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NEWSLETTER
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS
INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:

- **John O’Mara (A)**
- **Ita Macken (A)**
- **Daithi & Niall O’Donoghue (A)**

We remember in our prayers those whose funerals took place in our church during the last week:

- **Ann Maguire**
- **David Meghan**
- **Nora O’Carroll**
- **Mark Wall**
- **Maura Enright**

HOSPITALITY
AFTER MASS

Sunday 3rd May



Teas and Coffees in the parish centre after 10am and 11:30 am Mass.

All are Welcome



LauraLynn
IRELAND’S CHILDREN’S HOSPICE

LauraLynn, Ireland’s Children’s Hospice
24-Hour Challenge is taking place this May.

The event takes place on the grounds of LauraLynn as part of **Children’s Hospice Week** which is an important national awareness week that highlights the specialist care provided to children with life-limiting conditions and the support offered to their families.

Event details can be found on :
<https://www.lauralynn.ie/24-hourchallenge>

Epilepsy Ireland

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie

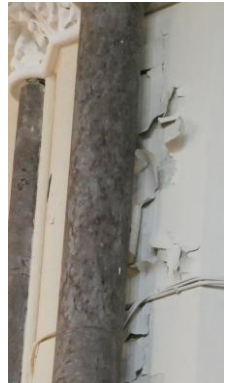
CHURCH CLOSURE
May 25th to July 24th

It is with regret that we announce that our beautiful church will be closed for essential maintenance from Monday the 25th of May until Friday the 24th of July. The works will include a complete overhaul of the electrics in the church as some of the old installation has become unstable and in some cases even dangerous.



While that work is being carried out we will also paint the centre isle of the church.

This will involve the installation of scaffolding across the main body of the church.



We are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause but we ask for your patience and understanding.



Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

Lay Ministry Collection

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this weekend 2nd/3rd May. The Lay Ministry Collection supports the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. This Collection will replace the usual Share Collection.

Overleaves, you can read the letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell which provides more detail about Lay Ministry training.



Archdiocese of Dublin

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Lay Ministry Appeal 2026

Commentary on the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7;

In the first reading we see the Twelve calling a meeting. This was in response to a complaint that some of the people in the early Christian community were being overlooked when it came to charity. At the meeting, the Twelve prayed and appointed seven men – the first to fulfil the role of deacons – to help minister to the people. In a very short space of time the Church has begun to evolve to meet the growing pastoral needs of the flock.

1Peter 2:4-9;

The second reading exhorts us to place our trust in Christ because he is the cornerstone of everything we have and do and are. In this passage, St Peter also tells us that we are “*a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart*” and so we must live in this way.

John 14:1-12

In the gospel from St John we see Jesus teaching his disciples and telling them that he is the way to the Father and to eternal life but that we must put our trust and belief in him if we are to succeed along this way.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our second reading today, we are reminded that Jesus Christ is the ‘precious cornerstone’ on whom we depend. We are called, as Christians who are baptised, to be ‘living stones’, built on Christ: ‘living stones making a spiritual house... to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light’ (1 Peter 2:4-9).

This call is embodied in this year’s theme for Lay Ministry Sunday: Building faith-filled communities. We are called to be builders of faith so that we can confidently share our faith in Christ with others.

Through your donation to the annual Lay Ministry Collection, you continue to support and build up faith-filled communities in the Archdiocese. As priests, deacons and people, we seek to find new and creative ways to engage everyone in developing their faith.

Because of your support for this Collection, the grant fund, announced last year, has been able to facilitate parishes, in areas of most need, to engage the ministry of a Faith Development Worker. This initiative is beginning to bear fruit, and I encourage all Partnerships of Parishes to pray and discern what lay ministries are needed to build faith-filled communities in their area.

Thanks to your contributions on Lay Ministry Sunday, the diocese can now offer subsidies to participants of the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, the Pathways into Ministry Programme and the Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. This year, 1,500 people are participating in formation for voluntary ministries – a great sign of hope to us all. In addition, through the work of the Office of Mission & Ministry, parish ministries such as Lay Funeral Prayer Leaders continue to be supported, formed and resourced.

In addition, since last September, the Diocesan Pastoral Council has begun to explore with me the pastoral development of the Archdiocese.

Please help to support lay ministry initiatives. Your committed generosity, today and every day, makes a difference. Together we can build parishes and partnerships that are alive and active, joyful and faith-filled, synodal and missionary.

May we be ‘filled with the Spirit and with wisdom’ (Acts 6:3) as we focus on the pastoral, missionary and synodal conversion the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to, across the world, in our time.

+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin

