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## CARE AND COMPASSION

### How should I vote on Friday 25th May?

The first thing to remember is that this is a legal issue; your vote will be enshrined in the Constitution; because that is what you are doing – you are voting to change the Constitution! You are voting to either retain or repeal one article in our Constitution. That article is called the 8th Amendment.

The wording of the 8th Amendment reads as follows: "The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect and, as far as practicable, by its laws, to defend and vindicate that right."

That seems straightforward. So what will happen if you vote to repeal the 8th? If the 8th Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without legal constitutional protection. This would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right. Further, the 8th will be replaced by new wording which will give the Dáil the right to change the law!! If it is a 'YES' vote, you will no longer have any say in the matter. It will be in the Constitution. And the right to change that law will pass to the politicians.....That's right, the politicians will be able to change the agreed wording.

A "Yes" vote means you change the Constitution. A "No" vote means you keep the Constitution as it is.

Bishop Brendan Leahy says, "It really is important for us to affirm that what is in the womb are babies that are just not born yet. They are not potential persons but persons with potential"

The Catholic Church is strongly in favour of retaining the 8th Amendment as it is now. Think hard and pray hard before you cast your vote.



To help you make an informed decision with regard to the Repeal of the 8th Amendment please Google:  
Choose Life 2018/Archdiocese of Dublin

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
**Mass in our Grouping**  
**St. Anne's Portmarnock on**  
**Monday 7th May at 10.00 am**



*We offer the sympathy of all parishioners to the families of*

Dolores Duggan, Bracken Drive  
 Denis Kelleher, The Dunes  
 Stephen O'Brien, Carrickhill Road  
 Colman Dwane, Wendell Ave.,  
 Seán O'Flynn, Woodlands  
 Patrick Niland, Ardilaun  
*who died recently*

**Bethany Bereavement Support Gro**

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers support to bereaved people by listening to them. Many Bethany members have themselves been bereaved.

We are trained to listen with understanding and are here to support anyone dealing with the very painful experience of grief.

For further information please contact Parish Office: 846 1561

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



**BRENDAN MOONEY  
 (Church Avenue)  
 Died 22nd June 2017**

Mary, Karl and Gary would like to thank most sincerely our extended family, neighbours and our many, many friends. Our sincere thanks to all those who called to the house and attended the funeral. To all who sent Mass cards, kind letters of sympathy and flowers. A special word of thanks to Fr. Kevin Moore, Fr. John Jones, the funeral team, The Portmarnock Singers and the Requiem choir who made the funeral Mass so special. To Richard and all the staff of Staffords Funeral Home, thank you for your assistance and professionalism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.  
*May he Rest in Peace*



**RENEE KENNY  
 (Burrow Court)  
 Died 13th September 2017**

Tadhg and family would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our relatives, neighbours and friends for your expression of sympathy, love and support on the sad loss of our beloved Renee. Thanks to the doctors and staff of St. Vincent's Private Hospital for the wonderful care she received during her long illness. To all of you who sent cards, attended the funeral home and Mass we are extremely grateful. Special thanks to Fr. Val, Fr. Jim and Fr. Liam and to our musicians who made the Mass so special and personable. Many thanks to Staffords Funeral Home for their assistance and professionalism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.  
*I gcónaí in ár gcroí*



**THOMAS (TOMMY) WALSH  
 (Portmarnock Drive)  
 Died 23rd September 2017**

Tommy's family, wife Maria, daughter Lavinia and son, Tom, would like to thank and say how grateful they are to all their friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during the time of Tommy's death. They would also like to thank all those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and attended the funeral. They are grateful, too, to the Requiem Choir who sang so beautifully and to Gerry and the Funeral Team for their suggestions and a listening ear and to Fr. John who called to the house. They will always remember those who visited Tommy regularly during his 10 years in Tara Winthrop Nursing Home (where he was cared for so longingly) keeping him up to date on what was happening in his beloved Portmarnock, as did the Progress Team by making sure he got his copy of the Parish Newsletter in the post every month—it meant a lot to him. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions



**GEORGE BYRNE  
 (Wheatfield Road)  
 Died 21st February 2018**

The family of the late George Byrne of Portmarnock who died on 21 February 2018 wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, work colleagues, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent cards and messages of condolences, as well as those who made donations to the Irish Kidney Association, we are truly grateful. A special word of thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Beaumont Hospital and Northern Cross Dialysis Centre for their kindness and respect shown to George. To all those who participated in his funeral Mass especially Fr. Kevin Moore; to Fr. Conleth Meehan, Fr. Mattie O'Farrell and Fr. Dan Joe Ryan for their kindness and support; and finally Stafford's Funeral Directors, for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. To those who helped in any way, your contribution is greatly appreciated. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

<b>Cemetery Masses 2018</b>			
Date	Cemetery	Time	Prayers/mass
10th June	St. Fintan's Sutton	Mass	12 noon
	Fingal	Mass	12 noon
17th June	Malahide	Prayers/Blessing of Graves	1.45 pm
24th June	Glasnevin	Mass	3pm
1st July	Balgriffin	Mass	12 noon
	Dardistown	Mass	3pm

**PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE**  
 in the Parish Centre. Payment negotiated.  
 By appt only. Phone Mary Ryan 0872709767.



## “Parish Conversations— Let’s talk Family”

The series of Evenings for our Grouping in preparation for World Meeting of Families. These interactive sessions will focus on the content of Pope Francis’ document on the Family—“The Joy of Love” (Amoris Laetitia) and on parishioners’ own experience of family. No knowledge of the Pope’s document is required. It is important to state that these evenings (and indeed World Meeting of Families itself) are for everyone—not just those who have a family. We have all come from families so all are invited! The series continues as follows:

ALL TUESDAYS 7.30 pm	VENUE	Theme
8th May	Yellow Walls Parish	“God’s Dream for Love”
15th May	St. Anne’s Parish Centre	“Married Love Growing to Maturity”
22nd May	St. Anne’s Parish Centre	“God’s Mercy—No One Excluded”
29th May	St. Sylvester’s Parish Centre	“A Gospel of Hope for our Families”



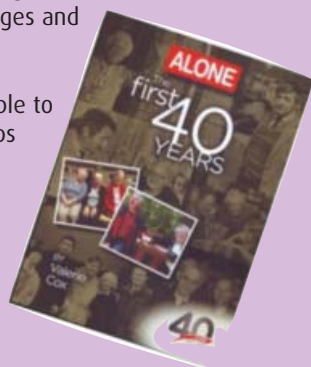
**Anam Cara North Dublin**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 16th May from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can ‘drop the mask’ and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not. Contact Number Office 01 404 5378 Email: [c.dingle@anamcara.ie](mailto:c.dingle@anamcara.ie) Web: [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie)



### ALONE: The First 40 Years

ALONE: The First 40 Years is a new book by author and journalist Valerie Cox. It tells the inspiring story of ALONE, the charity that supports older people to age at home, from Willie Bermingham’s selfless dedication in the early years to the new challenges and issues faced by the charity today.

ALONE: The First 40 Years is available to purchase from all Veritas bookshops and their website [www.veritasbooksonline.com](http://www.veritasbooksonline.com) and selected Easons stores nationwide and their website [www.easons.com](http://www.easons.com). Priced at €15.00, all proceeds will go directly to ALONE’s services.



## World Meeting of Families 2018 News and Updates

Book your tickets:

**Congress Registration + Opportunity of booking tickets for Festival of Families and Final Mass**  
**Festival of Families tickets only**  
**Closing Mass tickets only**

To Register for Tickets - see details online at

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Congress-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Congress-Registration)  
Please note you must have an email address to book. If you do not have an email address, perhaps a friend or family member can allow you to use theirs. We need an email address where we can send your booking confirmation. **CONTACT US: WMOF2018 Office, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, Ireland Tel: +353 1 567 6800 Email: [info@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:info@worldmeeting2018.ie)**

Pope Francis is coming to Ireland to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018.



*Detailed plans for Pope Francis’ visit to Ireland have not yet been finalised. We will be releasing more details and his schedule will be available as events are confirmed.*

Confirmed events that Pope Francis will be participating in include:  
**Saturday 25th August 2018:** Attendance at the WMOF2018 Festival of Families.

**Sunday 26th August 2018:** celebration of the WMOF2018 Final Mass.

### Accessing Final Mass tickets when booking for the Congress

A first level of access is available for people attending the three day of Congress that will take place from the 22 to 24 August 2018. Booking a three day or a one day registration to the WMOF2018 Congress guarantees the opportunity to book a free ticket to the Final Mass at time of registration.

Tickets for the Final Mass on Sunday 26th August 2018 will be made available in the coming months. The details for how you can apply for tickets is not yet confirmed. Further details will be made available in the coming months. Signup for the WMOF2018 newsletter and you will be informed as soon as this information becomes available.

Do you have a spare room  
in your home and  
want to help?

Host a Family/Pilgrim



Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation.

Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience.

If you are interested in learning more about hosting pilgrims for WMOF2018, please call us on 0353 1 567 6800 or email us at [hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie)

## Living your Life – with Epilepsy

Even though an estimated 65 million people worldwide have epilepsy, a neurological condition of the brain that causes seizures, not many people in the spotlight speak openly about the condition. Well known people - writers, athletes, entertainers and more- who lived with a seizure disorder at one point in their life include Vincent Van Gogh, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Dickens, Neil Young, Prince and Susan Boyle. This condition, affecting 1 in 30 Irish people, most commonly starts in childhood and in people aged over 60. In general, seizures are well controlled by treatment in about 4 in 5 cases & those with the condition can by in large live 'normal' lives. Educating ourselves about epilepsy can help reduce the stigma of the condition (previously linked to mental health difficulties) and ease the burden on epilepsy sufferers and their families.

**What is a seizure? A seizure** is a short episode of symptoms caused by a burst of abnormal electrical activity in the brain. Typically, a seizure lasts from a few seconds to a few minutes. Different parts of the brain control different parts and functions of the body. Therefore, the symptoms that occur during a seizure depend on where the abnormal burst of electrical activity occurs. Symptoms that may occur during a seizure can affect muscles, sensations, behaviour, emotions, consciousness or a combination of these.

**What is epilepsy? If you have epilepsy, it means that you have had repeated seizures.** If you have a single seizure, it does not necessarily mean that you have epilepsy (e.g a child who has a febrile convulsion – a seizure due to a high temperature). About 1 person in 20 has a seizure at some time in their life. The frequency of seizures in people with epilepsy varies. In some cases there may be years between seizures, for others they occur everyday. The type of seizure most people would know as epilepsy is a '**tonic-clonic**' seizure – when a person loses consciousness and the whole body stiffens and shakes. Other types include '**absence**' seizures – where a person (usually a child) experiences a brief loss of consciousness or awareness, '**myoclonic**' seizures whereby a sudden contraction of the muscles causes limbs to jerk, or '**atonic**' seizures where you become limp and collapse, otherwise known as a 'drop attack'.

**What causes epilepsy?** In many cases, no cause for the seizures can be found. It is unclear why they start or continue to occur. Medication to control seizures usually works very well. In other cases, an underlying brain condition or brain damage causes epilepsy. Some conditions are present at birth (e.g. cerebral palsy) or in other cases the condition develop later in life (e.g stroke/head injury/brain tumour). The condition may irritate the surrounding brain cells and trigger seizures.

**What triggers a seizure?** There is often no apparent reason why a seizure occurs at one time and not at another. Occasionally, stress, tiredness, alcohol, flickering lights or medication can trigger an attack. Although usually a clinical diagnosis based on history, tests to confirm the diagnosis include a brain MRI and EEG (electroencephalogram – a tracing of brain activity).

**What are the treatments for epilepsy?** Epilepsy cannot be cured with medication. However, with the right type and strength of medication, the majority of people with epilepsy do not have seizures. The medicines work by stabilising the electrical activity of the brain. Other treatments for epilepsy include **surgery** to remove a small part of the brain which is the underlying cause of the epilepsy, possible in only a small number of suffers. Surgical techniques continue to improve and surgery may become an option for more and more people in the future. **In addition vagal nerve stimulation** is a treatment for epilepsy, where a small generator is implanted under the skin below the left collarbone. The vagus nerve is stimulated to reduce the frequency and intensity of seizures. This can be suitable for some people with seizures that are difficult to control with medication.

The overall outlook is better than many people realise. About 5 in 10 people with epilepsy will have no seizures at all over a five-year period.



### What to do if you see someone having a seizure

If you see someone having a seizure or fit, there are some simple things you can do to help. You should call an ambulance if you know it's their first seizure or it's lasting longer than 5 minutes. It might be scary to witness, but don't panic

If you're with someone having a seizure:

- only move them if they're in danger – such as near a busy road or hot cooker
- cushion their head and loosen any tight clothing around their neck
- when their convulsions stop, turn them so they lie on their side (recovery position)
- stay with them and talk to them calmly until they recover
- note the time the seizure starts and finishes

Don't put anything in their mouth, including your fingers. They shouldn't have any food or drink until they fully recover.

### When to call an ambulance

Dial 999 and ask for an ambulance if:

- it's the first time someone has had a seizure
- the seizure lasts for more than 5 minutes
- the person doesn't regain full consciousness, or has several seizures without regaining consciousness
- the person is seriously injured during the seizure

People with epilepsy don't always need to go to hospital every time they have a seizure.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Greek philosopher Hippocrates (460-377 BC) was the first person to suggest that epilepsy starts in the brain. In the US, one person is diagnosed with epilepsy every 4 minutes.



As you may or may not be aware, changes are afoot in relation to how your personal data is stored, accessed, shared and processed. The law governing this comes from the European Union and is complex, but in essence it regulates data controllers and provides rights to data subjects. In practice, it means that companies, including those based outside the EU but processing personal data from within, will have to be exceptionally careful with how they collect and share a person's data. It also means that the individual will have vastly strengthened rights regarding how their personal data is requested and used. The new law will be invoked on the 25th of May 2018 and it will replace previous laws from 1998 & 2003. Medical practitioners (GPs, hospitals etc) are data controllers- put simply - responsible for important personal data that is held on file about you and are taking substantive steps to ensure the confidentiality, accuracy and security of your individual files.

## COËTIVY BOOK OF HOURS EXHIBITION



A small personal prayer book, so cherished that it has survived almost six centuries, is on display at Chester Beatty Library in Dublin.

The lavishly illuminated Coëtivy Book of Hours is

one of the greatest works of art in existence. Commissioned by the Admiral of France for his wedding in the mid-15th century, it was then acquired by Chester Beatty's wife Edith as a wedding anniversary gift for her husband in 1919.

The exhibition features 144 illuminations from the Masterpiece - page after page of glorious paintings in gold and other precious materials (see sample above).

**The exhibition is open until 2nd September 2018  
at the Chester Beatty Library. [www.cbl.ie](http://www.cbl.ie)**

## Diary Dates

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MAY	Mon 7	Bank Holiday—Mass Time	1
	Wed 16	AnamCara Parents Evening	3
	Fri 18	Concert	6
	Sat 19	First Eucharist St. Marnock's	
	Fri 25	Referendum on 8th amendment	1
	Sat 26	First Eucharist St. Helen's	
JUN	13-20	Medjugorje Pilgrimage	5
JUL	Sat 30- Thurs 5 Jul	Lourdes Pilgrimage	5
AUG	Tues 21- Sun 26	World Meeting of Families	3



**NAOMH MEARNÓG CLG** - Our adult teams continue their great run of victories in league and championship, while some of our underage teams face a backlog of games due to the inclement weather.

Another 'girl of the match' performance from Aoible Dillon sees Dublin through to the All Ireland Junior Camogie Final. Laura Twomey captains the Dublin Senior team where her sister Miriam is also a valuable playing member. Shane Carthy is actively involved on the Dublin Senior Football panel.

During April the Club hosted three Dublin Féile competitions—girls football, camogie and boys football. Over 200 children enjoyed our Easter Camp. In spite of the poor weather, Dave Aston and David Sweeney ensured that all participants had a great time.

Mearnóg G.S. held their first outing on April 6th in Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links. Mike Doyle mastered the wet conditions bringing in a winning 38pts. Next up is Malahide May 18th.

Dave Mohan was the lucky winner of our €7,500 Jackpot. At present the accumulating weekly draw is at €1,500.

If you are interested in improving your spoken Irish you should check out [www.buabeo.ie](http://www.buabeo.ie) for information on a new active and fun approach for adults and children. Ger O'Driscoll is organising courses over the summer.

The annual Céilí in memory of Donncha Ó Muineacháin was held on April 7th. It was very enjoyable and well attended.

In Croke Park last month Tadhg Kenny received the Hall of Fame award in recognition of 50 years service in Cumann na mBunscol activities in our Primary Schools.



### Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage 2018

**5 Nights – Saturday  
30th June to Thursday  
5th July**

**Hotel: Saint Sauveur  
(beside Grotto)**

**Theme: "Do Whatever He Tells You"**

**Spiritual Leader: Fr. Conleth Meehan**  
Price €739 (sharing) Single Extra €175  
Details from Pauline Geoghegan  
**087 629 3744**



### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2018

**7 days: 13th to 20th June**

Day flights Dublin to Dubrovnik with Marian Pilgrimages.  
Price €689 sharing, includes bed and breakfast, 4 course evening meal, accommodation near St. James Church, travel insurance and all airport and local taxes, luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide. Spiritual director to be confirmed.

Limited places so book early to avoid disappointment.  
Group leaders Derek & Anne Farrell 086 257 3824/087 922 4077



### Portmarnock Pitch & Putt Club

**Voted Best Seaside Links Course in Dublin**

**\*\* Now open to New Members \*\***

An ideal opportunity to sharpen your short game skills

Annual Fees: Ladies/Gents - €115; Over 65s - €80

3rd Level/Apprentice -€80; Juveniles -€25 (10-16 years)

**The ideal game for all the family.**

Please call into our Clubhouse any Saturday from 12 – 2pm or Sundays from 10 – 12.

We are located down the lane behind St Anne's Church.

e-mail: [portmarnockpitchandputtclub@gmail.com](mailto:portmarnockpitchandputtclub@gmail.com) Mob: 089 445 8313

**Affiliated to the Pitch & Putt Union of Ireland**



## "CLASSICS FROM THE MOVIES"

### Enchiriadis Treis Choir

delighted to be performing again in Seabury Church (Sacred Heart Church, Yellow Walls)

**Friday May 18th at 8pm**

The choir will be performing

### "Classics from the Movies"

with orchestra,

soloists Sylvia O'Brien, Mary Callan-Clark

and Fingal Children's Choir

Cathal Clinch will conduct music from

The Mission, Shawshank Redemption, Lord of the Rings, Thin Red Line and many more well known favourites.

Tickets: €15. Bookings: 085 246

0081, 086 7116559, Paypal, ench3chair@gmail.com or through any choir member. Also available Yellow Walls Parish Centre, mornings, 10- 11.

Come along and join us for an amazing musical evening.



Having completed the construction of 40 Bird Boxes and 3 Benches for the Portmarnock Community Association, members of Portmarnock & District Men's Shed made a visit to Leinster House and were welcomed by local Fianna Fáil TD, Darragh O'Brien whose hospitality was matched only by his knowledge of the history of this

fantastic building.



The Shed members (pictured above with Darragh O'Brien, TD,) enjoyed a guided tour and were impressed by the Georgian features preserved from when the building was completed in 1748 in what was then the unfashionable and isolated 'south side'. While they continue to construct a range of items and are open to requests, The Men's Shed have a program of regular social activities to complement their workshop interests: coming up soon is the Glasnevin Cemetery Tour.

*The PDMS premises is located at the rear of White Sands Hotel and is open from Monday to Friday with flexible hours depending on what activities are underway. Monday to Friday from 09.00hrs to 14.00hrs and a little later on Tuesday and Thursday until 16.00hrs. New members are always welcome and you can contact them at portmarnockmensshed@gmail.com or on 086 238 4663.*



**PORTMARNOCK Lions Club** recently held Diabetes Screening testing for residents of Portmarnock at Cleary's Pharmacy on Saturday, 24th March 2018. A total of 56 people availed of the free test, 6 of whom were advised to visit their doctor for a fasting blood test. We hope to run similar testing periodically in the future.

## Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.30 am - 12.00pm  
St. Anne's Parish Centre



WEDNESDAYS AFTER 10.00 MASS IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
Enjoy fresh scones and tea/coffee €2  
All welcome



THE CRAFT CIRCLE meets 3rd Saturday every month in the Parish Centre from 10.00 am until 1.00pm. Work night— first Thursday of each month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm also in Parish Centre. You would be very welcome to come along and share your craft. For further information contact Pauline at 087 629 3744.



The 120th Portmarnock Scout Group has seen a huge increase in the number of Scouts at all levels over the past 5 years and despite same, continues to have a very long waiting list. We

are currently at a point where we need to attract new leaders (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) to support us in continuing to provide a scouting experience for children and teenagers in Portmarnock. Being a scout leader is a fun and rewarding experience, with an endless range of activities. No previous experience is required, just a fun attitude and lots of enthusiasm!

Unfortunately, we must inform the community that we may have to disappoint children on the waiting list, as we will not be able to take in new scouts in September 2018 unless we can increase our number of trained Leaders.

### What does it mean to be a Scout Leader?

- Complete Scout Leader Application Form and supply 2 references
- Apply for Garda vetting through Scouting Ireland
- Confirm attendance at and attend a weekend training course, run by Scouting Ireland before December 2018 – Introduction to Scouting and Child Protection programme - essential for all Scout Leaders.
- Attend and help run a 1-1.5 hour scout meeting once a week
- Attend planning meetings and participate in organising/arranging weekly meetings
- Attend at least 1 sleepover in the Den/weekend hikes/at least 1 scouting weekend away
- Being a leader means your child will be given a priority place.

**Please contact Hilda at hegarty6@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a scout leader in Portmarnock.**



## CONGRATULATIONS ICA CHOIR Winners of The Baumann Shield for Music 2018



Congratulations to our choir on their major success in coming 1st place in the annual final competition of the Baumann Shield for Music held in An Grianán on 8th April. They also achieved 3rd place in the Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music. This would not have happened without the guidance of musical directors Patricia and Colin Mackenzie seen here with the choir members being presented with the Shield by ICA National

President Marie O'Toole (from Portmarnock Guild). Also pictured are Adjudicator Olive Powderly and ICA Contests Secretary, Breda Banville. The brief for the Baumann Shield was to perform one song from a Musical and a second song with the title of a 'dance' included in the song. The two songs performed by our choir were 'Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again' by Andrew Lloyd Webber and 'Dancing Queen' by Abba. The Eleanora Gibbon Shield required two songs to be sung in Irish. The choir sang Eibhlín a Rún and Peigín Leitir Móir.

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Our Oíche Ghaelach provided great craic agus ceol and several spot prizes. The evening started off with a great performance of Irish dancing by children from the Colette Bolton School of Dancing. Our musician Pat had everyone up dancing. Several members of the Guild sang and added to the atmosphere. A quiz on translating Christian names given in Irish proved very popular and there were prizes for the "most appropriately" dressed lady for the night that was in it. Everyone enjoyed the fun-packed night.

Some of our members joined Ballymun Guild for their Oíche Ghaelach at Na Fianna, Glasnevin on 22nd March.

### Diary Dates for May—Wednesdays:

2nd Line Dancing; 9th May To be confirmed; 16th May Personal Shopper Caroline from Pamela Scott; 23rd May International Night - Turkey—then closing for summer holidays



Do you know what you're entitled to?  
Employment, Health Services, Social Welfare, Tax or Housing.

Answers for all of life's questions. **Phone 076 107 7480.**  
(Malahide CIC, 2nd Floor Malahide Library **Ph 845 0627**)

**Legal Session last Saturday of every month 10.30 am—12.30 pm**



### BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

run by the local HSE Public Health Nurses.

Every Thursday 11.30—12.30 in Portmarnock Parish Centre. All Welcome. Ph 846 0311 for further information.

### HARD OF HEARING?

If you use a Hearing Aid you can avail of the "Loop" anywhere in St. Anne's church. All you need to do is adjust your Hearing Aid settings according to your manufacturer's instructions



**Best of luck to the new cafe on Strand Road - HONEY, HONEY.**



### CONTACT DETAILS

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
91-92 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1.  
Tel. 855 0022; email: info@svp.ie



### PORTMARNOCK CHESS CLUB

New players welcome. Adults meet at 8.30 pm every Thursday in Naomh Mearnóg GAA. Blackwood Lane. Juniors (from 6 years up) meet 7.30 pm. Contact Ken 086 337 3582.

# PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – PCA NEWS

Having experienced the latest Spring I can remember let's hope we have a long warm and sunny Summer in 2018.

**Spring/Beach Clean** The programme commenced on 14th April and will continue every second Saturday until September. We meet at the Kiosk at 10.00am. We welcome new volunteers. No skills required. We provide litter pickers and bags. Great free coffee and scones in the Portmarnock Hotel after the work. With all the storms we have experienced in early 2018 there is a large accumulation of debris on the beach and in the rocks that will take some time to clear. All assistance is gratefully accepted.

**Tidy Towns** The Tidy Town judges will be visiting Portmarnock at any time from the 1st June onwards. While it may be a little early for the flowers it would be great if all the beds are cleared and ready for planting by then. If there are bare patches on the grass verge in front of your or your neighbour's house we will be happy to supply you with grass seed and fertiliser to "green it up". As in 2017 Fingal County Council Parks Dept. will be supplying us with flowers for the beds in early June. If you need flowers contact me in the next two weeks so that I can arrange to get a supply for your road or estate.

I am glad to see the new areas of daffodils in flower at the entrance to Torcaill and at the Southern Cross monument. The new bed in Carrick Court will be planted up shortly and the renovation work on Potato Skin Lane should be completed by now.

We will be planting up the planters/boxes in the village in early June with summer flowers. We need all the help we can get – leave a message on my mobile if you can assist us.

**Shelter/Promenade** I mentioned in the last issue that the long awaited renovation works on shelters would be starting in April. Due to the cold weather and other issues it will be mid-May before any works commence. Hopefully I will not be mentioning this again until it is finished.

**Display Boards** We have made good progress in developing boards and website information on Baldoyle Special Area of Conservation, The Sluice River Marsh, The Geology Walk along the coast and our History Information Points. We hope to have everything in place by mid-Summer

**Drone Photographs** We commissioned a series of photographs taken by a drone over most areas of the

village in the past two months. We will have them on display on the website [www.portmarnock.org](http://www.portmarnock.org) in the next few weeks. It provides for a totally different perspective to our normal view of the village.

**Banners** I have noticed recently that there are banners everywhere. It is a reflection of the vibrancy of our community that there are events taking place throughout the village every week of the year. However it is as important to take down banners after the event as it was to put them up in the first place. This achieves two objectives–

To make room for other groups to promote their events

To avoid banners becoming just like another form of litter

It is good practice to ask for permission of the owner of the fence or wall to erect the banner. In the case of County Council property it is important to apply for permission to erect a banner.

**St. Marnock's Bay** You will have seen that An Bord Pleanála gave permission for a further 150 houses at St. Marnock's Bay on the 5th April. The permission was granted under the Strategic Housing Development initiative.

**ESB, Eir, Virgin Pillars and Boxes** I received an email recently in relation to an unsightly box on a footpath. I would appreciate it if you spot any rusted, graffiti covered or otherwise unsightly boxes that you would contact us at [portmarnock1@gmail.com](mailto:portmarnock1@gmail.com). We can then contact the relevant organisation with a list of boxes requiring their attention

**Town and Village Renewal Scheme** Last year we got funding for the display boards. We can apply for funding for a new project in 2018. If you have an idea for a project email us on leave a message on my mobile—087 248 6287

Pat Suttle

**Contacting the PCA: If you wish to contact the PCA on any issues in our community or volunteer for any of our committees why not call us 087 248 6287 (leave a message) or email [portmarnock1@gmail.com](mailto:portmarnock1@gmail.com). You can visit our website/Facebook at [www.portmarnock.org](http://www.portmarnock.org)**



*Brent Geese at the PSLC. Photograph: Simon Archer*



## FINGAL MATTERS

### Running Track in Portmarnock

Progress has been made to identifying a suitable site for a shared use Athletics Track with local Sports clubs and schools in the Portmarnock area and to move towards agreeing the provision of a site. The manager issued the following Report to a motion asking to help clubs identify and develop a site: *"Discussions have taken place with the local Athletics Club in respect of their plans to develop a suitable facility. They currently are using a prepared grass track at Carrickhill as part of their overall activities. Further discussions have been held with Planning and Strategic Infrastructure in an effort to identify possible locations not yet in Council ownership which may provide a potential location and these discussions are ongoing. The Council is supportive of the Club's efforts in this regard and will continue to try to help facilitate them in their ambitions."*

The development of the facility should allow access for multiple clubs and schools in the Area.

### Station Road Drumnigh Road Junction.

The following questions and answers were received at the area committee meeting in April

*"To ask the Chief Executive to identify and execute a solution for the safety problems being caused by heavy goods vehicles mounting the pavement at Station Road, and to examine the possibility of a road widening in view of the planned development for the area?"*

**Reply:** *The area will be examined to determine if any low cost safety measures can be carried out to alleviate the issues identified. The area will also be referred on to the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department for consideration in respect of any future developments being carried out in this area.*

### Council Move to LED lightbulbs saves '000s

In 2016 Fingal replaced 2850 residential street lights with LED lighting giving energy savings totalling €78,000. In 2017 a further 2425 LEDs gave a saving of €62,000 in energy costs. The accumulated energy saving over the 2 year period totals €218,000. Further maintenance savings will be realised over the lifetime of each LED installed. Fingal is continuing to accelerate its programmes which will also help reduce carbon footprint.

### Hole in Wall Road Moyne Road realignment.

The Compulsory Purchase Order documentation for this scheme is currently being finalised, following which it will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála. Depending on objections, the timeframe for submission and decision of the application will be approximately six months. In parallel to the CPO application, a specification for an advanced archaeology investigation contract is being prepared, the detail design drawings are nearing completion and the tendering prequalification process for suitable works contractors will be undertaken. On the successful granting of permission, the second stage of contractor procurement will be undertaken and the contractor will be appointed

Cllr. Brian McDonagh



## World Youth Day Panama January 2019

Pope Francis has announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Panama next January 22-27. It is hoped that young people aged 16-29 from the Archdiocese will travel. To find out more or if you have a query you can contact the Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism via email - [evangelisation@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindioocese.ie) Details of the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day are being finalised.

Pope Francis' Message for the 33rd World Youth Day - which will be held at diocesan level on Palm Sunday - centres on the theme: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30). The document is available in various languages on the Vatican website at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/youth/index.html>

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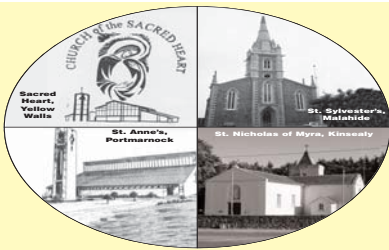
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6.30 pm	Portmarnock	9 am Sat
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Yellow Walls</b>
9.00 am	Carmelite Convent	9.30 am Mon to Thurs
10.00 am	Malahide	9.30 am Fri (Svce of Word)
10.30 am	Portmarnock & Yellow Walls (Family Mass)	<b>Kinsealy</b>
		10 am Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri
11.00 am	Kinsealy	<b>Malahide</b>
11.15 am	Malahide	10 am Mon to Sat
12.00 noon	PMK & Yellow Walls	<b>Portmarnock</b>
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