



## FROM DEACON GERARD:

We have two adults in Donaghmede parish and one from Yellow Walls preparing for Confirmation as part of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We hope it will be a spiritually enriching experience for the candidates, their families, friends and the entire parish community. RCIA is the way in which the Church welcomes new members who choose to receive the sacraments as adults. The vision behind RCIA is that the ministry of welcome for new Catholics is the responsibility of all parishioners. It challenges us to be a living sign of the saving embrace of God's love. It encourages us to be welcoming, missionary and familiar with the Word of God as we accompany new members of our Church at the beginning of their journey of faith. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said: *"The Christian initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised. The faith .. is shared in that community which worships Sunday after Sunday in the Eucharist. To know Jesus, we must know the scriptures and we must come to share in the life that comes to us in the Eucharist."* We ask for your prayers for the candidates as they continue on their faith journey at an important moment in their lives. I see great hope with our parish RCIA programme where we have had over 25 adults participating over the past few years. The RCIA provides an opportunity for people to receive the sacraments later in life and, with their commitment and enthusiasm, to bring new energy to the church. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin also tells of a lady who told him that she had seemingly no success in passing on the faith to her own children but she did a great job with two people from South Korea! It has been a great privilege to be involved with the RCIA over the years and, as can so often be the case, the blessings and graces from being involved are far greater than any effort that was put in. With increasing numbers of people not bringing their children to the sacraments in recent years, I am sure that in future years some of them may choose to join the Church as adults. Our experience with

RCIA can only help prepare us for what, please God, will be the continued fruits of the programme in the years to come.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Doorhy, Strandmill Ave, Margaret Kinahan.

**Saturday 22nd February 6.30p.m.**

Mervyn Hogan, [Month's Mind];

Wilkie Savage, [Month's Mind]; Tiellie Kirwan, [7<sup>th</sup> A];

Carmel Linnane, [RD]; Jimmy Ennis, [A];

Michael John Canning, [1<sup>st</sup> A].

**Sunday, 23rd<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30a.m.:** Michael Ignatius Dunne, [Bth Rem];

Teresa and Edward Rice (A).

**12 noon:** Noel McKenna, [Month's Mind]; Cecilia

Keating, [A]; Louise Ryan, [25<sup>th</sup> A] & her Mum, Patricia;

George Byrne, [7<sup>th</sup> A]; Finola McSweeney, [A]

Peig Casey, [25<sup>th</sup> A], Jack and Ellen Mitcheal.

### COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, 16th February**

Common Fund € 1115

Accord € 2648

*Sincere thanks for your support.*

### PARISH CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST PENANCE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



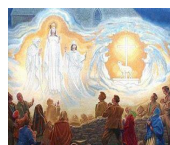
Meeting for all Parents/Guardians of Candidates registered with the Parish for **First Penance and First Holy Communion** will be held in the Church on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at **7.30pm**



Meeting for all Parents/Guardians of Candidates registered with the Parish for **Confirmation** will be in the Church on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

We look forward to meeting with Parents/Guardians or a representative of the family on each evening.

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE KNOCK 2025



Saturday 26th April Leaving St. Anne's Church at 7.30am. Stopping at the Grenville Arms each way. Dinner included €55.00. Deposit of €25 to Parish Office or Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744



**Portmarnock Parish**  
**LOURDES**  
 4 NIGHTS DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN  
*Spiritual Director*  
**Canon John Flaherty**  
 3\* Hôtel San Sauveur  
 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
 €820 pps

FLIGHTS - TRANSFERS - HOTEL - GUIDE

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**Bayside Alpha** are hosting on Zoom a 6-week series during Lent: **Reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary** with Mark and Katie Hartfiel, Fr Dave Pivonka, and others. It starts on Sunday the 9th of March at 7:30pm. To join this free series please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

**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.



**THE DUBLIN ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage: 4th to 9th September 2025, led by**

Archbishop Farrell. **FURTHER INFORMATION** [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) or phone Dublin: 01 241 0800. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary, [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie) / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) / 01808557



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
 Serving those in Need

Our local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take up their Monthly Collection at the church doors this weekend. Sincere thanks

for your continuing and generous support

**The Monthly St. Padre Pio Devotions and Mass** will be on Friday next 28th February beginning with the Rosary at 7.15pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.



**A Prayer Vigil** will be held in Donnycarney church on Friday, 21 February, at 7 pm, to mark the third anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be in attendance. The vigil will be in English and Ukrainian languages.

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 8.00PM

**Peace not War**

Please join the Dublin Diocesan Music Group and the Redemptoristine Community for a time of reflection, music, testimony and prayer on the theme of Peace not War.

Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Drumcondra. Come in person or join us online/webcam - [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

**The Portmarnock Lions Club** invites you to donate your unneeded eye Glasses for reuse in Tanzania. Please leave them at the Parish coffee dock in Teallach Aine.

**NOVENA OF GRACE, COOLOCK**

St Brendan's Church, Coolock. Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier. March 4 to March 12. Saturday and Sunday at 6.30pm; weekdays at 7.30pm. Theme: Finding Pockets of Hope.