



### Saturday:

**6.00 pm**

Peggy Monaghan (Anniv)

Also Tony Mackey (Anniv)

Also

### Sunday:

10.00 am Jody P Toner (Anniv)

Also Paul Clohosey (Anniv)

Also Robert McKenna (Anniv)

12.00 pm Michael McHale (Anniv)

Also Philip Gates (Anniv)

Also Ned O'Flaherty (Anniv)

### Weekdays

**Monday:** Walter Roche (Rec Dec)

**Tuesday:** Brendan Meagher (Rec Dec)

**Wed** : Margaret Hickey and AnnMarie O'Meara (Rec Dec)

**Thurs** : Anne Troy (Rec Dec)

**Sat** : Anne Troy (Rec Dec)

The Easter offering envelopes are now available in the Church Porch. The Easter offering is part of the income of your priests. Please be as generous as you possibly can. These can be returned via 186 Clontarf Road, the collection baskets at Mass or the Parish Office.

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €1280 and the figure for SHARE was €625 and the collection for Good Friday came to €805

Dear fellow Parishioners,

We heard the announcement this morning, Easter Monday, by Cardinal Kevin Farrell (from Drimnagh) of the death of Pope Francis. Cardinal Farrell is camerlengo of the Church, so he will be organising the funeral of Pope Francis and the conclave which will elect his successor. The news was a surprise, shocking and sad. Yesterday, Easter Sunday, we saw Pope Francis making a huge effort, despite being very unwell, to be present to those in St. Peter's Square in Rome. Knowing that he was so unwell will probably make it slightly easier to accept his death and also that he died on Easter Monday.

All over the world there has been reaction to his death. Even Iran, Israel, President Putin and Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church, have sent similar messages of praise for him. The U.S.A. has decided that all official flags will be at half mast. Tonight the Eiffel Tower will go dark. Pope Francis recognised the innate dignity of every human being. At great risk to his health, he visited the Regina Coeli prison a few days ago. He told the prisoners that but for the grace of God, he could have been there.

Some of the words and phrases used for Pope Francis were: wanted to do the will of God; service of God and his Church; suspended condemnation; he appointed women to senior positions in the Church; pastoral and humble; on the side of the most vulnerable and the most fragile; changed the tone of the conversation and also words like compassion courage and peace. This is just a small sample of what has been said. Many more things will be said. Let us pray for the conclave which will take place to elect Pope Francis's successor and that whoever is chosen will continue to develop his legacy. Let us now pray for him and may he receive the reward in 'the house of the Father' of his life dedicated to God.

**Fr. John and Liam Nolan, chair of the Pastoral Council.**

