



May is the Month of Mary. During this month of devotion to our Blessed Lady maybe you would consider honouring Mary in a special way. Some suggestions:

* **"Bring Flowers of the rarest"** Right throughout the month last year many of our Parishioners brought flowers to our Lady's shrine in the church, many of them beautiful blossoms from their own gardens. It would be lovely to see our church 'May Altar' bedecked again throughout May this year. 'Please leave flowers at our Lady's shrine.

* **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.

From Deacon Gerard: When speaking to a group of pilgrims in Rome recently, Pope Francis made the following remarks: "Many people think that today it is more difficult to say we are Christians and to live faith in Christ." This reminded me of a biography of St Anthony where the writer said that there was never a so-called golden age for Christianity and that each century brings its own challenges for the Church and people of faith. Nonetheless, there is a great residue of faith in our parish, in our community and throughout our Archdiocese. I saw this faith again at first hand last Saturday at the Archdiocese of Dublin pilgrimage to Knock which was attended by many pilgrims from our parish Partnership and many others from throughout the Archdiocese.

Attendance at the final mass in the basilica was estimated at well over 3,000 where Archbishop Dermot Farrell said: "The apparition of Mary, St Joseph, and St John here in Knock is a call to acknowledge and welcome the silent faithful presence of the Lord in the very depth of our lives. Our God reaches out to us and reaches out to us in mystery. What happened here [at Knock] is a profound outreach to God's people." There are further plans to develop the Shrine as we approach the 150th anniversary of the apparition in five years' time in 2029. There is a new creation walk developed by Father Brian Grogan S.J. which will be launched shortly and new Knock Youth Village for young people travelling to Knock. You can find more details on www.knockshrine.ie The Archbishop added: "This is a profound witness to the reality of the Church: To come on pilgrimage to Knock together, is to proclaim that the Church happens when we are together".

2024 PORTMARNOCK ROSARY RALLY

Where: Portmarnock Beach, beside the Globe

When: **Saturday May 11th 2024**

Time: **4pm**

Intention: Rosary Crusade for the Renewal of The Faith in Ireland.

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

BUILDING HOPE NOVENA: Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO JUNE 2024

Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago, this is a pilgrimage not to miss!

<https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/>. All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 150 children of our Parish who celebrated their Confirmations over the past two weeks. They are a great credit to their Families, Schools and Parish Community. Sincere thanks to all

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.

those in the Schools and Parish who worked with the children and their Families throughout the years to help them prepare. Many thanks also to those who had the church decorated so beautifully for the Confirmation celebrations. We look forward to the future participation of the Families in the life of the Parish into which these children have now been fully initiated as we move forward **Building Hope** together!

COLLECTIONS

First Collection : € 1348
Lay Ministries Collection : €1480

Sincere thanks for your continued support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Mr. Michael Diffily, Briar Walk
Leo Gormley,[RD] Brother of Eimear Fitzpatrick

Saturday, 4th May

6.30p.m. Daithi Terry,[A]; Teresa Brady,[A];
Mary McDonagh,[2nd A].
Siobhan Sullivan,[10th A];
Colin Maguire, [Bth Rem]

Sunday, 5th May

10.30a.m. Michael & Eileen McGregor,[20th A];
Sean Canning, [RD]
Agnes Rudden, [RD]

12 noon Mary Doherty, [Month's Mind];
Daniel Doona, [Month's Mind];
Siobhan Sullivan, [10th A];
Desmond Burns, [A]; Agnes Rudden, [A];
Moira & Thomas Dunne, [A];

ST. FINTAN'S CEMETERY MASS

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

MILLTOWN PARISH requires an Administrative Support Person.– 20 hours per week. Applications / Enquiries by email only, with a covering letter and curriculum vitae to pakenny1978@gmail.com.

ST MARY'S BALDOYLE

Transition Year production of **High School**

Musical Thursday 16th May and Friday 17th May.

Tickets cost €16 per adult, children and senior citizens are €12 and a family of four is €47. These prices include booking fee. www.stmarysbaldoyle.org

ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN supports bereaved parents. Parent Evening Wednesday 15th May 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, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.**

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.

SENIORLINE Would like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm.

Director of OLV Gospel Choir. Our Lady of Victories church Ballymun Road invites applications for the position of Director of OLV Gospel Choir. This is a part-time fixed term contract. The person undertaking this post will work collaboratively with the parish to lead the OLV Gospel Choir at Sunday evening mass, with one evening rehearsal. <https://www.facebook.com/olvgospelchoir/> for more details.

ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, June 1, in Knock. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

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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