

Parish notices, April 16

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Archdiocese of Dublin

PARISH NOTICES

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

*Come Holy Spirit,
Fill Our Hearts Anew!*

Prayer and reflections drawn
from the Novena Prayer Booklet 2026
Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group



Monday 27th April 2026 at 8pm
Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church
Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 X277

Building Hope

Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew! Prayer and reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet 2026. See below

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](#)

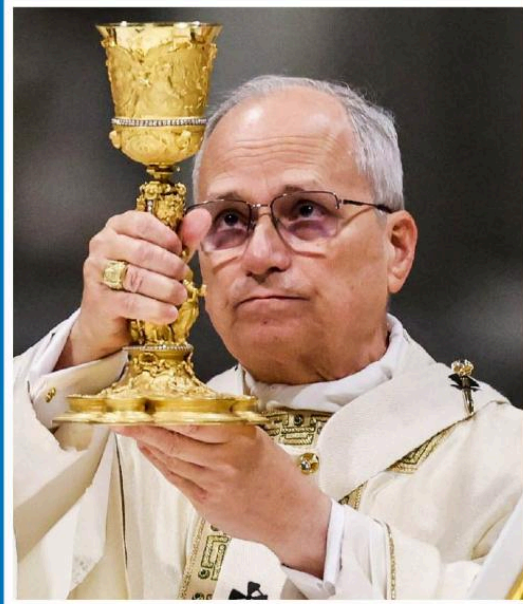
Please include this message in parish notices and in the Prayer of the Faithful. Parishes are encouraged to promote vocations through events, newsletters and social media. **The poster below and attached** may be shared on parish notice boards and online platforms.

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 is being delivered to parishes ahead of that weekend. **This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities*.**

2026 NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Novena will take place in the nine days from 17th – 25th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

On Monday 27th April, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in the Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock, for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet 2026 with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

- **Event: Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew! Prayer and reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet. Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group**
- **Date: Monday 27th April 2026**
- **Time: 8pm**
- **Venue: Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 X277**

Novena resources will be sent to parishes and made available at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/novena-2026/>. The above poster for the event in Castleknock on Monday 27th April [is available here as a PDF](#)



FUNDING MISSION IN PARTNERSHIP

An update on the development of a Strategic Funding Plan for the Archdiocese of Dublin

As we continue to undertake pastoral actions and initiatives guided by the [Building Hope Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025–2027](#), over the past year we have also been working on a Diocesan Strategic Funding Plan. This is a practical roadmap designed to support the journey of our parish partnerships. Following an initial consultation phase, during which we gathered valuable insights from the Council of Priests, clergy and laity, we are now ready to move forward with the next step: the rollout of a pilot programme over the course of 2026 and 2027.

This pilot will enable us to:

- Reflect on how funds are raised and monies are collected
- Gather feedback from participating parish partnerships
- Refine activity to ensure they are both effective and sustainable into the future

The programme will involve a select group of parish partnerships and will commence in the coming months. The learnings from this phase will be critical in shaping a comprehensive rollout plan that supports our shared mission and reflects the realities of our faith communities.

We remain deeply grateful for parishioner engagement and support throughout this process. Further updates will follow as the pilot progresses.

As always, we place our trust and hope in our loving God as we continue this important work together.

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. 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.](#)

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – LAST CALL

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday week, April 25. **If your parish partnership is travelling, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie to let us know.** Whether you are arriving as a group or individually, you will be very welcome in Knock

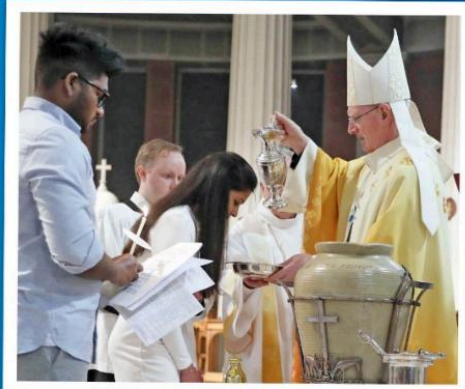
as we celebrate one of the larger diocesan occasions of the year. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for us all to gather together as a diocese to share our faith and to inspire each other in our mission to make Christ present to the people of our times.

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. Below is a **poster** for this year's pilgrimage. It can be used in your parish and on your website and social media, and is available as a PDF [here](#).

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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

DIOCESAN OFFICES – CONTACTS

The direct telephone numbers and email addresses for all of the diocesan staff members can be found under each office's section at [Our Offices & Agencies](#) on the diocesan website. The offices can also be contacted at 018087500 and the relevant department selected after listening to the prompt.

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.

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.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie. Places are limited.

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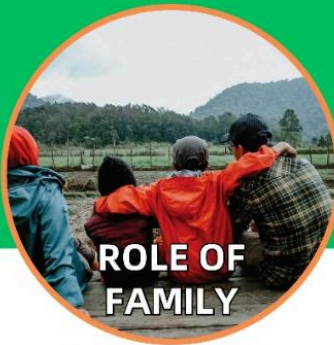
SACRAMENTS CONFERENCE

20TH JUNE 2026
10AM - 3PM

FOR PRIESTS,
PASTORAL WORKERS,
CATECHISTS and
PARISH SACRAMENTAL TEAMS



ROLE OF
PARISH



ROLE OF
FAMILY



ROLE OF
SCHOOL

At
St. Paul's
Arran Quay

COST
€10

PLACES ARE LIMITED

To register
contact
angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie

www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry

[\(PDF available here\)](#)

Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis

This 8-session course, run in St Paul's Arran Quay, is for current members of a Parish Sacramental Preparation Team or anyone who might be considering this important ministry. The course is divided into 4 foundation modules and 4 modules that explore Catechesis in practice. The course costs €200. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate. For more information, and to apply for a place, please contact patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie.



DIOCESAN Certificate CATECHESIS

**8 Saturdays
10am to 4pm**

At St. Paul's Church
Centre for Mission and Ministry
19 Arran Quay
DUBLIN 7
D07 KX66

Part One: Foundations in Catechesis

12th September
10th October
7th November
5th December



Who is this for?

- Those who are already doing some parish catechesis
- Those who are members of parish sacramental teams - new or old
- Those who feel called to the ministry of catechist

Part Two: Catechesis in Practice

16th January
13th February
13th March
10th April



How much does it cost?

€200
for eight modules

TO APPLY EMAIL:
patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie
CLOSING DATE: 29th MAY 2026



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Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

[\(PDF available here\)](#)

Being a Synodal Pastoral Council

Presidents and Chairs of Pastoral Councils are invited to St Paul's, Arran Quay to a workshop on May 18 at 7.15pm, where a new Diocesan Resource will be launched. This new resource will help Pastoral Councils to grow in their ministry to Parish and Pastoral Areas. To register for a place, please contact angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie.

BEING A SYNODAL PASTORAL COUNCIL

A workshop for
Council Presidents and Chairs
launching the NEW
Pastoral Council Resource

**18th
MAY**

7.15pm - 9.15pm

**St Paul's
Arran
Quay**



To reserve your place please email: angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie

[\(PDF available here\)](#)

Information evening for two courses

Pathways and Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis: Anyone who is interested in learning more about either, or both, of these courses is invited to an evening on May 25, St Paul's Arran Quay, beginning at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to hear more about the content and structure of each of these important courses and to ask questions. It would be helpful to know in advance if people are attending via an online registration form using this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/pZZiRiQAns>



PATHWAYS INTO MINISTRY

2 YEAR ADULT FAITH PROGRAMME

1ST YEAR FOCUS ON BASIC THEOLOGY OF
GOD * JESUS * CHURCH * WORSHIP
WORD OF GOD * SACRAMENTS

2ND YEAR FOCUS ON MINISTRIES
ROLE OF LAITY * YOUNG PEOPLE *
LEADING PRAYER * BIBLE STUDY *
FAITH SHARING * PPCS

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of Dublin
Office of Mission
& Ministry

TWO COURSES

INFORMATION

25 MAY
7.30PM

ST PAUL'S ARRAN QUAY

EVENING



CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

4 MODULES ON FOUNDATIONS IN CATECHESIS
4 MODULES ON CATECHESIS IN PRACTICE

SUITABLE FOR A GROUP FROM A PARISH TO GROW AS A TEAM



Scan the QR code to register or use this link:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/pZZiRiQAns>

[\(PDF available here\)](#)

GREYSTONES & KILQUADE ROLE

The Pastoral Area of Greystones & Kilquade is recruiting a **Pastoral Area Manager**. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position please do bring it to their attention. Reporting directly to the Parish Priest, the Manager will provide professional and administrative support to the Parish Priest and volunteers to ensure the smooth and efficient running of all non-pastoral aspects of parish life. The role, which includes the supervision of up to nine staff, requires strong organisational, interpersonal, and managerial skills, with responsibility for the overall coordination of the administration of the Pastoral Area. This is a

full time senior position, and the successful candidate will have considerable experience with a track record of achievement. Applications, including a CV, should be sent to PP Fr Des Hayden at frdeshayden@gkpastoralarea.ie by April 26. [A full job specification is available here.](#)

SENSORY MASS INVITATION

St Mary's Parish, Maynooth, warmly invites you to our Sensory Mass on Saturday, April 25, at 5.30pm. This Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for young people and families who may benefit from a quieter and more relaxed worship environment. The short Mass will have gentle lighting and sound, calm atmosphere, space to move around if needed and sensory items to aid regulation. Please join us and invite anyone who might have sensory needs or simply wishes to attend a short and peaceful Mass. Join us in the pastoral centre afterwards for refreshments. Eircode: W23 N663



Sensory Mass

Maynooth parish invites families to a calm and welcoming Worship experience



25th of April at 5.30pm



St Mary's Catholic Church Maynooth



What to Expect

- Reduced sound levels
- Lower lighting
- Short Service: 20 minutes
- Sensory items available
- Movement around the church permitted
- Noise welcome and understood
- Cup of tea after Mass in the Pastoral Centre



Contact: Emma 087 4826356
parishyouthmaynooth@gmail.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](#).

ST CARLO ACUTIS – SHANKILL

Carlo Acutis Youth Celebration

St Anne's Parish Shankill

Saturday 25th April 2026
Commencing at 5pm



Youth Programme

(Booking Required - see below)

St Anne's Parish Youth Leadership team and Carlo Acutis Youth Ireland invite young people aged from 7 to 17 to join us for a special evening of celebration, recognising the great gift of Saint Carlo Acutis.

Join us in the Resource Centre after 5pm Mass for an evening of faith, fun and food! The event will conclude at 8.30pm approx.

BOOK HERE

Or contact the office for
more details:
(01) 2822277



General Programme

(No Booking Required)

- Mass - 5pm
- Reflection by Carlo Acutis Youth Ireland Team
- Relic Blessing
- Adoration



**Limited Spaces Available
for the Youth Programme**

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.

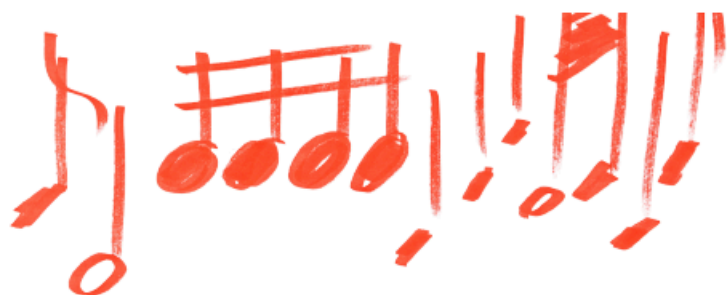
BALALLY PARISH

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

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

Monthly Mass

in honour of

Saint Carlo
Acutis

with
Relic Blessing

All are welcome



Every Second Tuesday of the Month



6:30 PM



Church of the Holy Family

Aughrim Street, Dublin 7

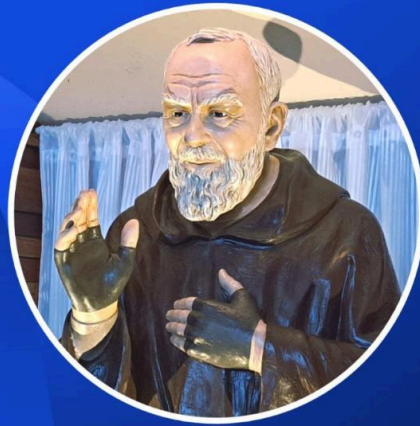
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Monthly
Mass in
Honour of

Saint Padre Pio



Every First Monday
of the Month



Mass at 6:30 PM
Followed by prayers
& blessing with the
mitten of Saint
Padre Pio

All are welcome



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Aughrim Street – Dublin 7

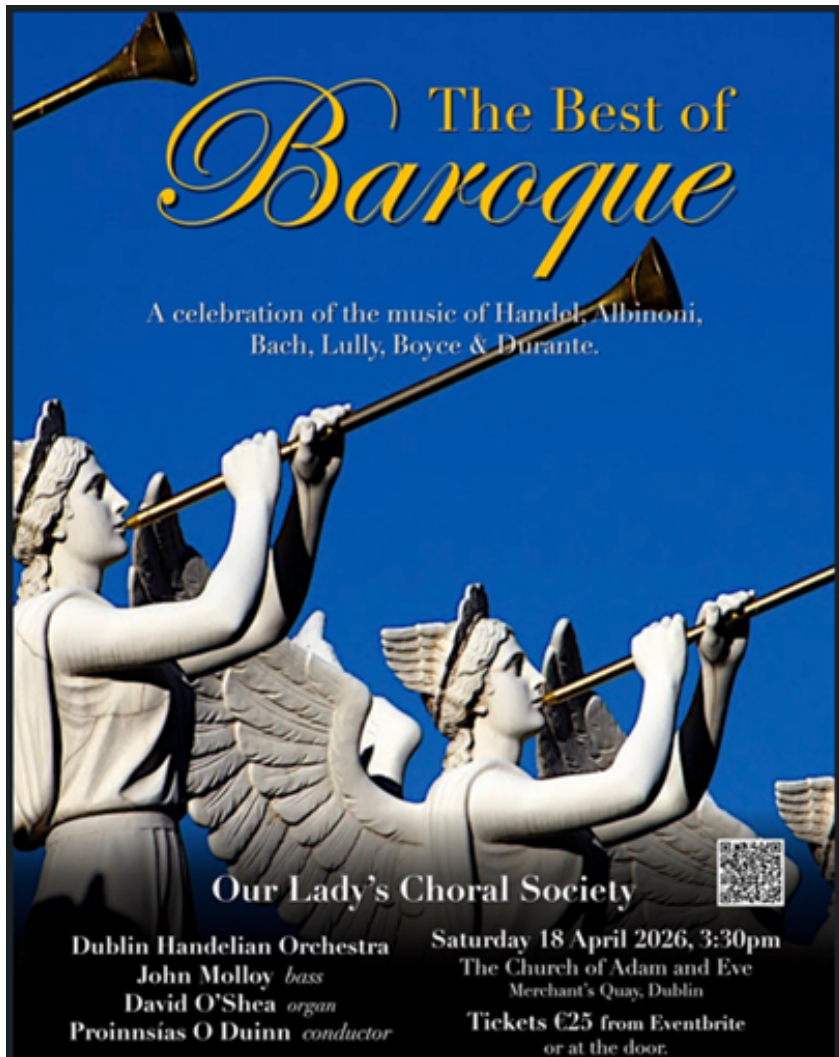
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📍 [Aughrim Street Church](#)

🌐 www.aughrimstreetparish.ie

OUR LADY'S CHORAL SOCIETY



Get ready to dive into the Best of Baroque with an unforgettable in-person experience! Our Lady's Choral Society brings together the most stunning pieces from the era, showcasing the elegance and drama that make Baroque music so timeless with soloist John Molloy, organist David O'Shea and the Dublin Handelian Orchestra conducted by Proinnsias O Duinn. Whether you're a classical fan or just curious, come enjoy the vibes, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and immerse yourself in rich melodies and intricate harmonies. Don't miss out on this awesome celebration of Baroque brilliance. Tickets [from Eventbrite](#) or at the door.

CONFERENCE: ART AND WORSHIP

Liturgy Association of Ireland/
Cumann Liotúirge na hÉireann

ART AND WORSHIP

Annual Liturgy Conference

25 April 2026

10am-4pm

Our Speakers



Credit: Emmaus O'Herlihy, OSB

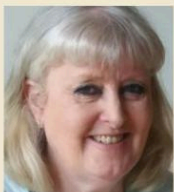
Join us for a great day
exploring this important
and exciting topic!



Dr Emmaus O'Herlihy is a Benedictine monk and visual artist at Glenstal Abbey, Ireland. His paintings draw on Christian imagery while engaging contemporary aesthetic questions, particularly how recent artistic strategies reshape the relationship between art and worship and awaken an ethical summons to the Other.



Dr Amanda Dillon is a biblical scholar at Dublin City University whose research examines the reception of the Bible in contemporary visual art. Her work focuses on how art & design illuminate scripture in liturgical and devotional contexts. She is the author of *Drawn to the Word: The Bible and Graphic Design* (SBL Press, 2021).



Ruth Sheehy, MLitt, is an art historian emerita of Trinity College Dublin. Her principal research interests have been in religious art in Ireland in the 20th century, in particular that of the Irish artist Richard King, a pupil of Harry Clarke. She has published extensively and given talks on King's stained glass windows and on the religious dimension of his art in other media.

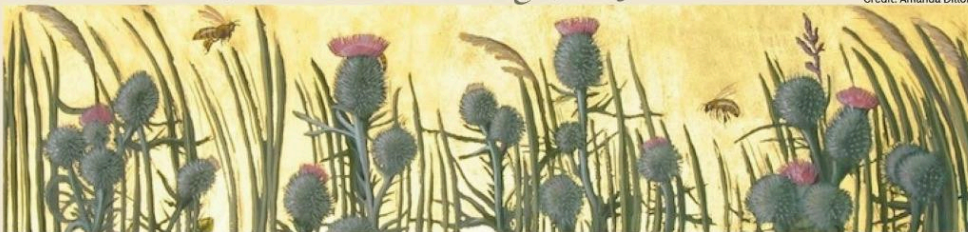
Members €35
Non-Members €45
Concessions €25
(Light lunch included)

Booking
through
Eventbrite



Renehan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Credit: Amanda Dillon



[\(PDF available here\)](#)

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
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

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

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NC110669

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.

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WEEKLY EZINE

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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

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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.

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