

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm James McCormack (Anniv)

Sunday:

10.00 am Paul Clohosey (Anniv)

2.00 pm Ned O'Flaherty (Anniv)

Weekdays

Monday

Tony Hall, Shane O'Hanlon, Brenda Jenkinson (Rec Dec)

Tuesday

Sean Sheehan, Leo Kennedy (Rec Dec)
Also Special Intention

Wednesday

John Robinson, Orla Walsh (Rec Dec)

Thursday

Stephanie Boylan (Anniv)
Also Mary McAdams (Anniv)

Friday

Paul Byrne (Rec Dec)

Saturday

John Doran, Frances Daly (Rec Dec)

The Seafield Singers will present

"A Festival of Summer Music" on Saturday 11 th May at 3.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church of Ireland, Seafield Road West, Clontarf. The choir is led by musical director, Elizabeth Hilliard with David Bremner on piano and organ. The wonderful Berginald Rash will be the compere for the concert and also solo clarinetist. Tickets €20.

Interested in growing food and in biodiversity?

Grow It Yourself (GIY) in conjunction with Clontarf GAA have a series of meetings planned to share ideas. The first meeting is on Monday 15th April 8:15-9:15pm in Clontarf GAA.

Open to new and experienced growers, GIY will help you

- ✓ Get started growing in your garden
- ✓ Grow healthy food
- ✓ Protect biodiversity
- ✓ Share seeds and plants
- ✓ Learn from guest speakers
- ✓ Connect with local community groups
- ✓ Visit local gardens



Sign up to attend and hear about future dates or email for more information

giyclontarf@gmail.com

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/JasjP2dV2eTa5jiv5>

Archbishop Farrell's Letter Lay Ministry Sunday



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am continually inspired by the spirit of faith and care that animates our Catholic community, even as we face the reality of so few vocations to the priesthood. This is a time of listening, discernment and renewed pastoral action for all of us in the Church, clergy and lay people. The vitality of our Church increasingly relies on our lay people to step into leadership and service roles with courage and love. In the past year, we can point to green shoots emerging through efforts associated with our Building Hope initiative. The Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, provided by the Office of Mission and Ministry, is a good example. Announced last May, it has been a real success. This in-demand programme examines the vocation and mission of the participants inspired to share their faith with others. Thanks to your support, it gives them the tools to assist others on their faith journey. In particular, it helps them 'accompany families' sensitively and practically as they initiate young people into the life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the reception of Holy Communion.

Other creative programmes supporting lay people to nurture their adult faith, and engage with young people include, 'Servant Leadership', 'Pathways', 'Lay Funeral Leadership', 'Confirmation Connect' and the Laudato Si' Awards, as well as the 'Just Lent' campaign which focused on Christian social justice during Lent. These programmes help us to stop and 'abide' with Jesus to realise God's loving presence with us. In light of all these significant initiatives, I ask for your generous support for the Lay Ministry Collection. Your contributions are vital in sustaining and expanding these initiatives, ensuring our Church remains a vibrant beacon of hope and faith in the world. As we heard in today's gospel: 'It is to the glory of the Father that you should bear much fruit.' (John 15: 8). May the Lord bless you generously and help you find ways to bear fruit for Him and each other in abundance. There can be a new beginning for each of us as we allow our sense of Christian faith, hope and love to grow within us. But that is only the first step. We are called at Baptism, all of us, to speak joyfully of the presence of the risen Christ to us and of the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives: 'We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.' (1 John 3: 24). I invite you to consider your role in the mission handed on to us by Jesus. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can forge a path of hope and renewal for our Archdiocese.

Dermot Farrell

Archbishop of Dublin

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CHURCH

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Novena to the Holy Spirit
12th – 20th May 2024
for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin



**The Lay Ministry
Collection will take
place during all
Masses next
weekend. It will
replace the SHARE
collection**

**The first collection for the
priests last weekend was €685
and the second collection for
SHARE came to €290**