

Parish notices, April 23

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# Archdiocese of Dublin

## PARISH NOTICES

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026**



*Bishop Dempsey with candidates and their families at the Admission to Candidacy for the Permanent Diaconate ceremony at St Patrick's, Donabate, on Sunday*

### **VOCATIONS SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND**

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](#)

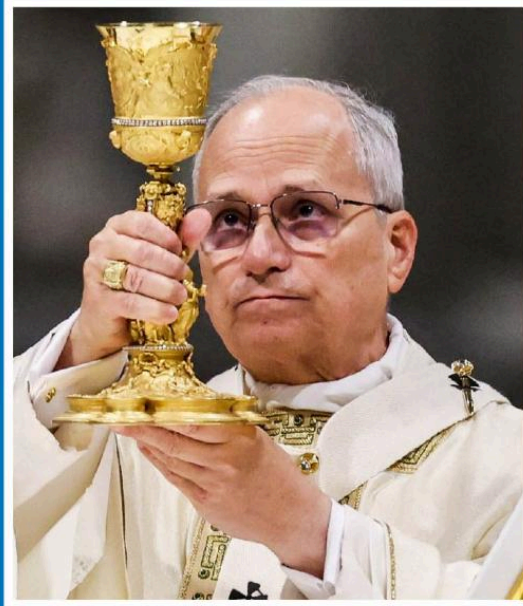
**Please include this message in parish notices and in the Prayer of the Faithful.** Parishes are encouraged to promote vocations through events, newsletters and social media. **The poster below and [available here](#)** may be shared on parish notice boards and online platforms.

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](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or Fr Bill at [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto: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](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/vocations)**

*Building Hope*

### **NOVENA EVENT NEXT MONDAY**

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**
- **Webcam: <https://www.castleknockparish.ie/webcam/>**

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

*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

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### **CATECHISTS: WITNESSES AND ACCOMPANIMENT**

On Sunday, Archbishop Farrell celebrated Mass at St Philip the Apostle, Mountview, for the 42 catechists who have completed their formation programme. [Archbishop Farrell's homily can be read here.](#)

### **LAY MINISTRY APPEAL**

Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. This year's theme is **Building faith-filled communities**. Promotional material is being delivered to parishes ahead of that weekend, and will be complemented next week by a short video for use on your website and social media

platforms. The following parish resources for this appeal are [available on the diocesan website](#):

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell's letter for this year's Lay Ministry Appeal
- Details on the Office of Mission & Ministry's range of Lay Ministry Formation programmes
- Extract from the Archbishop's letter and two suggested prayers for the Prayer of the Faithful
- Lay Ministry brochure for distribution at the back of the church
- Poster for prominent display at church entrance, parish pastoral centre and other fitting locations

Please read Archbishop Farrell's letter, or the excerpt from the letter, and include the intercessions at Masses on the weekend of May 2/3.

Your support in promoting this important appeal is deeply appreciated. Should you need any assistance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact Patricia at the Office for Financial Development at [patricia.clifford@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.clifford@dublindiocese.ie).

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# Building Faith-filled Communities

You can play your part

**LAY MINISTRY APPEAL**

**Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd May 2026**

## **DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, April 14. The Council received presentations on communications from the Diocese, and these presentations provided context for a subsequent roundtable discussion with all Council members, in their consideration of

actions which may be taken now and over the next year to communicate a “Synodal and Missionary Church: walking together, open to the Holy Spirit”.

Building on the outputs from the previous meeting of the Council, a further four Conversations in the Spirit took place with one group on communications, taking a deeper dive into the outcome of the roundtable session.

The other three groups addressed the grouped inputs from the previous meeting under the following headings: 1. Supporting Parish Partnerships; 2. Nourishing our Faith; 3. Being the Church of Today

These three conversations focused around:

- What is the identified pastoral gap the Council wishes to address?
- What are the most appropriate means for the Council to address the pastoral gap?
- What form should the Council’s input/conclusions take and how should this be communicated?

The next meeting of the Council will take place on September 1. Meanwhile, a retreat/review day will be held on June 6.

*Secretary DDPC*

[secretaryDDPC@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:secretaryDDPC@dublindiocese.ie)

## **THANK YOU FROM RELATIONSHIP CARE**

On behalf of Relationship Care (former trading name ACCORD Dublin), I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of our recent Annual Collection on 14th & 15th February. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share our work with your parishioners.

Thanks to your kindness, we are able to continue providing accessible, low-cost marriage & relationship counselling to couples who need support during challenging times. This work makes a real and lasting difference in people’s lives, and we could not do it without your help.

We understand how busy parish life can be, and we greatly appreciate the time you took to facilitate the appeal. If your parish has already returned the collection, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

If the donation has not yet been sent, we would be very grateful if you might arrange to return it at your convenience. These contributions are vital in allowing us to continue offering our services to those who rely on them.

Please be assured of our continued gratitude and prayers for you and your parish community. Should you have any queries, we remain at your disposal and would be very happy to assist.

With every good wish,

*Jennifer Griffin*

*CEO, Relationship Care*

## **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.

## SCAM EMAILS

We've seen an increase in phishing and email-based scams to [dublindiocese.ie](mailto:dublindiocese.ie) email accounts, and this is an ongoing issue that is unlikely to go away. Everyone should remain alert when checking emails. In particular, priests are being specifically targeted on their personal email accounts using spoofed email addresses that appear to come from trusted sources. Unfortunately, these types of attacks can't always be prevented, so awareness is key.

Please also be on the lookout for emails sent to personal accounts that request urgent replies or action. These are a common tactic used in phishing attacks.

As a reminder, [dublindiocese.ie](mailto:dublindiocese.ie) emails should not be accessed or forwarded to personal accounts or devices unless explicitly approved, as this increases the risk of compromise.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Be cautious of unexpected emails, especially those requesting urgent action
- Check the sender's email address carefully for anything unusual
- Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments unless you are certain they are legitimate
- Never share passwords or sensitive information via email
- If something doesn't feel right, do not engage and report it

If you receive a suspicious email, please report it to [itrequests@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:itrequests@dublindiocese.ie).

Staying vigilant is the best defence against these types of attacks.

## KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – LAST CALL

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Saturday, April 25. **If your parish partnership is travelling, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto: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 is available as a PDF [here](#).

# 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)

## 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](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.

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## 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](mailto:angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie). Places are limited.

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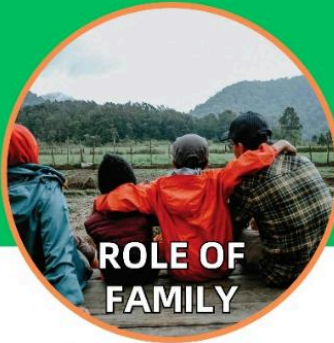
# SACRAMENTS CONFERENCE

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](mailto:angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie)

[www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry)

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

*Teen Hope Leader's Training*



# Teen Hope

## LEADER'S TRAINING

Teen Hope is a parish-based faith outreach to young teenagers. It is a space where they can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship.

**Modules focus on 'Building Community', 'Exploring Faith Together', and 'Praying with Teens'.**

 7 pm to 9 pm - Training offered in 3 locations  
Attendance at the 3 Sessions Compulsary

<p><b>Whitehall Parish Centre D09 E2R2</b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday</u></b> May 19th May 26th June 2nd</p>	<p><b>Maynooth Parish Centre W23 EV2X</b></p> <p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b> May 20th May 27th June 3rd</p>	<p><b>Arklow Parish Centre Y14 R822</b></p> <p><b><u>Thursday</u></b> May 21st May 28th June 4th</p>
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 **REGISTER NOW** 

 [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

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

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie)  
**CLOSING DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [frdes Hayden@gkpastoralarea.ie](mailto:frdes Hayden@gkpastoralarea.ie) by April 26. [A full job specification is available here.](#)

## IONA ROAD – ALL IN THE APRIL EVENING



Iona Road Parish  
presents

# *All in the April Evening*

*featuring*

<b>Songmartins</b> Directed by Derek Verso Accompanist: Alla Honcharova	<b>People's College Choir</b> Directed by Paul Walsh
<b>Eoin Tierney</b> Piano	<b>Ciara Smith</b> Soprano
<b>Francesco Ghirxi</b> Organist	<b>David O'Carroll</b> Baritone

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St Columba's Church, Iona Road, Glasnevin  
Sunday, 26 April 2026 @ 5 pm

Tickets: €10  
Children free (accompanied by an adult)

Proceeds in aid of  
St Columba's church

## CUMANN NA SAGART KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

**Oilchreacht na Gaeilge  
Cnoc Mhuire  
Dé Domhnaigh  
26ú Aibreán 2026  
Aibreánn ag 3 p.m.**

**Príomh-Cheibúraí:  
An tAcht. Séamus Ó hÉanaigh S.P.  
(Uachtarán Cumann na Sagar)**

**Seanmóirí:  
An tAcht. Brian Ó Fearraigh S.P.  
Saoth Dobhair**

**Ceol: Cór Mhuire  
Na Doirí Beaga, Saoth Dobhair**

**Beith an searmanas i  
Séipéal an Pharóiste**

**á eagrú ag  
Cumann na Sagar**



### **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

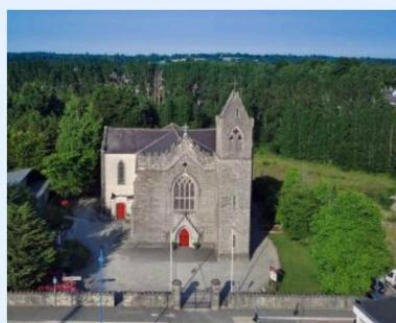
*Maynooth parish invites families to a calm and welcoming Worship experience*



**25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**ST CARLO ACUTIS – SHANKILL**

# Carlo Acutis Youth Celebration

St Anne's Parish Shankill

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dundrumparish.com).

## BOOTERSTOWN CARETAKER ROLE

## CARETAKER WANTED

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

The role would include but not limited to:

- Day-to-day maintenance and minor repairs
- Maintenance of parish grounds/weeding.
- Ensure walls, fences and structures are properly maintained
- Coordinate with outside contractors for site maintenance and repairs
- Regular checks on drainage system
- Checks on grounds for tidying, weeding and litter control
- Oversee waste management
- Make sure heating, lighting and alarm systems are working properly
- Check doors and windows are locked daily after usage
- Order in cleaning materials, new equipment and furniture as required
- Set up rooms and arrange chairs and tables for meetings
- Daily cleaning duties throughout the Parish Pastoral Centre



**APPLY NOW**

If you are interested, please  
forward your CV to  
[info@booterstownparish.ie](mailto:info@booterstownparish.ie)

**The role will be a permanent part time  
position.**

Ideally, the candidate would reside locally and have access to their own mode of transport. While practical DIY skills are not required, the candidate should be capable of coordinating necessary work by engaging appropriate service providers from a list of parish-approved contractors.

### BALALLY PARISH

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

### DONORE AVENUE

**Open to all parishes – please highlight in your bulletin:** 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.**

### 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*

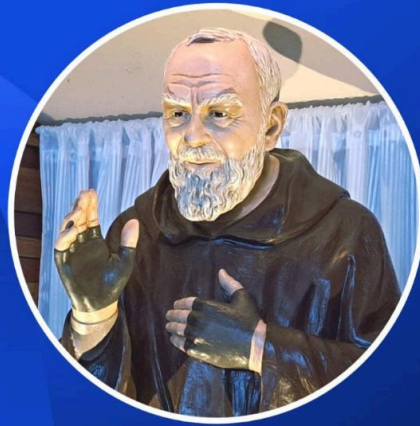
*[aughrimstchurch@gmail.com](mailto:aughrimstchurch@gmail.com)*



| 01 838 6232

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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**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

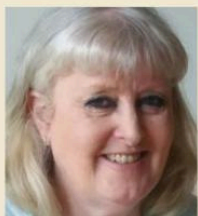
Join us for a great day  
exploring this important  
and exciting topic!



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

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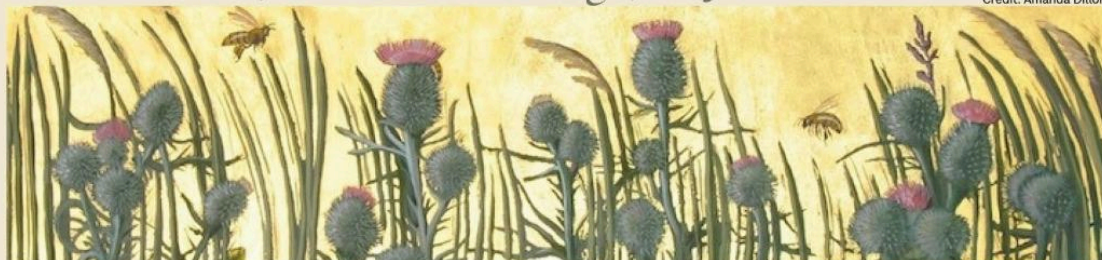
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Booking  
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Renehan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Credit: Amanda Dillon



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

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**Kerry Houston** – Ireland  
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**Kiran Young Wimberly** – N. Ireland

Scan the QR code for programme details



Also attached as a PDF

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

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## 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.

## 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](mailto:dublin@stpauls.ie) or call 0892793978.

## 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

*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 Vasyl 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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