

Archdiocese of Dublin

PARISH NOTICES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026



Candidates and catechumens with their sponsors in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon at the Rite of Election – see below

RITE OF ELECTION

Dublin's largest ever number of catechumens and candidates were presented at the Rite of Election in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday. Nearly 130 people, who will complete their journey into the Catholic Church at Easter this year, attended the ceremony led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. They were joined by their sponsors, family and friends, and were accompanied by priests and parishioners from their home parishes around the Archdiocese. Archbishop Farrell thanked the diocesan Mission & Ministry team as well as the Knockmitten Youth Choir for making the ceremony so joyful and memorable. In his homily, the Archbishop reflected on conversion through the example of St Augustine and St Paul.

Archbishop Farrell's homily: <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/rite-of-election-2026/>

ROLE ON DIOCESAN STAFF

We would be grateful if you could promote the role below in your parish newsletter, on your website and via your social media.

Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer

Through the generosity of our faith communities, parishes fundraise for essential financial resources that sustain the work and mission of the Archdiocese.

To support this vital work, the Office for Financial Development, based at the Dublin Diocesan Offices, works closely with clergy and lay parish leaders to develop sustainable funding strategies. The Office provides practical advice and guidance on fundraising, donor engagement, and income generation, including digital giving, grant applications, tax-efficient donor contributions, and philanthropic initiatives. In addition, the Office contributes to strategic pastoral planning by promoting creative funding initiatives that strengthen the Church's mission at parish, partnership and diocese level.

As part of its strategic growth, the Office for Financial Development is expanding, presenting an exciting opportunity to join a dedicated team committed to advancing sustainable funding models for parish partnerships.

The Archdiocese is looking for a dynamic and motivated Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer to facilitate strategic fundraising initiatives across parish partnerships. This role is central to helping parishes adapt to evolving patterns of giving and ensuring sustainable financial development.

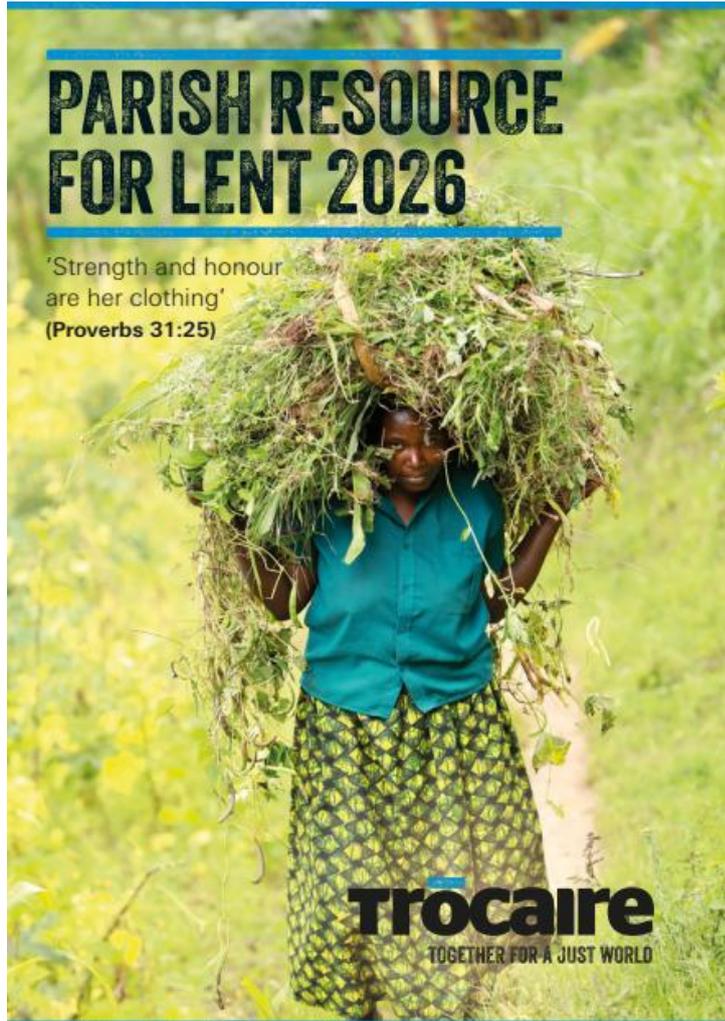
To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page) outlining your suitability for the role for the attention of Cintia Mota, HR Administrator, at cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie. The closing date for applications is **Friday, March 20, 2026**.

Full details including Candidate Booklet can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>

TROCAIRE LENT RESOURCES

Trocaire's Lent Campaign resources are designed to support parish communities through a prayerful and meaningful Lenten journey. Rooted in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, the resources place the Gospel at the centre of parish life while inviting reflection on the realities faced by people living in poverty and injustice.

[These resources can be found here](#)



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

See below, and attached as a PDF, a poster for this year's Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which takes place on Saturday, April 25. It can be used in your parish and on your website and social media.

Archdiocese of Dublin

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

EMMANUEL 2026



Tickets: <https://www.thehelix.ie/emmanuel2026>

FILMING INSIDE CHURCHES

If requests to film inside churches are received, the following response can be used: *We do not grant permission for filming in churches apart from in exceptional circumstances as they are used for regular public worship and open for private prayer at other times. However, there is a former church in Lusk, Co. Dublin, run by a local community council which is no longer used as a place of worship and which is suited to filming. Email luskcommunity@yahoo.ie. Please also inform communications@dublindiocese.ie that a request was made.*

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pastoral Theme 2026 – The Annunciation



Prayers and greetings to all in our Diocese from Lourdes, where a small Dublin group is representing the Diocesan Pilgrimage for **the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February, World Day of the Sick**. All of your Intentions are being remembered by us at the Grotto, especially those who are sick and those who care for them. As Acting Director of the Pilgrimage (while our Director, Canon John Flaherty, recovers from surgery), I am very grateful for the support our sick Pilgrims have received through the years from so many people in the Parishes of the Diocese. Those who have organised and supported our Associate Membership over many years are being specially remembered by us in Lourdes with heartfelt gratitude.

Some early details of our **2026 Pilgrimage**: The dates are **3rd to 8th September 2026**, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout. **Further information from info@joewalstours.ie or phone 01 2410800.**

About **100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our Pilgrimage. **Accueil Notre Dame**, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie 01 8087557**

I would be very grateful if you could bring the details of our September Pilgrimage to your Parishioners attention, particularly those who might benefit from travelling as

Sick/Assisted Pilgrims. If possible you might place a little piece in your newsletter this weekend with the outline details as above.

Every good wish and blessing from Lourdes.

Fr Martin Noone (Acting Director)

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.**

LENT & BEYOND

A service of prayer, music and reflection to explore ways of living the Sunday Gospels of Lent was held on Monday at St Alphonsus Monastery – see www.rednuns.com/webcam. **The Lent & Beyond resource is attached to this email.**

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.

DIOCESAN DIARY 2026

The Diocesan Diary for 2026 can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/who-we-are/diocesan-diary/>.

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.



AUTO-ENROLMENT – SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

Thank you to those who attended the recent administrative briefings. The Government has just announced a significant change to the new Auto-Enrolment (AE) pension system which began on January 1. Under the updated policy, employees can only be exempt from joining the State's new pension scheme, My Future Fund, if they are already in a pension plan that provides a minimum total contribution of 3.5% of gross

salary. At least 1.5% must be paid by the employer. This is a substantial shift from earlier Government guidance, which had indicated that any level of pension contribution would qualify for exemption to the new AE scheme. The final regulations are expected in the coming weeks – please keep an eye out for these.

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 [?de Finnegan](#) for further information on the application process. Adare can assist around recruitment queries.

VOCATIONS

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

OFFICE OF MISSION & MINISTRY

Formation Evenings for New and Existing Parish Ministers

Ministers of the Word will gather in St Paul's, Arran Quay, on March 3 from 7.30-9.30pm (with refreshments available from 7pm). To reserve your place please book online by scanning the QR code on the poster attached or [using this link](#).

Ministers of Holy Communion will gather in St Paul's on March 10 from 7.30-9.30pm (with refreshments available from 7pm). To reserve your place please book online by scanning the QR code on the poster or [using this link](#).

For more information, please contact saule.cameron@dublindiocese.ie or peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. **Posters for your parish attached.**

Baptised and Sent

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

Young Adult Gospel Reflections



Young Adult Gospel Reflections

5 Thursdays in Lent
(beginning February 26th)

7pm - 7:45pm on Zoom

Lent 2026

*Register
Now*



**Feb
26th**

First Sunday of Lent: Matthew 4:1-11
with Niall Leahy SJ
Director Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice

**March
5th**

Second Sunday of Lent: Matthew 17:1-9
with Victoria Byrne
Chaplain Willow Park School

**March
12th**

Third Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42
with Jane Mellett
Trocaire - Church Manager

**March
19th**

Fourth Sunday of Lent: John 9: 1-41
with Saule Cameron
Office for Mission & Ministry

**March
26th**

Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 11: 1-45
with Bishop Donal Roche
Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

Email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

(Also attached as a PDF)

Wedding Anniversaries Mass of Thanksgiving

A Wedding Anniversaries Mass of Thanksgiving resource is available at
<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/wedding-anniversaries-mass-of-thanksgiving/>

BALALLY PARISH

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

Please find below and attached details of the Contemplative pilgrimage to Maredsous, Belgium, organised by Balally Parish and WCCM Ireland.

BOOK NOW



Contemplative Pilgrimage Maredsous-Belgium

LED BY FR. LAURENCE OSB

EXPERIENCE MONASTIC LIFE FOR 4 DAYS WITH THE MONKS
TALKS BY FR. LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB
VISITING BLESSED COLUMBA MARMION'S GRAVE
ENJOINING BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS

TUESDAY APRIL 14TH-FRIDAY APRIL 17TH
2026

PRICING

€480

ACCOMMODATION
FLIGHTS
MEALS
TRANSPORT
(ALL INCLUDED)

DEPOSIT

€250

BY FRIDAY
6TH MARCH

BOOKINGS: CINZIAANGIUS@BALALLYPARISH.IE

NOVENA OF GRACE, TALLAGHT

Attached this email is a poster for the **St Dominic's Tallaght Novena of Grace**.

NOVENA OF GRACE, CRUMLIN

The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier will be held in St Agnes Church, Crumlin, from Tuesday, March 4, to Wednesday, March 12. The Novena will be directed by Fr Maurice Colgan, Fr Stephen Hutchinson and Fr Blazej Blalek, Dominican priests from Tallaght. Novena Masses on weekdays are at 10am and 7pm, Saturday 10am and 5.30pm, and Sunday 11am only. All are welcome.

LENTEN TALKS – CLONTARF

Lenten Talks by Fr Vivian Boland OP. Dates: February 19, February 26, March 5 and March 12. Time: 7.30pm. Location: Parish Centre, Church of St John the Baptist, Clontarf Road. Each day we are addressed by numerous voices claiming our attention. What hope is there of identifying the Lord's voice in all the noise? In this series of four Lenten talks we will consider the places in which the Christian tradition tells us we can hear the Lord's voice. What makes it difficult for us today and what are the implications for our way of living when we do hear the Lord's voice?

Parish of **Saint John the Baptist**

LENTEN TALKS

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF THE LORD

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By: Fr. Vivian Boland O.P.
Dates: 19th February, 26th February, 5th March and 12th March.
Time: 7.30pm.
Location: Parish Centre, Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf Road.
Bus: 130 or Dart to Clontarf Station and connect on the main road with 130.
Bus Stop at the Church.



Vivian Boland OP is a Dominican friar who has taught at the Dominican houses of study in Tallaght and in Oxford, at St Mary's University in Twickenham and most recently at the Angelicum University in Rome. He has published a number of books and many articles in theology and spirituality. He has also served in pastoral and administrative roles and preaches a number of retreats each year for religious communities. His most recent publication is *The Spirit of Catholicism* (2023).



(PDF poster attached)

DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE



Go down to the Potter's House

Donagh O'Shea OP

14 March 2026 10am—4pm

Working with clay is a very effective way of learning how to meditate. Simple work with clay (no previous experience of pottery necessary) will alternate with sessions of meditation to make a very useful and enjoyable experience. Instruction on meditation is offered.

€70 incl. lunch Places limited; advance booking

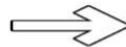
Mindfulness

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



A HOLY WEEK RETREAT: THE SELF-EMPTYING OF CHRIST



DONAGH O'SHEA OP

“Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped.
He emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient
unto death—even death on a cross.” (Phil 2:5-8)

April 1 (Wed.) - April 4 (Sat.), 2026

Full residential €300, **Non-residential:** €180

€65 one-day attendees (Thurs., Fri. only. Includes lunch, and tea/coffee)

Registration from 4.30, Wed. Supper 6.00pm

THE HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES will be celebrated with the Dominican Community in the Priory Church. All are welcome.

DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE, TALLAGHT VILLAGE, D24 KA40
(01) 404 8123 / 404 8189; dominicanretreats@gmail.com
www.goodnews.ie. Follow us on Facebook.

Visit <https://domrc.ie/>

HOPEFEST, BALLYMUN ROAD



When: Sunday, March 8th, 6 pm to 9 pm

Where: Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Rd, D09 Y925

How: Register through the QR code

Who: For young adults between 18–35 years

MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP PAUL DEMPSEY



Our Workshops:

Navigating the Good News

With Ruth King and Aoife Barrett



Sing & Pray

With the OLV Gospel Choir



Why Sunday Matters

With Mary Stephenson



Catholic Life in a Secular Space

With the St. Dominic Society



Christian Mindfulness

With Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap



@olvyoungadultgroup



olvyoungadultgroup@gmail.com

BALLYFERMOT EARLY MASS

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18, in Assumption Church, Ballyfermot (D10 NC84), we will have an early morning Mass at 7am, Monday to Friday for the duration of Lent, up until the Wednesday of Holy Week on April 1. No homily – just two minutes of silent reflection after the Gospel. You're in and out in twenty minutes! The numbers

attending have increased each year and those who come really appreciate it. Maybe it's something you might like to think about committing to for Lent this year?

LENTEN COURSE, BALLINTEER

Deacon Noel Ryan is running a five-week Lenten Course in the Conference Room at St John the Evangelist Church, Ballinteer, at 7.30pm on five consecutive Mondays (February 16 to March 16). All are welcome.

MY LENTEN PAUSE

This Lent, Clergy & Teams from the St Peregrine's Partnership of Parishes (Hartstown, Huntstown/Littlepace, and Mountview/Blakestown) invite you to pause – not with more pressure, but with more peace. My Lenten Pause is a free, downloadable retreat designed to fit your daily rhythm. Whether you have five minutes or fifty, it offers Sunday Gospel reflections; Simple prayer prompts & practices; and Journaling ideas and weekly kindness tasks Each Monday at noon, watch a 10-minute video on our Facebook page or website to settle into stillness and reflect on the week ahead. It's for everyone – parishioners, seekers, or anyone needing a moment of calm. No cost. No registration. Just an open invitation. **Resources attached.**

CITY QUAY – LENT



LENT 2026



Stengthening our Souls in a Fragmenting World

Mass Times

Monday to Friday from Wed 18th February to Wed 1st April
(Not including St. Patricks Day)

8am | Immaculate Heart of Mary,
City Quay

10am | St. Andrew's Westland Row

12:45pm | St. Andrew's Westland Row

Church will be open until 6 pm for private prayer during Lent





LENT 2026

Strengthening our Souls in a Fragmenting World

Music at 12:45 mass



Séamus Ong is a uilleann piper and whistle player. He has played at major occasions including Áras an Uachtaráin and the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche. Séamus also performs regularly with the Dublin Diocese music group and has played at RTÉ Mass with the Aontas Folk Choir.



Sisters **Aoife Kelly** (concertina) and **Leah Kelly** (fiddle) are part of a well-known musical family with roots in West Clare. Steeped in the tradition from a young age, they are both experienced performers and teachers of Irish traditional music.



Matthew Lalor is a classically trained Irish musician and songwriter. He has appeared at the National Concert Hall and on RTÉ's The Late Late Show. Matthew now performs sacred and liturgical music (including his own works) in Dublin churches, including St Andrew's Westland Row.



Sopë is a Nigerian-Irish singer-songwriter whose R&B and soul-influenced music blends heartfelt storytelling with themes of hope and faith. She performs her original music at a variety of live events and shares her work online. Sopë also sings at her local church.



Mark McCrystall is the organist at St Andrew's Church and was formerly the organ scholar at Trinity College. He hails from County Tyrone and also has a keen interest in traditional Irish music.



BRACKENSTOWN NOVENA OF GRACE



ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Novena of Grace

WITH CELEBRATION OF MASS

Friday 6th March: 7:30pm

What is Faith? - Denis Robinson

Saturday 7th March: 6:00pm

Faith in Young People - Fr. Cyril Odia

Sunday 8th March: 11:00am

God of Surprises - Sean Goan

Monday 9th March: 7:30pm

Faith & Migration - Ursula Mullan

Tuesday 10th March: 7:30pm

Faith & the Travelling Community - Geraldine McDonnell

Wednesday 11th March: 7:30pm

Care for Creation - Jane Mellett

Thursday 12th March: 7:30pm

Contemplation: Our Gift to the World - Fr. Jim Caffrey

Friday 13th March: 7:30pm

Faith & Loss - Bryan Nolan

Saturday 14th March: 6:00pm

Faith & Addiction - Conor Hickey

Sunday 15th March: 11:00am

The Outsiders - Alice Leahy

CABRA CONCERT

CABRA & CABRAWEST PARISH presents

The Combined Parish Choirs

United In Faith: An Evening Of Song
With Special Guest



JAMES KILBANE

Church Of The Most Precious Blood

CabraWest, Dublin 7. D07W8P6

Sunday 15th March 2026

Event: 7pm Doors: 6.30pm

For more information and to book tickets www.cabraparish.ie

To raise funds to paint Most Precious Blood Church &

Improve the facilities in Christ the King Church



Donation
TICKET
€20

Tickets: From both parish offices, event organisers,
local outlets, choir members, or call 087 6306120.

Everyone Welcome! DATE FOR THE DIARY

UNIVERSITY CHURCH

On Monday, March 9, at 7pm, Paul Leamy, Head of Department for Furniture Design and Technology at ATU Connemara, will be giving a presentation titled *Wood You Believe? Careers in Wood You Didn't Know Existed*. He will explore the option of careers in the fields of woodworking, design, and manufacturing. The presentation is free and open to all.

The NOTRE DAME NEWMAN CENTRE *for* FAITH AND REASON

WOOD YOU BELIEVE?

Careers in Wood You Didn't Know Existed



Presentation by Paul Leamy

MONDAY 9 MARCH AT 7PM

*Newman University Church
87b Saint Stephens Green*

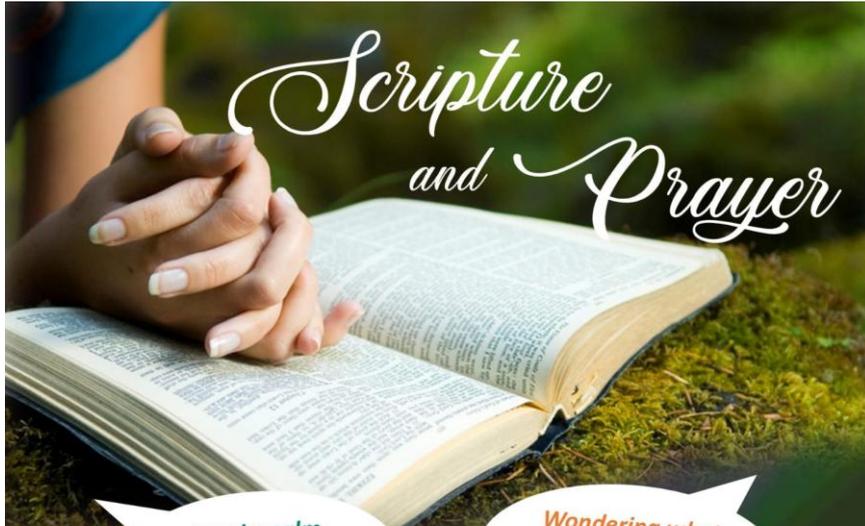
Paul Leamy is Head of Department for Furniture Design and Technology at ATU Connemara, the National Centre of Excellence for Furniture Design and Wood Technology.



NEWMAN.ND.EDU

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, AUGHIRM 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

Lent 2026

*"Listening and Fasting:
Lent as a Time of Conversion"*

- Pope Leo XIV



WAY OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday in Lent
7:00 pm*



SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

*Gospel of the Passion
Monday—10:30 am
Tuesday—7:00 pm*



PENITENTIAL SERVICES

** Mass at 6:00 pm
* Meditation on the Passion led by
Br. Jander Maria de Jesus, O.Carm
* Confessions*

*Monday 23rd February
Monday 23rd March*



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Aughrim Street — Dublin 7

01 838 6232
aughrimstchurch@gmail.com

TAIZE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Taizé

Evening Prayer

*together with Br. Jean Marie
of the Taizé Community
who is visiting Ireland.*

7.30pm Monday 23rd March 2026

Christchurch Cathedral, Christchurch Place,
Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 TF98

All are welcome

(Also attached as a PDF)

SEANAD HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTITUENCY

Irish citizens with degrees from designated third level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Previous voters may be unaware that they have been removed from the register. To secure your vote, go to www.seanadvoter.ie before February 26. A passport is needed. You can also email applications@seanadvoter.ie.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20-22 March 2026. A weekend like no other. Venue: St Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

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.

DAY IN AVILA CENTRE

Come and See. Men & Women, aged 18-40, interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns. Where? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin, DO4 YF66. When? February 28, 10:30am – 4pm. Poster attached.

DOMINICAN VOCATIONS

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. Please contact Sister Mair?ad OP at sienavoc@gmail.com / 041 9838524.

CLERGY DAY IN KNOCK

A Lenten Day of Recollection for Clergy, directed by Fr Brendan Quinlivan, will be held in Knock on March 3 from 3pm to 6.30pm. Flyer attached.

BON SECOURS HEALTHCARE SYMPOSIUM

The 4th Annual Bon Secours Health System Healthcare Symposium will take place on Wednesday, March 11, at the Galmont Hotel, Galway. Theme: The Patient at the Heart: Dignity, Ethics, and the Sacred Encounter This annual event brings together leading voices in healthcare, academia, and patient advocacy to explore how dignity and ethics remain central to patient care.

Confirmed speakers include Professor Mary Donnelly – Professor of Law, UCC; Dr Eva Doherty – Chartered Clinical Psychologist; Stephen Teap – CEO, Cork Arc Cancer Support House & Patient Advocate; and Rev Dr Michael Shortall – President, St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.

Registration: Free, by email to oldowling@bonsecours.ie. Places are limited – early booking advised. **Poster attached.**

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.

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC110689



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

When: 7pm, 18th April 2026

Where: Armagh City Hotel

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

"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

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Emmaus Scripture School is running a free lunchtime book club online for women, beginning Thursday, February 19, through to March 19. The sessions will be on Zoom from 12 to 12:50pm. To sign up and for more info, visit womensbookclub.eventbrite.ie

FUNDING

The Koch Foundation

(closing May 1st) Our mission is built on the Koch's vision "to strengthen and propagate the Roman Catholic faith by providing grant support for a wide variety of evangelization efforts". The Koch Foundation is international in scope and prioritizes on areas and populations most in need of a Catholic presence. As the Catholic Church has emphasized her global perspective, we also recognize our global responsibilities.

Benefact Trust

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

Local Enhancement Programme

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

Heritage Council Community Heritage Scheme

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

SEAI Community Energy Grants

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

- Building Fabric Upgrades
- Technology and System upgrades
- Integration of Control Systems
- Integration of renewable energy sources

- Domestic Combined Fabric Upgrade
- Single Building Demonstration projects will be considered under the Communities Grant.

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

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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.

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.



The blessing of the new St Paul's Books and Gifts shop at Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, took place on Tuesday. For more information, visit [Franciscans Dublin](http://FranciscansDublin.com)

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