

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday:

6.00 pm Tony Weldon (Anniv)  
10.00 am Therese Byrne (Anniv)  
Also Tracey Orange (Anniv)  
12.00 pm May Nichol (Anniv)

### Weekdays

#### Monday

Donors Intentions

#### Tuesday

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#### Wednesday

Edmund McAvinue (Anniv)  
Aileen Hickman and Elizabeth Cahill (RD)

#### Thursday

Special Intention

#### Saturday

Donors Intentions

**The first collection for the priests** last weekend came to €595 and the second collection for SHARE came to €250



This year's theme is To hope and act with Creation. In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

### Associate Pilgrims.

If you would like to become an associate member of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September, next weekend an opportunity will be given. You can sign up by giving a contribution to help send sick pilgrims to Lourdes. Any Associate members of the pilgrimage and their intentions will be included in all the masses and prayers of the pilgrimage, including at the grotto.



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### Summer Dues.

Please contribute to the Summer Dues. It is part of the income of your priests. To appreciate its importance, please read the message about the collection from Archbishop Farrell. The message and envelopes are on the tables.



**Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion**

Every Friday at 10.00 am

### Feast of the Assumption

Next Thursday  
15th August is the feast of the Assumption. We will have a vigil Mass on Wednesday 14th at 6.00 pm and the usual 10.00 am on Thursday.



### Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of sowing the word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day, while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is spouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34). The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but 'we are always full of confidence' (2 Corinthians 5:6). We are full of prayer too – it is the Lord's work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission. Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us.

Archdiocese of Dublin  
OFFICE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

## EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY

# Pathways

**WHO?**  
This two-year course is aimed at Adults of all ages, members of Parish Pastoral Councils & those in a parish ministry

**WHEN?**  
Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.30pm from September to May

**WHERE?**  
DCU St Patrick's Campus  
Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education  
Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9

Cost €400 per year

Scan the QR code to Register online

For more information please visit [www.missionministry.ie/pathways](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie)