



"God has created me for some definite service"

This weekend we are celebrating Trinity Sunday. I was on retreat a while ago and on the wall, I noticed a copy Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity. I am always struck by the conversational nature of this picture, how it is that the three persons of the blessed Trinity seem to be so and ease and united in their purpose. It is as if the Holy Trinity acts a community of faith, sharing and disseminating the love of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit reach out to us with love in abundance. The relationship between the Father and the Son is revealed: *"No one has ever seen God; the Only Son has made him known"* (John 1:18). He then reveals the relationship between the Father and the Holy Spirit: *"When the Paraclete comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness."* (John 15:26). The Holy Trinity is also the central theme of the Apostles Creed which we often say at mass. The first two lines "I believe in God the Father Almighty" refer to God the Father and the third line says, "and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord" and later it says "I believe in the Holy Spirit". So, this familiar prayer is an affirmation of our belief in the Holy Trinity. Our Christian life begins with our baptism which is in the name of the three divine persons following Jesus's command to "go make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

So, our baptismal calling is also a call to action. Blessed John Henry Newman said, *"God has created me for some definite service that he has not given to another."* It is of course up to us whether or not we choose to accept the call. We thank God for the gift of faith on this Feast of the Holy Trinity as we reflect on what ministry God may be calling us to do in our parish and in particular how we can reach out to those in need whether that need is spiritual, or material or friendship. **Deacon Gerard**

ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS: Friday, 31st May 2024 Rosary 7.15p.m.: Mass 7.30pm. Followed by Blessing with St. Pio Relic

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MASS

Mass for our Partnership of Parishes will be celebrated on Bank Holiday Monday, **3rd June at 11am** in St. Anne's, Portmarnock.



CONGRATULATIONS to the children of St Helen's JNS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 25 May. They are a great credit to their Families, Schools and Parish Community. . 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.

COLLECTIONS

First Collection :	€ 991
Share	€ 955
Tap & Go in the Church for month of April	€869.10
Sincere thanks for your continued support.	

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 25th May

6.30p.m.

**Michael Diffley [Month's Mind]; James Connell, [A];
Finbarr O'Connor [1st A]; Kathleen Flood [4th A]**

Sunday, 26th May

10.30a.m.

**Teddie & Lily Slattery,[A]; John Gorman, [RD];
Michael, William & Emily Gorman.**

12 noon

**Vincent Clancy,[A]; Kevin O'Shaughnessy,[12th A]
Sean Farrell,[A]; Albert Kavanagh,[A];
Sharon Murphy,[A]; Ronald Murphy,[Rem];
Marie & Richard Kiely,[A]; Mick Casey,[A];
Bell & Casey Families,[Rem].**

ALZHEIMERS COFFEE MORNING

raised €1945.00 for Cairdeas Day Care Centre Raheny. With grateful thanks for support received.

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.

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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.]



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15th -19th September

2024. €815 pps. For further information contact Pauling Geoghegan at 087 6293744

AYRFIELD 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.

Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems. ~ Pope Francis

THIRD DAY CHORALE

Presents Music Miscellany in aid of the Dublin Simon Community at St. Gabriel's Church, Clontarf on Sunday, 26th May at 3.30p.m. Featuring Third Day Chorale Ladies Cappella, St. George's Brass Band, & The Ramparts.

'LIFT UP THEIR HEARTS Visiting Older

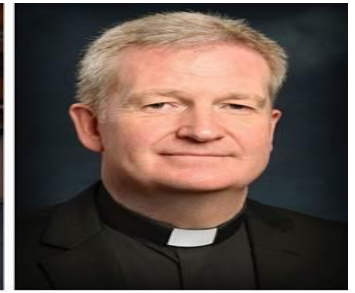
People' This booklet by Mary Threadgold RSC is a practical booklet for the benefit of those committed to visiting older people on a regular basis, either in nursing homes or their own homes. It is available from Messenger Publications, Veritas Bookstores & Knock Shrine Bookshop. and Online from www.engagingdementia.ie

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 for more information

GLENDALOUGH WALKS

Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks has been organised to mark St Kevin's Day on Saturday, June 1, in Glendalough. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of seven different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area



The Ordination of Father Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

and the welcoming of
Bishop Paul Dempsey as he begins his
ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

Saint Andrew's, Westland Row
Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024

3pm. You are invited to livestream the ceremony on
www.dublindiocese.ie or
www.facebook.com/dublindiocese/.



Is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday, May 23, to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday, May 31. www.prayforlife.ie
Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference



Sharing the Good News If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at catholicnews.ie/newsletter/. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing the Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie. Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed next week owing to Staff Holidays. Reception Desk will be open daily from 10.30a.m. – 12 noon.

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.

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