

Parish notices, April 2

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# Archdiocese of Dublin

## PARISH NOTICES

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**



*Archbishop Farrell blessing the holy oils at this morning's Chrism Mass in St Mary's Cathedral*

### **CHRISM MASS**

On the morning of Holy Thursday, the Chrism Mass was celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Dublin. Archbishop Farrell emphasised a key word of the Gospel: today. Reflecting on Holy Week, he highlighted how Christ enters fully into human weakness and suffering, making powerlessness the place of salvation. Christian ministry therefore occurs not only in moments of joy but alongside people in their struggles. In a time when the Church faces crisis and change, the Archbishop urged the priests and people of the Archdiocese to respond not with

resignation but with trust and acceptance – the Church’s future lies in welcoming God’s renewal with faith and hope. [Archbishop Farrell’s homily is available on the diocesan website.](#)

### POPE’S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him in April in praying for priests in crisis. He released the monthly “Pray with the Pope” video on Tuesday. In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into the Father’s hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, “when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope”. [The video and prayer can be found here.](#)

### COLLECTION PRO TERRA SANCTA

Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Farrell has this year again asked that we take up a **collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta**. This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. We are invited to pray and to collect funds for the Catholic community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Holy Places there. The Archbishop asks each parish to decide how it can best facilitate this collection on Good Friday – perhaps at the church door after the ceremonies. Cheques for the amount collected in your parish should be made out to the Diocese of Dublin Charities account and sent to the Finance Secretariat, which will transfer the proceeds of the collection to the Nuncio. **See attached a letter from Fr Francesco Ielpo OFM, Custos of the Holy Land**

### ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL

The **Holy Week and Easter schedule** for St Mary’s Cathedral can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/holy-week-and-easter-2026/>.

### WAY OF THE CROSS, GOOD FRIDAY

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAY OF THE CROSS</b> Through the Phoenix Park – Dublin</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOOD FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026</b></p> <p>Starting at <b>12.00pm</b> at the Wellington Monument, Phoenix Park</p>	<p>The procession will proceed from the Wellington Monument to the Papal Cross.</p> <p>Led by the <b>Most Reverend Dermot Farrell</b> Archbishop of Dublin</p>  <p><b>Communion &amp; Liberation</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:info@clireland.com">info@clireland.com</a> <a href="http://www.clireland.com">www.clireland.com</a></p>
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### HOLY WEEK RESOURCES FROM LITMUS

These five resources are offered to parishes and communities for Holy Week 2026. Please feel free to adapt according to your own resources and circumstances: **Service of Reconciliation; The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross; Holy Week Meditation; Holy Hour; The Way of the Cross**. They can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/holy-week-resources-2026/>.

# HOLY WEEK – IRISH LANGUAGE

Archdiocese of Dublin  
Ard-Deoise Bhaile Átha Cliath



## Liocúirge Aoine an Chéasta i nGaeilge

Le caoin-chead Ord na gCairmilíteach (OCD) ceiliúrfar Páis an Tiarna i nGaeilge i mblíana ar **Aoine an Chéasta, 3 Aibreán 2026 ag 5 pm**, ag **séipéal Avila** (lámh le Bóthar Morehampton, Domhnach Broc). An tAth. Kieran Shorten OFM Cap. an ceiliúraí. Beidh léitheoirí agus cantairí ó phobail Aifrinne Gaeilge san Ard-Deoise páirteach.

### Good Friday liturgy in Irish

With the kind permission of the Carmelite Order (OCD) the Lord's Passion will be celebrated in Irish **on Good Friday, 3 April 2026 at 5 pm**, at **Avila chapel** (off Morehampton Road, Donnybrook). Fr. Kieran Shorten OFM Cap. is the Celebrant. Readers and cantors from Irish language congregations in the Archdiocese will take part.



Séipéal Avila, Domhnach Broc. Gloine Daitte le George Walsh 2007 grianghrafanna: G Ó Murchú



Coiste Tréadach  
Ard-Deoise Átha Cliath

#### Nóta:

Tá Aoine an Chéasta á cheiliúradh i nGaeilge arís san Ard-Deoise i mblíana, ach níl Tréan iomlán na Cásca ar fáil fós. Anseo thíos freisin tráthanna na nAifreann ar Dhomhnach Cásca.

#### Domhnach Cásca : Aifreann Gaeilge /bácheangach / Easter Sunday : Irish /bilingual masses

##### sa Cuaisceart

9.00 a.m. DOMHNACH CEARNA

[churchmedia.tv/our-lady-of-consolation](http://churchmedia.tv/our-lady-of-consolation)

9.30 a.m. GLAS NAÍÓN

[glasnevinparish.ie/mass-times/webcam-our-lady-of-dolours/](http://glasnevinparish.ie/mass-times/webcam-our-lady-of-dolours/)

10.00 a.m. BAILE DÚILL

[churchmedia.tv/st-peter-st-paul](http://churchmedia.tv/st-peter-st-paul)

11.00 a.m. DRAIGHNEÁN, SÓRD

##### san Iarthar

9.00 a.m. CLUAIN DOLCÁIN

[clondalkinparish.com/?page\\_id=1461](http://clondalkinparish.com/?page_id=1461)

10.00 a.m. CAISLEÁN CNUCHA (le deimhniú)

[castleknockparish.ie/webcam/](http://castleknockparish.ie/webcam/)

##### sa Deisceart

8.30 a.m. RATH FEARNÁIN

[rathfarnhamparish.ie/webcam/](http://rathfarnhamparish.ie/webcam/)

9.30 a.m. BAILE AN TSAOIR

[mcn.live/Camera/st-john-the-evangelist-church-ballinteer](http://mcn.live/Camera/st-john-the-evangelist-church-ballinteer)

9.30 a.m. ASCAILL CHOILL NA FEÁ

[beechwoodparish.com/webcam/](http://beechwoodparish.com/webcam/)

##### san Oirthuaisceart

9.00 a.m. BRÉ, N. PEADAR

[churchservices.tv/braystpeters](http://churchservices.tv/braystpeters)

10.30 a.m. DÚN LAOGHAIRE

11.30 a.m. NA CLOCHA LIATHA

[gkpastoralarea.ie/the-holy-rosary-church-greystones-webcam/](http://gkpastoralarea.ie/the-holy-rosary-church-greystones-webcam/)

PDF available at [An Coiste Tréadach](#)

## REFLECTION ON BAPTISM

Fr Alan Hilliard, Administrator of City Quay, University Church and Westland Row, writes a reflection on Baptism. [Reflection and video here.](#)

## EASTER BROADCASTS

Over Easter, RTÉ One will broadcast from City Quay on Holy Thursday (4.40pm), University Church, St Stephen's Green on Good Friday (3pm), and Westland Row on Holy Saturday for Easter Vigil Mass (11.05pm) .

## **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE**

**Is your parish travelling to Knock?** If your parish or parish partnership are travelling to Knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 25, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie). We want to get an idea of numbers as we continue our planning for the pilgrimage.

This year's schedule can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/knock-2026/>

A Pilgrim's Guide to Knock Shrine (16-page PDF) [can be found here](#).

Suggested accommodation in Knock – see document attached.

See below a poster for this year's pilgrimage. It can be used in your parish and on your website and social media. It is available as a PDF at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/knock-2026/>

# Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, April 25, 2026



This year's theme:  
**Baptised and Sent**

Workshops will include: 1. *Living your Baptism and your Mission in Life;*  
2. *Baptism and Ministries;* and  
3. *How Confession Renews your Baptism;*



For more information, email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

## **GUIDELINES TO PARISH PARTNERSHIP NAMES**

If a parish partnership name has been discerned in consultation with people of all of the parishes in the partnership, please email [buildinghope@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:buildinghope@dublindiocese.ie) in order that the chosen name may be approved, and to confirm that is not already in use by another parish partnership in the Archdiocese. Then, once formally agreed and adopted by the partnership, the name may be registered with [buildinghope@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:buildinghope@dublindiocese.ie). **Guidelines attached.**

## **LOGIN AREA**

The diocesan website's Secure Area is now known as the Login Area and can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/login-area/>. Please email [communications@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:communications@dublindiocese.ie) to request access.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT WORKER SUPPORT

An application form for possible **funding support for the role of partnership Faith Development Worker** in disadvantaged areas is now available [on the Login Area of the diocesan website](#) under **Parish Employees and also attached to this email**. The form should be considered with reference to the available templates, also available on the Secure Area. Please contact [Patricia Carroll](#) for more information on the role of Faith Development Worker, or [Íde Finnegan](#) for further information on the application process. Adare can assist around recruitment queries.

## VOCATIONS

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

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## OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY

### *Baptised and Sent*

The **Baptised and Sent** in Lent reflection programme can be found at <https://synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-in-lent/>

### *Sacraments Conference 2026*

This year's conference explores the various roles of Parish, School and Family as we accompany families on the journey of Sacramental Preparation. All priests, parish pastoral workers, catechists and parish sacramental teams are warmly invited.

It takes place on June 20 from 10am to 3pm at St Paul's, Arran Quay. Cost €10 per person. To register please email [angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie). Places are limited.

[PDF of poster available here](#)

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## DUNDRUM ROLE

**Parish Manager – New Role in Holy Cross Parish Dundrum:** Holy Cross Parish Dundrum is introducing a new Parish Manager as it seeks to address the challenges posed by a decreasing number of priests and the increasing administrative demands. It is intended that this role would handle the day-to-day administrative duties, working closely with the parish priest and supporting existing staff and volunteers. This will allow the parish priest to focus on pastoral care and developing the core mission of the parish. A recruitment advertisement for the Parish Manager position can be reviewed on the Dundrum parish website at [www.dundrumparish.com](http://www.dundrumparish.com).

## NEWTOWNPARK VACANCY

Newtownpark Parish Pastoral Centre has grown to be very successful since it opened its doors in October 2018. We are now recruiting for a new **Pastoral Centre Manager** to continue the development of the centre as a welcoming facility for Parish and Community activities in the Newtownpark Avenue Area. Responsibilities of the Manager include Operations Management of the Centre, Staff and Finance Management, Marketing and Communications, Risk Management and Strategic Planning. This role offers the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community that serves as a hub for social connection, learning, and personal development. **A full job description including job requirements is available here.**

## BALALLY PARISH

*Living the Rule Together:* The programme is available [at this link](#).

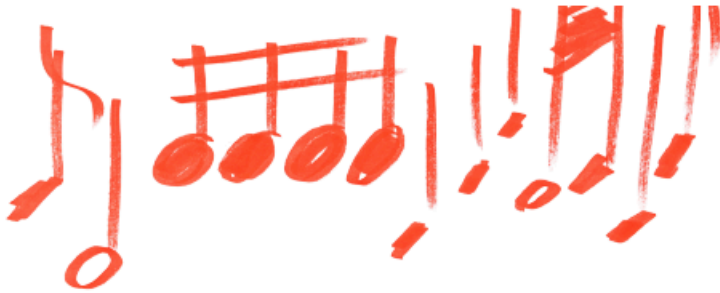
## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, KILBARRACK**

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations, Kilbarrack Church (St John the Evangelist). April 12 at 3pm with Mass and Confessions. All welcome. Bring a friend.

## **RANELAGH CONCERT**

*presenting*

# **The Dublin Consort of Voices**



## Concert of The Resurrection

featuring:

Mass of St Kevin **McKeever**  
The Heavens are Telling **Haydn**  
Tantum Ergo **Mozart**  
**and much more!**

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**19 April 2026 • 7 pm**

**Church of the Holy Name,  
Ranelagh D06 Y176**

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Tickets: €25 at the door and Eventbrite

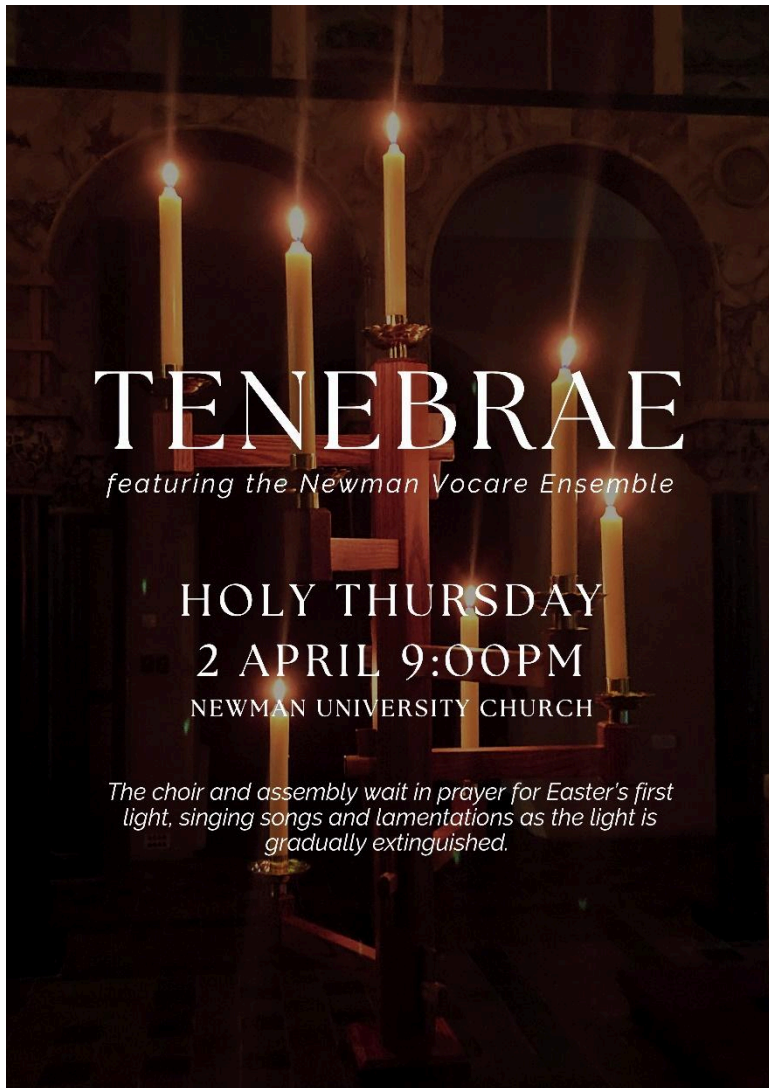
## **DONORE AVENUE**

Donore Avenue was the first church in Ireland dedicated to the Little Flower following her canonisation. A centenary pilgrimage is being organised to Lisieux, September 18 to 21. Highlights include Mass at the tomb of St Therese, visit to the relics of St Therese at Basilica of St Therese, and Cathedral of Lisieux. Return flights, half board in excellent accommodation across the road from St Therese's tomb, all coaching and tours included, €795. Bookings are now due and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, phone 057 93 55050, WhatsApp 085 179 2364 or email us at [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie). Poster attached.

## **UNIVERSITY CHURCH TENEBRAE**

Our gorgeous Tenebrae service will be Holy Thursday night, April 2 at 9pm. The choir and assembly wait in darkness as candlelight is gradually extinguished in the church. Music will be led by the Newman Vocare Ensemble and feature Christus Factus Est by Bruckner, God So

Loved the World by Stainer, Nunc Dimittis in G by Howells, Deus Meus Adiuva Me by Gavigan, sung Lamentations from Newman's pulpit, psalms and more.



# TENEBRAE

*featuring the Newman Vocare Ensemble*

HOLY THURSDAY

2 APRIL 9:00PM

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY CHURCH

*The choir and assembly wait in prayer for Easter's first light, singing songs and lamentations as the light is gradually extinguished.*

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, AUGHRIM STREET**

# Scripture and Prayer

Need a calm  
break from the  
busyness?

Wondering what  
God might be  
saying to you?

## A GENTLE MOMENT WITH GOD'S WORD

Want to come  
as you are?

Curious about  
the Bible  
but not sure  
where to start?

Want a  
quiet moment  
in your week?

*"I am the way,  
the truth and the life"*  
(John 14:6)

Come for a short reading  
and a moment together



Monday 10:30—11:00 AM  
Tuesday 7:00—7:30 PM



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
Aughrim Street — Dublin 7  
01 838 6232 / aughrimstchurch@gmail.com

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# HOLY WEEK

## MASS SCHEDULE

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### | PALM SUNDAY

♦ Saturday 28 March

*Italian Community—5:30 pm*

*Parish Community—6:30 pm*

♦ Sunday 29 March

*Parish Community—10:30 am*

*Romanian Greek-Catholic Community—11:45 am*

### | HOLY THURSDAY (2 April)

*Mass of the Lord's Supper—8:00 pm*

### | GOOD FRIDAY (3 April)

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 pm*

*Confessions—From 4:00 pm*

*Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm*

### | HOLY SATURDAY (4 April)

*Easter Vigil—8:00 pm*

### | EASTER SUNDAY (5 April)

*Parish Community—10:30 am*

*Romanian Greek-Catholic Community—11:30 am*

*Italian Community—12:45 pm*



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
Aughrim Street — Dublin 7



**PORTERSTOWN**

# Parish of St. Mochta

## Holy Week Timetable 2026

**Palm Sunday 29th March, 2026**

Palms will be blessed at the 6pm Vigil Mass  
and 11am Mass on Sunday

**Monday of Holy Week** Mass at 10am

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Service of Word & Communion at 10am

**Holy Thursday** *No Morning Mass*

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm  
followed by Watch & Pray

**Good Friday** *A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

- Children's Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
- Solemn Celebration of Our Lord's Passion  
and Holy Communion at 3pm
- Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday 5th April, 2026**

**Easter Vigil** 8pm on Easter night (Saturday)

**Easter Sunday** Mass at 11am

### CONFESSIONS

**Sunday 29th March** from 12.30pm to 2pm.

**Monday 30th March** after 10am Mass

**IRISH COLLEGE MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE**

# A MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE PONTIFICAL IRISH  
COLLEGE ON THE COELIAN HILL



29 - 4  
**JUNE/  
JULY**  
2026

## ‘CENTENARY IN SONG’

A Musical Pilgrimage for  
liturgical music ministers in  
Rome with *The Priests*

- Workshops
- Accommodation
- Liturgies
- Meals
- Cultural Site Visits
- Final Night Concert



For more information visit  
[irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026](https://irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026)

Visit <https://irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026/>

**WORKSHOP ON CONTEMPORARY CHURCH MUSIC**



An Eaglais Liútarach in Éirinn  
Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Irland  
The Lutheran Church in Ireland

## SINGING GOD IN HARD TIMES

# International Workshop on Contemporary Church Music

**1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026**

**ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH  
24 ADELAIDE ROAD  
DUBLIN 2, D02 XP21**

**In our troubling times,  
music is a powerful source  
of spiritual expression and nourishment.  
Today's church music scene is relevant,  
vibrant and creative.**

**Led by renowned international hymnodists and  
choir directors, this workshop is open to all.**

### **FACILITATORS INCLUDE**

**Jochen Arnold** – Germany  
**Fritz Baltruweit** – Germany  
**John Bell** – Scotland  
**Andy Bouman** – USA  
**Kerry Houston** – Ireland  
**Blánaid Murphy** – Ireland  
**Kiran Young Wimberly** – N. Ireland

Scan the QR code for programme details



Also attached as a PDF

**ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS**

Organized by:

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Rathmines  
Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Rathmines  
St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road  
Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park  
Christchurch Rathgar, Presbyterian Church



# Ecumenical Way of the Cross

## GOOD FRIDAY

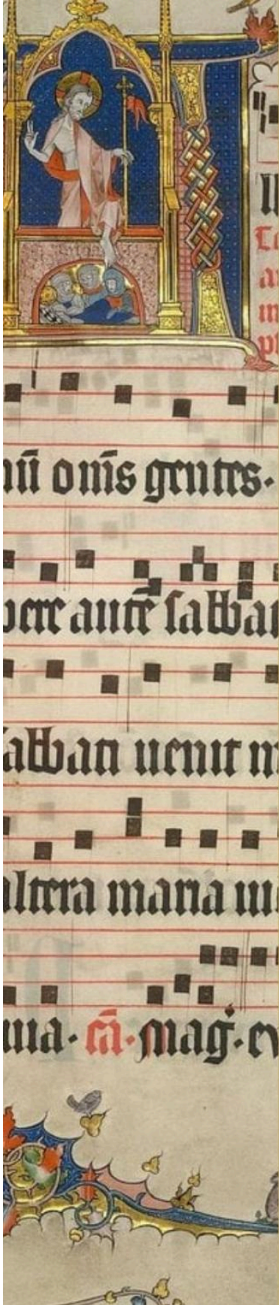
April 3, 2026

12.00-2.00pm

Start in front of  
St. Finian's Lutheran Church  
24, Adelaide Road, D02XP21

### **PRIORY INSTITUTE**

We are delighted to offer Free Online Lent Reflections given over the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum is the core of the liturgical year, and this year we are offering daily reflections focussing on the Sacred Music throughout the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. The retreat giver, Dr John O'Keeffe, was awarded a Knighthood of St Gregory by the Holy See in recognition of his services to Irish Church Music.



**THE PRIORY INSTITUTE**  
A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies

25 YEARS

# JOURNEY THROUGH THE SACRED MUSIC OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Daily reflections  
given by  
Dr John O'Keeffe  
Director of Sacred Music at  
St Patrick's Pontifical  
University, Maynooth

**FREE ONLINE RETREAT**



Find out more at  
[prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

[www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE**

# Mindfulness

## Teresa Larkin

18 April 2026 10am—3pm

**Self-Kindness in Difficult Times:** In this workshop we will explore how we can meet stress and fear with a compassionate presence. We will use meditation, poetry, music, etc. for when we feel critical towards ourselves and others.

€65 incl. lunch. Advance booking essential

Visit <https://domrc.ie/>

### CELEBRATING LIBERATION

## Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women

**“We are an Easter people.” Easter calls us to believe that the ‘stones’ which repress/ imprison us can actually be rolled away. It’s a time to ‘arise, shine; for your light is come.’ (Isaiah 60:1)**

**Speaker:**

Gráinne Doherty is from Donegal and is an adult faith educator, and retreat facilitator. She strives to make connections between our religious beliefs and the lived reality of our everyday.



<b>Venues:</b>	Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre Blackwater Co. Wexford	The Pembroke Hotel Patrick Street Kilkenny
<b>Dates:</b>	24th April 2026	25th April 2026
<b>Times:</b>	10.00 am - 4.30 pm	10.00 am - 4.30 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	€35 (includes lunch) Pay on the door	€20 (includes tea/coffee) Pay on the door

Please book before Friday 17th April by contacting Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 - 9.00 am - 4.30 pm or email: [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie)

Sponsored by The Sisters of St. John of God



CAMP VERITAS

**Camp Veritas** is a Residential Faith & Fun Camp, Supporting Young People 12 – 17 years explore and celebrate their Catholic Faith. Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare, June 23 to 28. [A flyer is available here.](#) Visit [www.campveritasireland.org](http://www.campveritasireland.org) for more.

## DOMINICAN VOCATIONS


Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, 17th – 19th April. For single women between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. Please contact Sister Mairéad OP at [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) / 041 9838524.

## CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Calling All Catholic Mothers in Ireland! Join Catholic Mothers Ireland – a supportive community where faith and family come together. Connect with like-minded mothers, share experiences, and grow spiritually through prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. Be part of something uplifting – you are not alone on this journey! Visit [www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie) to learn more.


# CATHOLIC COUPLES DATE NIGHT

CELEBRATE LOVE - DEEPEN FAITH - GROW TOGETHER



Join us for an evening designed to enrich your relationship & renew your commitment to the beautiful Sacrament of Marriage. Enjoy inspiring talks, meaningful conversations & time to reconnect as a couple.

Strengthen your bond, grow in faith & rediscover the joy of walking this journey together.



**When:** 7pm, 18th April 2026  
**Where:** Armagh City Hotel

- Mark & Anne O'Leary speak on 'Knowing each other' & 'Deeper in Love'
- Mr & Mrs Quiz
- 4-course meal
- Entertainment on the night

**Speakers:**  
Mark & Anne O'Leary  
Teams of Our Lady

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC110669

“Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God & a great act of faith toward other human beings.”  
*St. John Paul II*

Early bird pricing £45/€55 per person until 14th February then they will be £55/€65 per person

To join us, email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) OR Scan this QR code



[www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie)

## FUNDING

### The Koch Foundation

(closing May 1st) Our mission is built on the Koch's vision “to strengthen and propagate the Roman Catholic faith by providing grant support for a wide variety of evangelization efforts”. The Koch Foundation is international in scope and prioritizes on areas and populations most in

need of a Catholic presence. As the Catholic Church has emphasized her global perspective, we also recognize our global responsibilities.

### **Benefact Trust**

(rolling): capital, social, and evangelical projects. Whatever your project is, you should be considering this funder! Most projects are eligible.

### **Local Enhancement Programme**

Check with your local county council for more details for your area. capital supports that are essential for many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas: There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. The funding may be used for, but is not limited to; improving access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

### **Heritage Council Community Heritage Scheme**

- Conservation surveys, reports, plans, and audits that help guide the future care and management of buildings, monuments, habitats, collections, or objects.
- Conservation works to buildings, monuments, habitats, collections, or objects. These projects must consider their impact on biodiversity and climate, and include measures to support positive outcomes - such as restoring habitats, managing invasive species, or improving energy efficiency in heritage buildings.
- Workshops and training events that promote good heritage practice. Priority is given to projects focused on traditional building and craft skills, graveyard recording, and biodiversity training.
- Digital heritage projects, such as digitisation, online exhibitions, oral history recordings, podcasts, and films. All digital outputs funded by the scheme must be open, accessible, and freely available to the public.
- Purchase of specialised equipment or materials that support conservation work or help improve access to heritage.
- Inclusion The Heritage Council is especially interested in grant applications that improve access to heritage, helping more people to take part particularly individuals with disabilities and those from minority groups. Projects that address the heritage of minority groups such as Traveller culture are also encouraged.

### **SEAI Community Energy Grants**

This list outlines the types of measures we want to support through the Communities grant programme.

- Building Fabric Upgrades
- Technology and System upgrades
- Integration of Control Systems
- Integration of renewable energy sources
- Domestic Combined Fabric Upgrade
- Single Building Demonstration projects will be considered under the Communities Grant.

I hope this list is helpful. There are many opportunities out there for parishes and dioceses to secure funding for any type of project.

Céire Sadlier

Grants Officer

Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

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Telephone: 0868923336

**WEEKLY EZINE**

*Sharing Good News* is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like to receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing Good News* to [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).



### **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**

Fr Vasyi Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community and curate in Donnycarney Parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or [ugccie@gmail.com](mailto:ugccie@gmail.com). Ukrainian Mass (Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine rite) is held every Sunday at 1pm in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney.

### **THEWAY.IE**

Notice for parish newsletters: *TheWay.ie* is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

### **FRENCH LANGUAGE MASS**

Mass for the French-speaking Catholic community in Dublin in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12.30pm from September to June.

### **ITALIAN COMMUNITY**

Italian Catholic Community Dublin. Masses in Aughrim Street Church every Saturday at 5.30pm (fourth Sunday of the month followed by community gathering). Other activities: Biblical Catechesis (online); Pre-marriage Catechesis: Rosary (online); Book Club (online). Facebook: <https://facebook.com/italiani.cattolici.a.dublino/>. Contact: Fr Coriolan Muresan. [cattolici.dublin@gmail.com](mailto:cattolici.dublin@gmail.com) / [coryolan26@yahoo.it](mailto:coryolan26@yahoo.it) / 012447995.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **ADARE HR – PARISH CONTACT**

For parish human resource queries please contact Conor McGann at 01 5490450 or [archdparishes@adarehrm.ie](mailto:archdparishes@adarehrm.ie). Please note for urgent or time-reliant queries please give as much notice as possible. Parishes are reminded that the HR Toolkit for line managers is available.

### **MOTHER AND BABY INSTITUTIONS PAYMENT SCHEME**

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website [here](#)) or by post. Contact Helpline 01 5229922 (call to request application pack). All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

### **SUPPORT FOR BIRTH MOTHERS**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

## TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm and Wednesday 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) or <https://www.facebook.com/TowardsPeaceSpiritualSupportService/>.

## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>.

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

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