



### Pentecost Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*"Lead kindly light"*

Some of you may have visited Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Clontarf. In the prayer room, there are some beautiful stained glass windows by the renowned artist, Evie Hone. One of them is entitled "Pentecost". The Manresa website explains that: *"The window shows the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The lower section depicts the ministry of the Apostles after Pentecost as they attended to the care and healing of the sick."*

The fact that Our Lady is depicted right in the centre of the apostles with her hands raised in prayer as the Holy Spirit descends on them is really significant. The mother of Jesus remained with the apostles after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Ascension. Now, she is also present at Pentecost. It can be said that, through her prayers and patience, she encouraged that Apostles to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This time has been described as the first Church retreat as the apostles prayed and reflected on their future mission in the Church. It's also a good time for us to reflect on our own mission and ministry as we all have one. It may be a ministry of prayer, a ministry of welcome, a ministry of assisting others, a ministry of service to the poor, a ministry of music or a ministry on the altar assisting with the liturgy. Just as the apostles did not know what the call of Jesus would mean in their lives, so it is for us as Jesus's plans for us may only become gradually clearer over time. As Saint John Henry Newman wrote:

*"Lead kindly light, lead gently on, I do not ask to see the distant scene. One step is enough"*. In Yellow Walls parish we have the Confirmation ceremony for one of our RCIA candidates from Brazil this Pentecost Sunday. We also pray that, as a parish partnership community, we may also experience the grace of the Holy Spirit at this time as we try to discern our way forward as church in these challenging times.

**Deacon Gerard**

### ***PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:***

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 8pm Library.

### COLLECTIONS

First Collection : € 1110

Share : € 857

During the month of April 2024 the Tap and Go machines collected **€869.10** from 109 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

**Sincere thanks for your continued support.**



**Monthly door Collection this weekend. –**

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**6.30p.m.**

**Cathal Cryan, [Month's Mind];**

**Lena McDermott, [Month's Mind];**

**Joseph Magee, [A]; Elizabeth Burke, [A];**

**Gary Lonergan, [3<sup>rd</sup> A]; Jimmy Ennis, [Bth Rem]**

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30a.m.**

**Noel Harran, [A];**

**Doris Bernard, [A]; Winnie Dowdall, [RD];**

**12 noon**

**George Heaney, [A]; Rita Kemp, [A];**

**Rory McSweeney, [A]; Vincent Penrose, [A];**

**Pat Coughlan, [A]; Bridie Forde, [A];**

**Doris Bernard, [A]; Eric Carroll, [A]; John Cahill, [A].**

### ***FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ST. MARNOCK'S NS.***

Congratulations and every good wish and blessing to the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in St. Marnock's NS, who celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during two celebrations on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. It was wonderful to be with the Families and School Community as we marked this very special time in the children's progression in the Faith. Sincere thanks to the Family Mass Group and PPC members who helped the children towards their big day. We look forward to the continued participation of the children and Families in Mass throughout the year ahead and particularly at the 10.30 Family Mass on Sundays.

### ***FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ST. HELEN'S JNS.***

We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in St. Helen's JNS and their Families on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am. Families should be in their assigned seats by 11.15. Tickets with seat numbers will be distributed to Parents/Guardians at the rehearsal in the Church on Friday morning next. The exact time of the rehearsal will be communicated to the Families by Thursday through the school depending on whether or not we have a Funeral on Friday morning.



*May is the Month of Mary.* During this month of devotion to our Blessed Lady there are many ways of honouring Mary.

\* **"Bring Flowers of the rarest"** Thank you to those who have brought flowers from your gardens and elsewhere since the beginning of the month. Please continue for the remainder of May by leaving blooms at Our Lady's shrine in the Church, our 'May Altar'. Thanks also to our voluntary Florists who arrange and maintain the displays so beautifully.

\* **Pray the daily Rosary** in the church before Mass with the **Rosary Group** either in person at 9.40am or on webcam. OR say a daily Rosary privately.

\* **Light a candle** at our Lady's Shrine in the church.

\* **Make and decorate your own 'May Altar'** at home. Get children or grandchildren to help create and maintain it.

\* **Say a 'Hail Mary'** or another Marian prayer with visitors to your home during the month of May, particularly at meal times.

\* **Plan a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine** at home or abroad.

\* **Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim** on the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

\* **Support the prayer and work of the Legion of Mary** in the Parish.

**Read: MARIALIS CULTUS** the Apostolic exhortation of his Holiness Paul VI for the right ordering and development of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
[www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_p-vi\\_exh\\_19740202\\_marialis-cultus.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19740202_marialis-cultus.html)



### **PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**11th -16th September 2023.** Cost €765 pps and €150 single supplement. For further information please contact Pauline Geoghegan 087 6293744

### **LAUDATO SI' WEEK**

**Sunday May 19th - Sunday 26th.** The theme for the week is 'Seeds of Hope',: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>.

Trocaire have a number of events which you are welcome to join.



### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Fr Martin Noone** will take place in

the **Church of the Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls** on Saturday the **1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024 at 6.00pm**. All are most welcome to join the parish Partnership of Yellow Walls Seabury, St. Sylvester's Malahide, St. Nicholas of Myra Kinsealy and St. Annes Portmarnock in the celebration of this great occasion. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre that will give everyone the opportunity to wish Fr Martin well on his Golden Jubilee.

### **LAUNCH OF CREATION WALK IN KNOCK SHRINE**

**Saturday 25th May, 10.30am-3.30pm**

With Fr Richard Gibbons (Rector of Knock Shrine), Niamh Brennan (Writer, researcher and teacher in cosmology, ecology and philosophies of the self),

Fr Brian Grogan SJ (author of "Creation Walk: The Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet").

Based on Fr. Brian Grogan's book, 30 plaques will be unveiled on the grounds of Knock, guiding the pilgrim into the journey of Life in our planet from Creation until the present day. There will be talks in the morning, including the work and care for Nature taking place in Knock, a presentation on the Universe and Ecology, and a presentation of the walk. Following lunch provided by Knock Shrine, the Creation Walk will be officially launched, and those interested will be guided in the walk by trained volunteers. Everybody welcome, no registration required.

**AVRFIELD PARISH** would like to invite you to join each evening in May, at 8pm at St. Paul's Grotto to pray the Rosary. If the weather is unpleasant, the Rosary will be recited in the Church.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. 1800 807077. For more information visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie)

### **AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS**

If you, or those with whom you work, wish to connect with people in relation to mental wellbeing [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)

**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.