** evenings. Please note that these Confessions will not be organised by the Schools but at the discretion of each Family.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS** continue on Wednesday afternoons 13<sup>th</sup> March as advised to Families by our Schools.

**Individual Confessions** are heard in St. Anne's each Saturday evening after the 6.30 Vigil Mass.

Confession will also be heard during Lent after each 10.00a.m. weekday Mass except when there is a funeral or on request.

### **GOOD GRIEF' LENTEN GATHERINGS:**

Our Partnership of Parishes joins with St. Andrew's Church of Ireland Parish on four Wednesday of Lent, to pray and explore the theme of grief. The terrible anguish of losing someone we love is something almost every person goes through. Being a Christian does not shield a person from the sadness of bereavement and the sense of loss. It is not wrong to grieve. It is not a sign of physical or spiritual weakness or failure. In these short Services, we will explore the hope and comfort faith provides when someone we love dies. The last Service will take place at 7.30p.m., on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March in St. Sylvester's Malahide, followed by Refreshments. All are welcome.

### **PARTNERSHIP LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

Saint Sylvester's, Malahide will host the Partnership Area communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a Penance Service on the Monday of Holy Week, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.



### **DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Our Parish and Partnership group will join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Farrell, on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Coach will depart St. Anne's Church Carpark, Portmarnock at 7.30a.m. €60 pp which includes mid-morning refreshments and evening meal. Please book at the Parish Office with a Deposit of €20.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 accompanied by Canon John Flaherty, Spiritual Director. Please contact Pauline Geoghegan, 087 6293744.

### **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.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO BENEVENTO, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, & ALBA ADRIATICA : 27 May 2024 for six nights.**

For information please contact Aisling Handley at 086 1641101

### **ROSARY GROUP**

The Parish Rosary group pray the Rosary at 9.30a.m. each morning except when there is a funeral. All are welcome to join with the Rosary group in the Church or on the website.

### **PORTMARNOCK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

Social games take place in the in the Martello Room PSLC on Mondays & Thursdays each week from 8pm -10pm. New members always made welcome. Coaching available. More information from Nuala at 087 9435397

### **ANNUAL DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of The Irish Cancer Society on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, in Sienna's Restaurant in Malahide, from 10am to 1pm. All welcome.

### **HANDAL'S MESSIAH**

Tallaght Choral Society is performing Handel's Messiah in the Helix theatre on Sunday 14th. April, to celebrate 800 years of the Dominican Order in Ireland. All welcome

### **ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN**

Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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, [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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