

Parish notices, April 9

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Archdiocese of Dublin

PARISH NOTICES

EASTER THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026



The beginning of the Vigil Mass of Easter on Saturday at St Mary's Cathedral. See below.

VIGIL MASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Archbishop Farrell was the celebrant at the Vigil Mass of Easter in St Mary's Cathedral. The ceremony began with the lighting of the Paschal fire at the entrance to the Cathedral, where the Archbishop was assisted by Deacon Thomas Groves. During the Mass, three catechumens were baptised and confirmed into the Catholic faith: Zhao Zhang, who was baptised with the Christian name Thomas, Mamadu Sow, baptised with the Christian name John, and Charlie Pooley. Two other candidates also received the sacrament of Confirmation. The Palestrina Choir provided the music for this joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection. [Photo gallery on the diocesan website.](#)

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, April 26

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God’s gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God’s call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

[See here for the full message of Pope Leo XIV](#)

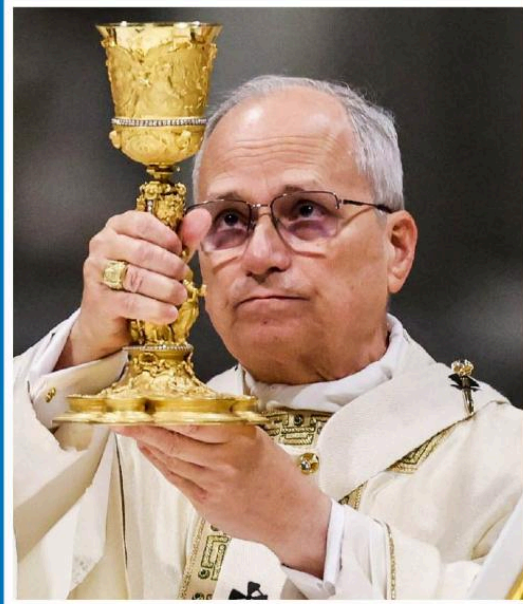
Please include this message in parish notices and in the Prayer of the Faithful. Parishes are encouraged to promote vocations through events, newsletters and social media. **The poster below and attached** may be shared on parish notice boards and online platforms.

If you know of someone who may be considering the priesthood, please encourage them to contact the vocations team: Fr Séamus at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or Fr Bill at bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

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Discover the gift that God has placed within you!

***“Every vocation
begins with the
discovery that we
are loved by God,
and becomes
a path of joy
when we respond
with trust and
generosity”
POPE LEO XIV***



**If you would like to find out more about
being a diocesan priest serving in the
Archdiocese of Dublin, please contact:**

Fr Séamus McEntee
Director of Vocations
vocations@dublindiocese.ie

Fr Bill O’Shaughnessy
Assistant Director of Vocations
bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie

www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations

Building Hope

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Promotional material will be delivered to parishes ahead of that weekend.

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.](#)

REFLECTION ON BAPTISM

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

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. 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

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 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. **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 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 or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY

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. Places are limited.

[PDF of poster available here](#)

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.

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](#).

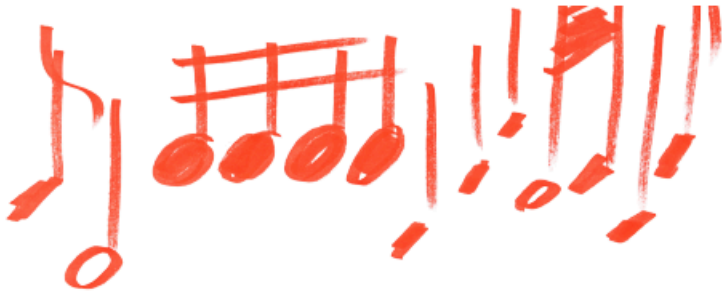
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, KILBARRACK

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

[Tickets here](#)

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. Poster attached.

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

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



For more information visit
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

1st to 3rd 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
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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

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.



Venues:	Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre Blackwater Co. Wexford	The Pembroke Hotel Patrick Street Kilkenny
Dates:	24th April 2026	25th April 2026
Times:	10.00 am - 4.30 pm	10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Cost:	€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

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 for more.

MERCHANTS QUAY BOOKSHOP

Good News St Paul's Books and Gifts, Ireland's leading Catholic publisher and retailer of religious books, gifts, educational materials and parish resources, has opened in 4 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8. Email dublin@stpauls.ie or call 0892793978.

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 / 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 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


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

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

"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 OR Scan this QR code



www.catholicmothers.ie

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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.



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Fr Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community and curate in Donnycarney Parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or 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.

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 / 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. 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 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 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.



Holy Trinity Parish Donaghmede RCIA Confirmation candidates Giovanna (second from left) and Binxa (fourth from left) with their sponsors and members of the RCIA team at the weekend

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