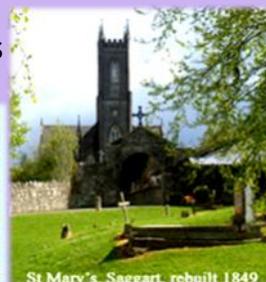


# PARISHES OF SAGGART - RATHCOOLE - BRITTAS & NEWCASTLE



## Parish Grouping Newsletter – 1st May 2022



To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care enough and be there.

We've had the resurrection, the upper room and Thomas doing his famous 'doubting' bit. The disciples are gradually understanding that Jesus is alive, but they are not sure what that means for real, everyday life. There is no more preaching and teaching, so they can't follow Jesus and be His disciples anymore, but neither are they sure they can launch out without him. The disciples are feeling a bit like spare wheels – not sure

what they are for and a little bit in the way. So Peter seeks the comfort of familiar routine. "I'm going out to fish," he says, and the rest agree. It's easy to do, to slip back into the comfortable, the known. But the Resurrection is supposed to make a difference. How does it make a difference to you and your life? We are asked to recognize Jesus in our every day lives. To see Him in our daily routine. To witness to His love and compassion in those who suffer or are forgotten and to use the gifts, talents and blessing that we have to show this radical love - but sometimes this isn't easy - it's easier to stay comfortable and not rock the boat.

I remember being at mass and the priest comparing a Christian to a football player. To be good player, he said, it is not enough that you run fast, dribble well, have the skills, the ability and execute the managers' game plan as planned. It is not enough that you have years of experience, full knowledge of the rules and regulations, good nutrition, enough rest and constant training. But what matters is the ability to play, gel and add to the skills and abilities of the other members of your team and, ultimately, to score and win the game!! In today's Gospel, Jesus is saying the same thing - we are called to be active players, not disinterested spectators - "Feed my Lambs!"

What is loud and clear from today's Gospel is that we all play a part with the Father who loves and cares for each of us intimately. In Him we have our life purpose, our value, our joy and fulfilment. Knowing this we can't stay in the boat! The vocation to life is a serious one, it demands that we trust and witness to our faith. We must put Jesus at the centre of our lives. But this is not forced on us – we have a choice (like Peter do we have to jump from the boat?) and ultimately this choice is shown through the lives we lead.

If we chose to put Jesus at the centre of our life then we are compelled to build up, encourage and highlight the giftedness of others - *Our Community of faith*. Each of us are asked to see the life and work of God in others - in ministry, in love, in commitment, courage, forgiveness, endurance, and ordinary daily kindness and compassion. Each of us, too, is gifted in some unique way. We can bear fruit for God in a way nobody else can, we bring a talent and uniqueness to our 'team' in a way that no one else can. Prayer helps us to keep focus, to develop our talents and to offer them in the service of God and God's people. But God doesn't just want worshipers, He calls us to be 'players', 'do-ers' – not to sit on the side-lines as spectators but to be involved in the heart of the game.

So this week take a bit of time to pray and ask yourself –

What is my comfortable place? And how is Jesus stirring me to step beyond it?

Is God at the centre of my life? What is the giftedness God has blessed me with? How am I using my gifts, blessings and talents to build up my community of faith?

Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker

*We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war.*

*For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May peace prevail and justice reign. May love always be the guide and measure of our actions and responses. Amen*

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@SRBNParishGrouping

# Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Second Reading	Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel Acclamation	
Gospel	John 21:1-19

*Keep sending your prayer requests & petitions.*



Imelda, Ian, Philip, Michele, Joan, Carmel, Rachel, Sheila, Chris, Ken, Howard, Donal, Derek, Vincent, Sydney, Paula, Kieron, Harvey, Marion, Elizabeth, Marie, Dermot, Ian, Amanda, Emma, Brendan, David, Aimee, Karl, Deborah, Bobby, Ryan, John, Mary, Liz, Jen, Karen, Christine, Maureen, Lynn, Piotr, Richard, Conor, Cormac, Denise, Brian, Barbara

*Our candle is always lit for you!*



A huge thanks to all parishioners and volunteers in each of our parishes who helped prepare, participated in, ministered or were involved in any way in making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so joyful and memorable this year!!

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE** - All parish business will henceforth be conducted at [www.srbnparishes.ie](http://www.srbnparishes.ie)

As for the Google site [saggartparish.blogspot.com/](http://saggartparish.blogspot.com/) incorporating twelve years of valuable parish history, its future is under consideration, whether to be archived or else, dealing with history and other non-essential matters, to be maintained on an occasional basis by the current administrator. A huge thank you, especially to Donal McMahon, for all his tireless work and commitment to this site.



*Recently Deceased*

**Joseph Reardon Saggart**

*May They Rest in Peace  
We keep his family & friends in our prayers*



**Open every Monday to Friday  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### A Prayer for Vocations

O God, our Father, you have called us in Baptism to follow your Son Jesus through lives of loving service to you and to one another. Grant us your assistance guided by the Holy Spirit to live out our vocation in life. We pray especially for those who have answered your call as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them faithful in following your Son and dedicated in serving their brothers and sisters. Grant that many more men and women will be open to the challenge of dedicating their lives in the ministry of building your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen*



Over the past couple of months we have been gathering feedback from parishioners to help plan for the future. The feedback will be used in the parish and in the diocese and will even be part of a submission from Ireland to Rome for the universal synod in 2023. We would like to thank everybody who participated and gave their time and shared their thoughts on the past, present and future of the church. The feedback is summarised in a report is available to download and print from <https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-04-21-Saggart-Synod-Feedback.pdf> and we hope it will lead to interesting discussions and developments. If you have any thoughts, reflections or feedback on it contact us on [parishsynod22@gmail.com](mailto:parishsynod22@gmail.com)  
*Matt O'Sullivan and Agnes Grogan.*



The Holy Family Conference of SVP works in the community in the parish of Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas, offering assistance to people who find themselves struggling to meet their financial expenses. Donations made through this link goes directly to help and support these people in this community.

Please donate what you can to help your community.

Thank you, from the volunteers of SVP Holy Family Conference.

[www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole](http://www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole)



### Eucharistic Adoration in the Holy Family Church Rathcoole.

- Sunday 4 -6pm
- Tuesday 3-5pm
- Friday 3 -5pm
- First Saturday 2 - 3.30pm

**Holy Face Devotions** - every Tuesday 11-11.30am



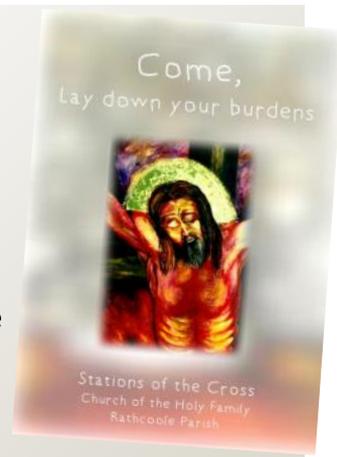


Fr John presenting artist Ula (who painted & donated the new Stations of the Cross in Rathcoole Church) with a specially commissioned wooden sculpture/candle holder - "Let your light shine" - (carved from Irish Oak) as a small token of our appreciation for both her talent and generosity.

Thanks again to all who were involved in securing and installing these most welcome of additions to our parish church.

To celebrate the installation of our New Stations of the Cross in Rathcoole Parish Church our Parish Pastoral Worker, Frank Brown, has written an original, reflection and prayer book to accompany these. It can be downloaded from our website <https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rathcoole-Parish-Station-of-the-Cross.pdf>

and copies are available in each of the churches free of charge, but we suggest, if you would like to make a donation (to the parish office or through the website), all profits will go to supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine



**For the Month of May** - Traditionally during this month many people create a small altar in their home and many schools made them in their classrooms during the month of May. The altar is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of God. May is also the first month of summer, so it comes to pass that altars which are created during this time are adorned with flowers that bloom at this time of year and with particular prayers, or items of devotion such as rosary beads to decorate this special space and to express our love and honour to Mary. We are also asking you to create a 'May Altar', a 'Marian Prayer space' in your home for this month and send us in a picture of yours to our email, or Facebook page and we'll share them!!



Thanks to those who have already sent them in.

You can download, print a few pointers for your May Altar from our website -

[https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/May\\_Altar-Bring-flowers-of-the-Rarest.pdf](https://srbnparishes.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/May_Altar-Bring-flowers-of-the-Rarest.pdf)

## The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
 You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
 We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
 Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,  
 in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.  
 May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.  
 May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,  
 bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
 May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more  
 than we can dare to imagine  
 as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
 We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
 Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
 St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.  
 St Kevin, pray for us.  
 St Brigid, pray for us.



(Hughie Collins with Hughie Collins, Hughie McDonnell and Seán Collins at the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday.)



(Noelle Javurek, Roxana Pal, Eoin McCormack, Damian Korus, Matthew Donohoe and Abigail Donohoe at the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday.)

More than 2,000 people packed Knock Basilica for the pilgrimage Mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.





## Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults Sign Up for the new course

- Are you... .. prepared to get “off your couch” and make a difference with your life? ...
- Be a leader. ...Be the difference in your world.

**The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop** Gospel centered transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context. The programme is a mix of input from highly experienced experts, reflective practices, mentoring, journaling, spiritual accompaniment, workshops and social immersion. Participants are required to produce a learning log as part of an overall portfolio to serve as a framework for integrative practice. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. FLP The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin. It will be based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. . Commitment will be one Saturday per month.. Initially it will mix input with blended and in-person learning. For more information, please see the attached poster.

To register, please email [gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie)

### A reflection on Sunday's readings for our Polish Parishioners - Thanks Chris

Do you ever struggle with everyday tasks that seem to be of little significance? Are you questioning your life's mission God gave you? Have you ever pretended you don't know Jesus? Do not worry! God is giving you hope for a better future! He will come to where your daily life is happening and will reveal in your heart a real desire to love God. Then, Jesus will allow you to experience His merciful love so that you can become an unstoppable witness of the Risen Christ in this world. This is great news! Be like Peter.

Czy zdarza Ci się zmagać z codziennymi obowiązkami, które w zasadzie wydają się mało istotne? Czy kwestionujesz swoją życiową misję, którą otrzymałeś od Boga? Czy kiedykolwiek zdarzyło Ci się udawać, że nie znasz Pana Jezusa? Nie martw się! Bóg daje ci dzisiaj nadzieję na lepsze jutro! Przyjdzie On do miejsca, w którym wydarza się twoje codzienne życie, i odkryje w twoim sercu prawdziwe pragnienie kochania Boga. Wtedy Jezus pozwoli ci doświadczyć swojej miłosiernej miłości, abys mógł stać się niepowstrzymanym świadkiem Zmartwychwstałego Chrystusa na tym świecie. To jest wspaniała wiadomość! Bądź jak Piotr.



Are you experiencing food poverty? Clondalkin Cares Food Bank can help if you are not able to afford enough food and live in our catchment area of Dublin Mid-West.

**Please call (01) 626 9151** to make an appointment for registration or look at <https://www.facebook.com/Clondalkin-Cares-Food-Bank-101084335368561>

**We need volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages**

Can you lend a bit of your time? Can you help update, add content, help shape our Ministry of Communication for our parish? **Please contact** [SNRBparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:SNRBparishnewsletter@gmail.com) or Frank on [frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie) for more info.

### Church Gate Collection for Ethiopia - weekend 7th & 8th May

As you know, for the past 10 years I have been working at raising funds to build and support a St. Justin's Kindergarten School (*Pre-school*) in Ambo Town, Ethiopia. Each year there is always a new project to be done. This year, due to the pandemic, the local government asked all KG schools to ensure that they have a sick bay for children who become ill or have an infection which might spread among the other children. They need to be kept separate and safe until their parents arrive and they can be taken home or to the local clinic. This room is very reassuring for the parents of the children, especially the women who work in the local market or as daily labourers, washing clothes etc as it means they don't have to leave their work and lose a day's pay in order to go to the school and bring their child home.

There is also a nun in the parish who has just qualified as a nurse and she will visit the school each week to look after the health of the children. Some of the money will go to allowing her equip the room with basic medical supplies and also to bring children who need additional medical care to the local clinic for treatment. A visit to the clinic is the equivalent of a week's salary for most people in Ambo, which means most children do not get such care and often have to suffer through their illness. I don't think this is right and want to make sure any child who is sick is cared for and treated quickly.

I can assure you that all the money I raise will go straight to the project and help these children. I visit the school each year to ensure the funds are being used well and I am always delighted at the commitment of the teachers and the happiness of the children. *Margaret O'Brien*



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**Important**

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!**

**Please take and share this short, anon survey!!**

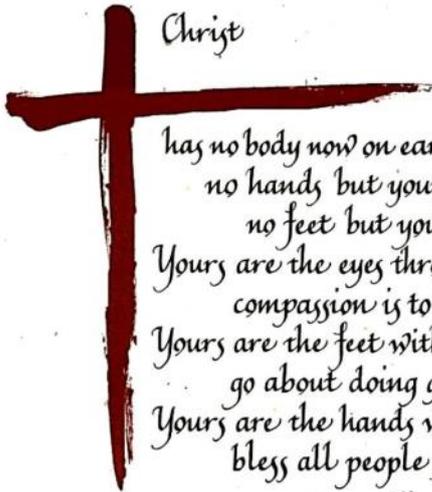
**What Services and supports are there for families in Rathcoole/Saggart, Co Dublin.**

In order to provide the best services, we want to hear from families in Rathcoole/Saggart. We have developed this short anonymous survey which should only take 3-5 minutes to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5GL3QL>

**Blueskies Initiative** - [www.blueskiesinitiative.ie](http://www.blueskiesinitiative.ie) - The Area Based Childhood (ABC) Programme is a national Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programme funded by Department of Children, Disability, Equality and Integration (DCDEI), delivered through the Prevention Partnership and Family Support Programme (PPFS) within Tusla.

You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

Take a moment to **Reflect**



Christ

has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's  
compassion is to look out to the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ is to  
go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ is to  
bless all people now.

*Teresa of Avila*

#### Read the Prayer

Think about one time when you've experienced God reaching out to someone through another person

#### Read the prayer again

Think about a time that you've experienced God reaching out to another through you.

#### Read the one more time –

#### Change the word 'Yours' to 'Mine'

Recognise the gifts you have, the difference you make to those around you, the opportunities you have been given to share the Love, Joy, Peace, Hope & Compassion of God each day and say 'Thanks'!

#### Keep the Prayer with you...

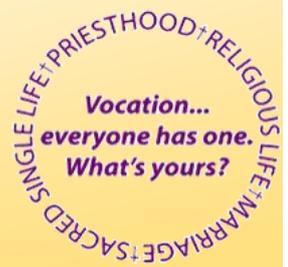
as an ongoing reminder of how God desires to work through you!

"At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to 'come, follow me... I will make you fish for people'."

Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

**Sunday, May 8th** is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that weekend, priests and parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.

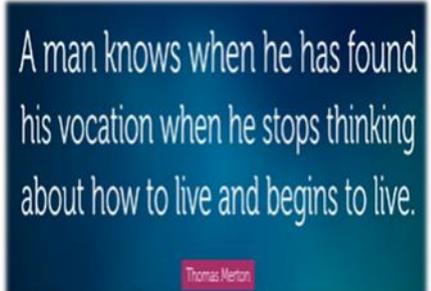
Further information, as well as contact information for Diocesan Vocations Director Fr Séamus McEntee and Assistant Director Fr Bill O'Shaughnessy, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/vocations/>.



#### LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th & 15th -

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.



"PETER WAS STILL SPEAKING WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON ALL WHO LISTENED TO THE WORD."

**ACTS 10:44**

**ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2022**

#### ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK

Now in its ninth year, Ecumenical Bible Week, led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions, will run this year from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, **5-12 June**. The overall theme for this year is

#### 'A New Pentecost: Moving to the Edges'.

As in previous years, EBW will have opening and closing prayer events. There will be a Theological Symposium on the afternoon of Thursday 9 June where the theme will be 'Listen to the Word'. That evening in Thinking Allowed a panel of Faith leaders will each give their 'Personal Vision of a New Pentecost'. A new event being introduced this year will focus on the experiences of the 'new' Irish.

Check out the Ecumenical Bible Week's Website at [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie) for further information and to register for the events which will be online.

You can also follow and share Ecumenical Bible Week's online posts on Facebook and Instagram.

Congratulations to the Children from St Mary's, Citywest Community School and Citywest Educate Together School who celebrated the **sacrament of Confirmation** this week. And to those who celebrated their **First Communion** yesterday!

A huge thank you for the inspirational preparation done in a difficult year by teachers and parents...

*"We pray that the Lord will always surround you with the fullness of His love, that He will always lead you by the Light of His Truth. And that He will always bless you with the Peace of His Presence" - the prayers of all parishioners for you and your families on this happy occasion and always*



## Our Parish's Call: Making Hospitality & Welcome Basic

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. —John 15:9-13

We know from Scripture that God formed Adam "in His image and likeness" and that by Jesus Incarnation and Resurrection we can call ourselves "brothers and sisters in Christ." Our Catholic Social Teachings speak of "the dignity of the human person" and of our "call to community." As such, it is the birth right of every individual to be received by the community with the love and concern that God has given to us. Hospitality in our parishes is the basic expression of the love of Christ for every individual. It is who we are in relationship to others - before we evangelize and before we engage. It is the sense of openness and warmth people feel when they come into our midst. Right now is the time for our parish to make an extra effort to emphasise hospitality as an expression of God's love. In all we do - from priest to parishioner - we must work to make sure our parish is a place that people are drawn to, where people can feel at home. Part of this will involve extending messages of welcome to those not closely associated with our parish. Another part of this involves deepening the commitment of parishioners and leaders who are here with us on a regular basis, to help our brothers and sisters experience a revitalised community, centred on the love of Christ. We ask that as we learn and grow together as a parish that you take the time to pray and reflect on your role - and our role collectively - in making the name of Jesus Christ known and loved in our day, every day!



### A Prayer for a Diverse Community

Creator of all races, cultures and ethnicities, help us see that a diverse community is the way to deepen our lives and to know you more deeply.

Guide us to see that entering into a vital and just relationship with others who are different from us is the way to make ourselves whole.

Guard us from fear of the other, from the fear that our own security is threatened if we become truly willing to make a place at the table for all.

Open us to live out what we profess to believe:

That our true security is in You and in your call to justice and peace,

That we are a part of your global family,

That, because of your Incarnation, the human dignity of everyone is sacred,  
And that we are constantly called to conversion and inclusive community,

We pray that you help us recognize any forms of exclusion in our hearts,  
And in our legal systems and social structures.

Forgive us for when we have been unwelcome.

Heal our souls and spirits.

Ground us in compassion for all through your grace.

Help us take the steps you call us to take to build a more just community,

Where difference is respected and where we can all join hands and celebrate in the common good.

Through the mercy of God, we pray. *Amen*

### Crosscare is working with Ukrainian refugees

fleeing the war and coming to Ireland.

Staff from our homeless and migrant and refugee services are helping during this awful crisis.

Crosscare is working directly with hundreds of Ukrainian families who have been placed in emergency hotel accommodation. There are now huge numbers arriving in Ireland in need of refuge and support, joining the existing group of asylum seekers from around the world.

If you would like to support this work, please use the following link:

<https://crosscare.ie/how-you-can-help/refugee-response-fund/>

You can also call **01 8360011**  
we can accept donations by phone.

### Have you recently arrived from Ukraine?

Do you need more information, including what supports are in place?



Scan the QR Code for help in your language  
Information is also available at  
<https://help.unhcr.org/Ireland/>

**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

### AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season.

For more information about the groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/>

and all of our services on [www.aware.ie/](http://www.aware.ie/) If you would like to volunteer with Aware, please see their website for more information: <https://www.aware.ie/get-involved/volunteering/>

# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

*Becoming agents of change in today's world...*

May - June 2022

Pope Francis is urging all Catholics to understand that they are called to be missionary disciples. This calls for a different vision of what it means to be Church. In this course we wish to explore together this new vision through reflecting on the signs of the times, the teaching of Pope Francis and a biblical understanding of faith.

If you are interested in growing in your understanding of what it means to be Church today and in deepening your faith, then this course is for you!

**WEDNESDAY May 4th**  
Everything in a Missionary Key.  
Patricia Carroll

**WEDNESDAY May 11th**  
Called to reach out.  
Brendan Carr

**WEDNESDAY May 18th**  
We are all Sisters and Brothers: The Teaching of Fratelli Tutti.  
Amanda Dillon

**WEDNESDAY May 25th**  
What Scripture tells us about Mission.  
Sean Goan

**WEDNESDAY June 1st**  
The Ministry of Catechist as new but old role in the Church.  
Patricia Carroll

**WEDNESDAY June 8th**  
Accompanying people on the journey of faith.  
Rosemary Lavelle

**Times of Session: 7.30pm - 9.30pm**

**Place & Parking - Kimmage Parish Hall, Church of the Holy Spirit, Whitehall Road, Dublin. D12 P5YP**

**Cost: 30 Euro**

To register contact Sean Goan [smi@spiritan.ie](mailto:smi@spiritan.ie)

*Early registration is advisable as places are limited.*

Our presenters have a wide range of experience in pastoral ministry as well as being theologians, missionaries, and teachers. They have worked in Ireland, Britain, Kenya, Angola and South Africa.

The course is jointly organised by Spiritan Mission Ireland and the office of Mission and Ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin.



# FUNDRAISER

## RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEEDS YOUR HELP



WITH OUR **go fund me**

We urgently need your help to help fund our ongoing operations and provide assistance for upgrade works to the Rathcoole Community Centre.

We need to raise **€150,000** through a combination of grants and local fundraising. We are seeking donations, any amount would be gratefully received. COVID restrictions are making fundraising very challenging. We cannot do it alone



### CANA 1,2,3 – RETREAT FOR COUPLES

Rediscover the meaning and fun in your marriage, your family life, and your commitment to each other. Experience the seven thematic days of the CANA Week over three weekends through April, May and June. Including talks, testimonies and, most importantly of all, time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples.

**Contact details:** Brian and Lisa Harmon, 041 6851563, 086 8386725, 087 9080023, or [info@canaireland.org](mailto:info@canaireland.org)  
Visit [www.canaireland.org](http://www.canaireland.org)



### New Rathcoole Camera Club

Are you interested in photography? Would you like to join a local camera club? If you would like more information email [rathcoolecameraclub@hotmail.com](mailto:rathcoolecameraclub@hotmail.com)



The SDCC Dodder Greenway Community Cycle takes place on Saturday 14th May for National Bike Week. There will be goodie bags and medals for children that partake in the cycle. For more details and to book your place see: <https://buff.ly/3rPcoGT>

## WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MAY

A talk with Aoife Munn in Tallaght Library

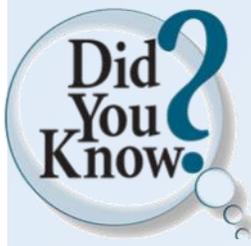
**WEDNESDAY 4th MAY, 6.30pm**

Aoife continues her series of What to do in the Garden, this month focusing on drought resistant plants for pollinators and water management. Plenty of time for questions and answers too. Book your place here: <https://buff.ly/3Luo8Xj>



The Social Inclusion Unit, South Dublin County Council is excited to welcome you to a jam-packed month of Bealtaine events for you to enjoy! From gardening and art workshops, to musical performances, health talks, tea dances, and many more, we're certain that there's something for you to enjoy. So get booking, and join in the Bealtaine celebrations!

Please find details of all events happening in South Dublin for Bealtaine Festival 2022 here: <https://buff.ly/3LgWBrU>



### Why is May, 'Mary's Month'?

Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi floralis*, or the floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centring around the practice of expelling winter, as **May 1** was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15 -September 14 and is still observed in some areas. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honouring Mary. It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organised on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today! **Mary, our Mother, Pray for us!**



## Do You Love Me?

Simon, son of John, do you love me?



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.

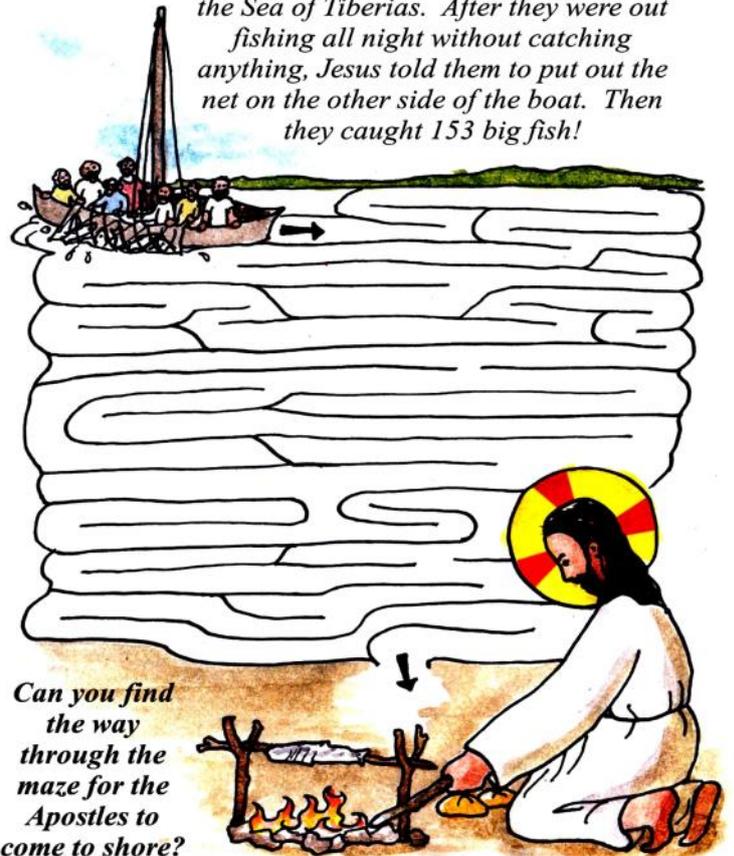
Lord, You know I love You!



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?" what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?



The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!



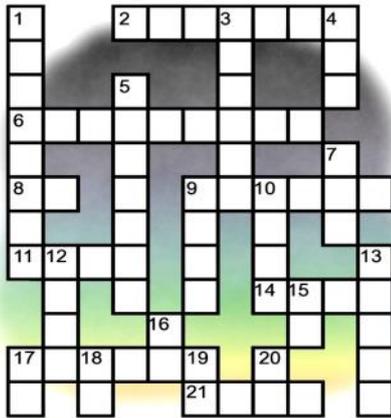
Can you find the way through the maze for the Apostles to come to shore?

John 21.1-19

## Psalm 30 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the Psalm and the puzzle.

- ANGER
- HELPER
- WEeping
- REJOICING
- OVER
- PRAISE
- FOREVER
- MOMENT
- GIVE
- MOURNING
- INTO
- GOD
- DAWN
- LET
- AT
- LORD
- BE
- TO
- ON
- ME
- IN
- MY



I will extol you, \_\_\_\_\_, 10D for you drew me clear and did not \_\_\_\_\_ 7D \_\_\_\_\_ 17D enemies rejoice \_\_\_\_\_ 21A me. O Lord, you brought \_\_\_\_\_ 18D up from the netherworld; You preserved me from among those going down \_\_\_\_\_ 12D the pit.

Sing \_\_\_\_\_ 3D to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and \_\_\_\_\_ 11A thanks \_\_\_\_\_ 19D his \_\_\_\_\_ 9D name. For his \_\_\_\_\_ 13D lasts but a \_\_\_\_\_; 17A

A lifetime, his good will.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15D nightfall \_\_\_\_\_ 2A enters \_\_\_\_\_, 8A But with the \_\_\_\_\_, 14A \_\_\_\_\_, 6A

Hear, O Lord, and have pity \_\_\_\_\_ 16D me; O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ 20D my \_\_\_\_\_, 9A You changed my \_\_\_\_\_ 1D into dancing; O Lord my \_\_\_\_\_, 4D \_\_\_\_\_ 5D I will give you thanks.

