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*Matthew 28 1:20:* After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and

devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So, the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

"The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen and to become witnesses of his Resurrection.

This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia.

It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth."



**Family Mass is at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.**

Children actively partake in the Mass, bringing battery candles in the procession, sitting on the altar with the priest for an interactive homily, singing along with our musicians and singers. We love to see and hear the children of all ages.

Come and join in with the other young families from the parish!

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## From Canon John's Desk

**Easter Hope 2023.**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



As we approach the great Feast of Easter may I wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of this season of great hope. Hope is at the heart of the Easter message: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to **a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**" (1 Peter 1:3). Life lived on the foundation of hope in the Resurrection is the most central and important part of Christian faith. It should be no surprise, therefore, that Archbishop Farrell has called the entire Diocesan Family to a time of renewal based on the activity of '**Building Hope**' together. Building hope is not an abstract notion, but an activity that will make demands on all of us, by calling us to activate or maybe reactivate our commitment to be faithful and hope-filled Disciples of Christ Jesus. Through our baptism, Jesus calls us individually and collectively, to witness to Love, in a world where many despair. Despair could seem to be a reasonable or even an inevitable reaction to the state of our world in the face of so much darkness and of humanity's failure to learn from the lessons of history. How can we build hope in a world ravaged by war, violence, greed, inhospitality, inequality and prospective global annihilation caused equally by our activity and inactivity? The Christians of all the ages at their best have been countercultural witnesses to the power of the Love who is God, present in the midst of overwhelming conflict and strife. Our call is similar today: to be witnesses, visible signs, that God is alive and active among us "in season and out of season." By the quality of our faith and love, we attempt to build hope by trying, with God's help, to be the 'salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' beginning in our own place. Practically, this means as Christian communities, answering the Lord's call, by helping each other to be more active and effective in creating and sustaining accessible parish communities of welcome and hospitality. Our Church, as reflected in the life of our parishes, should resemble "a field hospital for the walking wounded", and not an inward looking cliques of the like-minded, as Pope Francis reminded us in the early days of his Papacy.

Sometimes our Parish communities can seem, to those who need us most, to be far from what we are meant to be. Our priorities can seem so removed from the reality and demands of everyday life in the modern world that people no longer see participation in church life as realistic or even desirable. The Church, institutionally, internationally, locally and personally, is always in need of reform and renewal. As part of our **Building Hope** activity each parish and partnership grouping are called to reform and renewal by honest reflection on our strengths and weaknesses in light of the Gospel. We are being asked in our Diocese, and throughout the world, through the Synodal pathway, to reflect honestly on our resources both human and material and plan to use them more fully and efficiently in the service of Evangelisation and not in 'self-service'. Sharing the Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead is the heart of the Gospel imperative to "go out to the whole world and bring the good news". To this end, during the past year vital reorganisation has occurred in the central Administration of Dublin Archdiocese in an effort to prioritise evangelisation as the core value of our local church. (see [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) **Building Hope**) Our Parishes have been-grouped into partnerships for this same aim of prioritising our core mission of evangelisation. How do we organise the life of our parishes in a way that faces the reality of the decreasing number of priests and other resources in which the church in Dublin now lives? Part of the process of **Building Hope** has been the call to Partnerships of Parishes. Parishes must collaborate more closely for mission and discern together joint pastoral initiatives such as faith formation opportunities, joint training for ministries, joint services and Mass scheduling etc. To facilitate this challenging but necessary collaboration each partnership grouping is required to establish a Partnership Council of Parishes (PCP) consisting of the President and Chair and two members chosen by the Parish Pastoral Councils. The first meeting of our new PCP was held in late February at which Portmarnock Parish was represented by Canon John Flaherty, Mr. David Sweeny, Mrs. Teresa McCabe and Mrs. Norma Morrison. One of the urgent tasks indicated by the Archbishop to the PCPs is the rescheduling of Masses across the Partnerships. How can we continue to serve the church-going parishioners most efficiently across the partnerships with less priests while still maintaining regular access to Mass? At present, in our Partnership of Malahide, Yellow Walls, Kinsealy and Portmarnock we have the services of 4 Priests appointed by the Archbishop. This number is unlikely to last for much longer. What will our Partnership of Parishes look like with 3, 2 or even 1 Priest over the next decade and beyond? Be prepared! The PCP will shortly propose a revised Mass schedule for our likely future scenario. If you have any reflections or suggestions to offer on our future, please e-mail to [stannes@portmarnockparish.ie](mailto:stannes@portmarnockparish.ie) for the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Meanwhile, I hope and pray that your journey through Lent prove to be a solid foundation for celebrating a hopeful and joy filled Easter. It would be a privilege for the parish community and for me, to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies with you and yours. We look forward to welcoming you.

Every good wish and blessing.

Canon John.



There was a lot of activity in December, and we had several planting sessions of spring bulbs and bedding. Containers around the Village have been filled with multi-coloured primula plants. We also distributed spring bulbs and bedding to various estates and other groups throughout Portmarnock. We are looking forward to the fruits of our labour and having a colourful display next Spring. A big thanks to Fingal County Council for their generous donation of bulbs and bedding. St Marnock's 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils with their teacher, Mr Corkery, were responsible for the bulb planting at the base of the trees in the grounds of St Anne's Parish Church. The pupils were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the experience. Well done to all involved in this project. In December, the Transition Year students from Portmarnock Community School participated in the two weeks Work Experience Programme with the Tidy Towns. Their achievements included gathering leaves for the leaf moulds, bulb planting, litter-picking and tree planting both at Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne. Finally, a big 'Thank You' to all who partook in our first clean-up day of the New Year on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. We had a good turnout and look forward to seeing as many people as possible join us on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10 o'clock: meeting points are Kiosk on the seafront or flower bed at Jus De Vine.



## Fingal Matters - Cllr. Brian McDonagh

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT PORTMARNOCK BRIDGE

The new signals at Portmarnock Bridge were permanently activated in October 2022, after the calibration time for the lights was completed by MOVA. While this assists traffic flow through the junction, especially out of Portmarnock village, there are still busy periods when traffic gets backed up on Strand Road. Further minor engineering works were identified and requested by the Operations Department as well as a safety audit. A further request was made to develop a central control centre to manage this junction at peak flow times. The Traffic lights were installed as a condition made by an Bord Pleanála, planning permission reference ABP 305619-19, part of a strategic housing development which was earlier passed by the council. While the roundabout was more efficient, unfortunately, there had been minor accidents and some dangerous near misses reported. The majority of which were caused by people unfamiliar with the area driving straight through the junction. The new lights will improve access from station road to the village as the volume of traffic from the new estates has grown considerably. The efficient operation of the junction remains under review.

### PORTMARNOCK HERITAGE SITES - ST MARNOCK'S CHURCH

In 2022 the council heritage department funded €85,000 to protect the ruins of St Marnock's Medieval church on Strand Road. The site survey yielded a set of recommendations designed to stop further structural decline. This included the need for immediate essential masonry repairs to the medieval church monument, removal of embedded roots, re-pointing, consolidation of unstable stonework and structural stitching to protect/delay the effects of masonry decay from exposure to weather. During the upkeep a limestone memorial was uncovered dedicated to Teresa Plunkett who died in 1672. Oliver Hearty & Sons Ltd. undertook the works overseen by Archaeology & Built Heritage Ltd., DKP Conservation Engineers and Brian O'Connor Fingal County Council Architect.

### STORMWATER DRAIN UPGRADE

There has been a significant investment in the stormwater drainage system on Wendall Avenue and Heather Walk. The existing network had degraded with cracked pipes and blockages influencing the stormwater overflow system. The council is carrying out work which should be completed in Q1 2023.



### Portmarnock Indoor Bowling Club

Portmarnock bowls was founded in 2008 at the PS LC. Bowling is one of the few sports that can be enjoyed at any age. All ages and all levels of experience are welcome. Free coaching and equipment are provided if needed.

Social Games in the Martello Room PS LC each week.

Monday 8:30 PM

Thursday 8:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact John Campbell at 087 258 3415

**Eucharistic Adoration  
has moved to the Jubilee  
Adoration Chapel in the  
Church**

**Meditation in the  
JOHN MAIN Tradition**

Restarting in the Shalom Room every  
Monday at 7:30PM.

All Welcome



### 33 Years Strong Celebrating in the Community

The Portmarnock Integrated Arch club was founded 33 years ago this spring. Kay Moriarty (RIP) the district nurse at the time saw parents were isolated and alone, dealing with their children (who had special needs) so she endeavored to bring them together and do something about it. Kay facilitated the first meeting and the idea of forming a club for children with special needs, this was received with enthusiasm.

The Arch Club Portmarnock was born. The missions and vision for this club was the same for all clubs under the Arch Clubs Federations umbrella and that was to have clubs for people with additional /special needs that are fun filled and unique to their abilities. The first clubs took place in the PSLC and then moved to a prefab in St Helens school. As with all clubs the initial years were hard and filled with ups and downs and with the good help of the community the club established itself with strong foundations and goodwill.

The work of the families involved with fundraising was a big priority and getting their own premises was a goal that was set out from the start and was to be achieved and this was indeed accomplished in 1999. This would not have been possible without you, the community and the many years of fundraising and volunteering for our club. With the help of HSE and the local Politicians and the generosity of the diocese of Dublin and the goodness of Father Brendan Heffernan P.P who donated the site to the families, we saw the fruition of people's dreams and expectations. The new building was opened in 2000 by Michael Martin (FF) who was minister for health at the time as our permanent residence at the rear of St Annes church.

With the Centre in place in 2000, the parents could now focus on their children who were becoming young adults and the need for a service for them when they finished primary education. This was brought to us in the guise of Prosper Fingal who came onboard to host a service from Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm for our members. We are so grateful for all they have done for us and how they give our members a place to express themselves. The club also runs evenings for our seniors (16years up) on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

The building is a blessing, and we make sure to assist other organizations in hosting their own clubs during the week and they in turn assist us through fundraising and volunteering in areas as needed. The committees over the years have engaged in attaining grants to maintain and develop the building and the clubs, which suit children with very diverse needs. The clubs today are strong and vibrant with well over 150 members and are still growing. In the last year alone, the committee has engaged in developing two new clubs as we saw the need to again reach out to parents in the community to assist and provide them with certain needs similar to the challenges, we saw in the 1990s. The senior club runs as follow:

- Thursday Evening club from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
- Saturday Morning club from 11.00am to 1.30pm
- Saturday Afternoon from 1.30pm to 4.00pm
- We run an Autism Club on a Wednesday from 4.00pm to 5.30pm
- Friday is Sensory Yoga for children 4.00-5.00pm
- Junior club on a Sunday from 11am to 12.30pm

The clubs have a lovely feel to them where our volunteers range from 16 up to 60 and everyone brings their unique gift to the club of time and energy which is much appreciated by all our members. Our club doesn't finish there we are hoping to set up a teen group that will teach our members with additional needs life skills to help them to be more interdependent within the community and to be true to themselves. The club also is a host to other organisations that run activities in the evening within our community.

- Bridge and Pilates: Monday evening
- Civil Defence: 8- 9.30pm
- ICA: Wednesday: 7.30-9.30pm
- Ciunas (Comhaltas group) 8.00- 10.30

We are a charity with a vision to provide children and adults within our community with a club that provides activities and interaction which builds relationships and develops the mindset of our members. We have come through COVID and are slowly rebuilding our clubs and we would love for anyone who would like to volunteer to get in touch and be part of our growing clubs. We are here to be in service to our members and through this we receive so much back. If you are young or old and would like an outlet where you can give back to the community and make friends this may be a place for you to come.

The doors are always open, and our members are always welcoming. Just phone us on 0863401524  
Lastly, Thank you all for your kindness and support over the years.



**Portmarnock Community Association** is the umbrella organisation for several initiatives in the community, Tidy Towns, Portmarnock Beach Clean Coast and Sustainable Energy Community. As the official consultative group for the community, we have seats on many Fingal groups, Marine and Coastal Planning Strategic Policy Committee, Fingal Public Participatory Network and we are represented in FORUM.

**DAA New Runway:** I am sure you have all noticed the recent increase in noise from Dublin airport in recent days arising from the closure of the southern runway for maintenance. St Margaret's the Ward residents are initiating a legal action over operations of the north runway where aircraft are departing and turning to overflying residential areas that were never directly previously under the flight path. The additional trust noise at take-off as well as the downward turbulence direction at such a low altitude creates a much higher decibel reading and so presents a potential health risk.

The 2007 planning permission had a noise abatement protection measure granted where flights had to travel straight out for four to five Nautical miles before turning. The DAA have not yet applied for new planning permission for a deviation to flight paths. This would involve getting a new environmental impact assessment to assess the effect on local communities. The International Civil Aviation Authority new SID's (Standard Instrument Departures) which come into effect on 23rd of February are supposed to improve things but that remains to be seen.

St Margaret's have also applied for an Oral hearing to an Bord Pleanála over the Granting by Fingal CC of permission to remove the restriction of 65 flights per night between 11:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. and implement a new night-time definition of 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m. However, the internationally accepted time for such restriction is between 11:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The purpose of this is to remove the high volume of flights that occur between 11.00 p.m. and midnight from the count, which would cause them to be in violation of the previous agreement.

**Serving your community:** We are tracking the following active issues that will impact Portmarnock, the increase in traffic, sewage outfall off Irelands Eye, a sewage pumping station beside the bridge and the new cycle way through the village.

PCA are looking to recruit additional people who can assist in reviewing local planning applications for their impact on Portmarnock community life. We would like to have people who can bring fresh ideas on what we **do** need and **don't** need to enhance our community life. With such a young thriving community Portmarnock continues to grow and evolve as favourite location for people to live and bring up their children. Annual membership is just €10 per household per annum to defray costs. Email us today on [portmarnock1@gmail.com](mailto:portmarnock1@gmail.com)



## NAOMH MEARNÓG GAA CLUB

First, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Chairperson, Damian Kenny. The club is delighted to see our youngest members return to the nursery after the Christmas break. Naomh Mearnóg Nursery is all about having fun with friends and playing games while learning basic skills of Gaelic games. It is the perfect induction for all those budding future stars of Naomh Mearnóg & Dublin!!!

New members are always welcome, just come along any Saturday morning at the times shown.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary & Important Camp Details:

### **Easter Camps for Members**

Running from Mon 3rd - Wed 5th April (incl.) the Club Camp is for Primary School kids plus a High-Performance camp for teenagers in 1st year +. Full details on all the 2023 camps will be issued shortly.

### **Naomh Mearnóg Mini Leagues**

The biggest week of the year in the Portmarnock sporting calendar returns on Monday 19th June and concludes with the Finals Day on Sunday 25th June. Everyone in the Community is invited to join us throughout the week to cheer on these fun and exciting games. The Club is also delighted to announce that the Family Day returns on 25th June 2023.... bigger and better.

### **Summer Camp Members Series 2023**

Cúl Camp 1 - will run from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>

Cúl Camp 2 - will run from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>

Hurling /Club /Pre-school Camps will run from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NAOMH MEARNÓG GAA CLUB**

**NURSERY RESTARTS**  
**SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2023**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL**  
**BACK AT NAOMH MEARNÓG NURSERY**  
**#NMN**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

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**SATURDAY MORNING'S\***  
**SEPT - JUN**  
**BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-7**

**GIRLS (CAMOGIE & LADIES FOOTBALL):**  
**10:00 - 11:15AM**

**BOYS (HURLING & FOOTBALL):**  
**11:30 - 12:45PM**

\*Excluding Bank Holiday weekends



## PORTMARNOCK TENNIS CLUB

We have entered our 40th Year in existence operating from the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre where there are 6 all-weather floodlit courts. Currently we have 700 members which is divided between 320 Junior Members and 380 Adult Members, and the club continues to welcome new members.

We are delighted to also advise the appointment of a new Head Coach Joey Purcell who is joining us having been a coach at Malahide Tennis Club for many years. Joey has significant experience with Junior Coaching which is a focus area for the Tennis Club for the last few years. In doing so we encourage sport participation for health and fitness in children.

Besides organising in-house competitions and tournaments throughout the year, we also participate on a competitive level with numerous males, females and mixed teams playing inter club Leagues against clubs from around the Leinster area. The club has had some great successes in these competitions over the years. In addition to its competitive edge, the club has many social events to ensure new members integrate quickly into the club. If you are interested in more information on the club please feel free to view our facilities at the PSLC or indeed contact any of the Committee by email at [committee@portmarnocktennis.com](mailto:committee@portmarnocktennis.com)



Did you know that the prayer of the rosary is one of the most powerful weapons that God has given us? It's centuries old. Praying the rosary everyday means spending 15-20 minutes telling Our Lady, again and again, that we are opening ourselves to her love, while thinking about important moments in the life of Jesus.

Take up the habit of a daily rosary, or begin with a decade a day, and you will quickly see its power in every aspect of your life.

By opening your heart to God with Mary, through the rosary, our Blessed Mother will help you to reach your goals or inspire you to make some! She will protect your home and family, resolve otherwise hopeless situations, console and strengthen you through loss and bereavement, sickness and anxiety. Most importantly though, the rosary will foster and maintain a deep sense of peace and fullness in your heart.

Are you ready to see the power of the rosary in your life?

*'The rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands, and the other is in the hands of the Holy Virgin' - St Therese of Lisieux*

**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock  
Portmarnock - Malahide -  
Yellow Walls - Kinsealy**

**29th April 2023**  
**Canon John Flaherty Co. PP**  
**Leaving St. Anne's 7.30am**  
**Collecting at Malahide and Yellow Walls**  
**Stop on the way for Tea/Scones**  
**Dinner on return journey**  
**Cost €55.00**

**Booking St. Anne's Parish Office**  
**01 8461561 or 087 6293744**

**PORTMARNOCK PARISH  
LOURDES**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**€765 pps**  
Single room supplement €150 (limited availability)

**Spiritual Director**  
**Canon John Flaherty**

**INCLUDED**

- Return Journey Dublin/Portmarnock (Loughlin)
- Church breakfast on both Lourdes nights
- 3 nights in the 17<sup>th</sup> World Peace Sanctuary with free Wi-Fi
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme
- Services of a Marian Pilgrimage guide throughout
- Mass daily in spiritual accompaniment
- All airport taxes and Local City Taxes
- Travel Insurance up to 85 years (€20 extra for those over 85)

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**Portmarnock/Malahide Branch**

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your kind donation in 2022, a total of €32,492 was raised by our branch. These funds allow us to change the lives of those visually impaired as well as the families of children with autism.

The branch is always actively looking for volunteers for the following areas:

- Fundraising and event hosting.
- Temporary overnight accommodation for working or training dogs.
- Delivering awareness talks to companies and schools.
- Apply to become a Puppy Raiser: train a puppy in basic obedience skills.

If interested in finding out more, you are invited to attend our next meeting details of which can be obtained by emailing: [portmarnockmalahide@guidedogs.ie](mailto:portmarnockmalahide@guidedogs.ie). We also meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the Parish Centre, Malahide Church at 1:30 pm if you like to drop in for a chat.

Changing Lives Together – [www.guidedogs.ie](http://www.guidedogs.ie)

## Meals on Wheels



The primary aim of Meals on Wheels is to develop a sense of security amongst those in the community that may feel isolated while recovering from a stay in hospital and facilitates a smooth and comfortable transition to return home.

**Volunteers needed URGENTLY!**

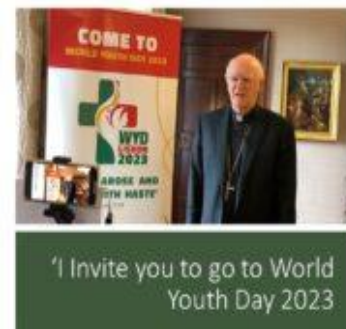
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**World Youth Day 2023 (WYD)** is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope in Lisbon, in August. It is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth



world. Although its Catholic identity is clear, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. It brings together millions of young people to celebrate their faith and sense of belonging to the Church. Since its first edition in Rome in 1986, World Youth Day has proven to be a laboratory of faith, a place of birth for vocations to marriage and consecrated life, and an instrument for the evangelization and transformation of the Church. It aims to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is a new stimulus to the faith, hope and charity of the entire host country community. With young people as its protagonists, World Youth Day also seeks to promote peace, unity and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world. Parishes must register their interest in either attending WYD Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day. If you wish to participate contact [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)



**Localise**  
youth volunteering

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Localise Youth Volunteering, founded in 1972 in Ballyfermot, Dublin by Fr. John Wall and a group of young people. To harness the spirit of activism, coupled with the energy and enthusiasm of young people, Fr. Wall developed a formalised youth volunteering programme that has gone from strength to strength. 5,110 young people participated in Localise Youth volunteering programmes in 2019, giving over 35,880 volunteer hours to important causes in their local communities. In 2020 with the advent of Covid we developed the concept of the Localise Youth Virtual Volunteering platform. Using a blended learning approach, from the safety of their homes, classrooms or youth services, all young people have an opportunity to meet the challenge of addressing real needs in their locality. With three programmes to choose from, groups of young people, no matter what their background and circumstance, can come together to volunteer and be the difference. With virtual micro volunteering, you can join with thousands of other young people across Ireland to take A small action that adds up to tremendous changes, helping us ALL connect and care for each other in the digital era.

## Portmarnock Community School

We all know how important Grandparents are in the lives of our young people, and how cherished and valued they are. On Friday the 20th of January our school had a celebration for our 1st Year Students and their Grandparents. This event was organised by Ms Murphy and her Transition Year Class 4C who were very busy booking the hall, organising decorations and invitations, baking, organising entertainment and doing anything they could to make this day special. They also organised a special wall where 1st year students could place photographs of their deceased Grandparents of Grandparents who lived abroad. A very enjoyable day was had by all as we celebrated the value and role that Grandparents play in the lives of our young people. The Grandparents who were able to make the event enjoyed listening to readings, songs and reflections and they also got to enjoy some home baking, tea and coffee. Following the pandemic this was the first time in three years that we got to host this event and we hope to make it an annual celebration. The love that Grandparents have for their Grandchildren will never grow old, we thank God for the gift of Grandparents in our lives.



Visit us on [www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie](http://www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PortmarnockCS](https://www.facebook.com/PortmarnockCS) or Twitter [@PortmarnockCS](https://twitter.com/PortmarnockCS) where you will find information on how to keep updated on events. It's a New Year, why not visit our Adult Education web page and see the large list of classes available both daytime and evening. Call: 01 8038069 email: [adulted@portmarnockcommunityschool.ie](mailto:adulted@portmarnockcommunityschool.ie) Text/WhatsApp to 083 0348582



We would recommend all young adults to go to the NYCI website ([youth.ie](http://youth.ie)) on a regular basis for information, news, resources, programmes and how to become involved in social issues that affect your daily life. Especially in regard to education, whether you are currently in secondary or at

university level. There is great information contained there on your entitlements and what is being worked on by the NYCI to improve cost and access to education for everyone. You are not alone, there are others out there that are facing the same challenges, they can help you negotiate the path to your future.



## ONLINE RESOURCES

There are many resources on the internet that can help you with daily prayer, reflection and reading God's word. These sources offer excerpts that deliver the readings to your mobile. So they are easily read on your phone or tablet while travelling or when you have a few moments to spare and need something to fill the time gap.

Here are some that we think you will find helpful. Firstly you should know that there is a site called [www.churchservices.ie](http://www.churchservices.ie) where you can find daily mass from early morning to late evening across Ireland and the UK. This is very helpful when due to circumstances you cannot attend mass or during lent. You also get access to Lauds & Matins as well as Compline from a number of Abbeys. Also if you wish to attend an online Blessed Sacrament Adoration that is often available accompanied by the Rosary. Another useful site is [www.catholicireland.net/readings/](http://www.catholicireland.net/readings/) where the readings for mass for each day are provided.

Some sites like [catholic-daily-reflections.com](http://catholic-daily-reflections.com) offer a service where they will send you an email each day with a beautiful reflection, often based on the gospel of the day. These little gems of writing provide a great source for reflection and can get your day off to a great start. You are probably familiar with the global news agency CNA or [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com). Through CNA you can keep up to date with events occurring across the globe regarding the Catholic Church. A lot of their content relates to Pope Francis, but if you want to get updates on his daily events faster, then we would recommend you go directly to the source [www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html).

There are a number of local sources for what is happening across our and other dioceses. Archbishop Dermot Farrell offer daily and weekly updates on events via [dublindiocese.ie](http://dublindiocese.ie). There are multiple news categories available as well as details of the Archbishop's homilies and Synod, Building Hope updates. For information on another diocese then [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie) is a site that can provide more insight.

We know some of you are interested in listening to podcasts or audio books, for those who like this media platform the availability of material has grown over the last number of years. Especially during COVID when people missed the interaction opportunities that existed before that event. Some recommendations, and there are many more to be found, would be Father Mike Schmitz – Bible in a Year. In this daily podcast he goes through the bible, both Old and New Testaments in 365 days, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a Reading Plan that can be downloaded so you can follow along easily. You can do it at your own pace so even if you miss a day, you can go back and listen later. Each podcast is about 30 minutes during which there are readings and explanations on the two readings and the Psalm or Proverb or Song that was read. Highly recommended for those who would like to study the Bible.

Podcasts can be found online via Google or if you subscribe to applications such as Spotify or YouTube you will find a large number of relevant materials.



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### Rosary



Join in our daily Rosary in St. Anne's Church or via Webcam. Monday to Friday at 9:35 a.m.

### FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

Spring Session will commence on Wednesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in the Parish Centre from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Portmarnock Parish Padre Pio Devotion is held on the last Friday of every month. Rosary is recited at 7:15pm followed by Mass at 7:30 & Confession.

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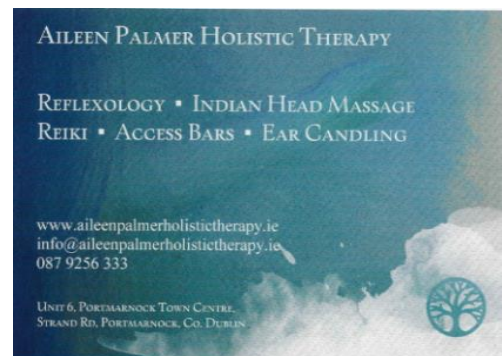
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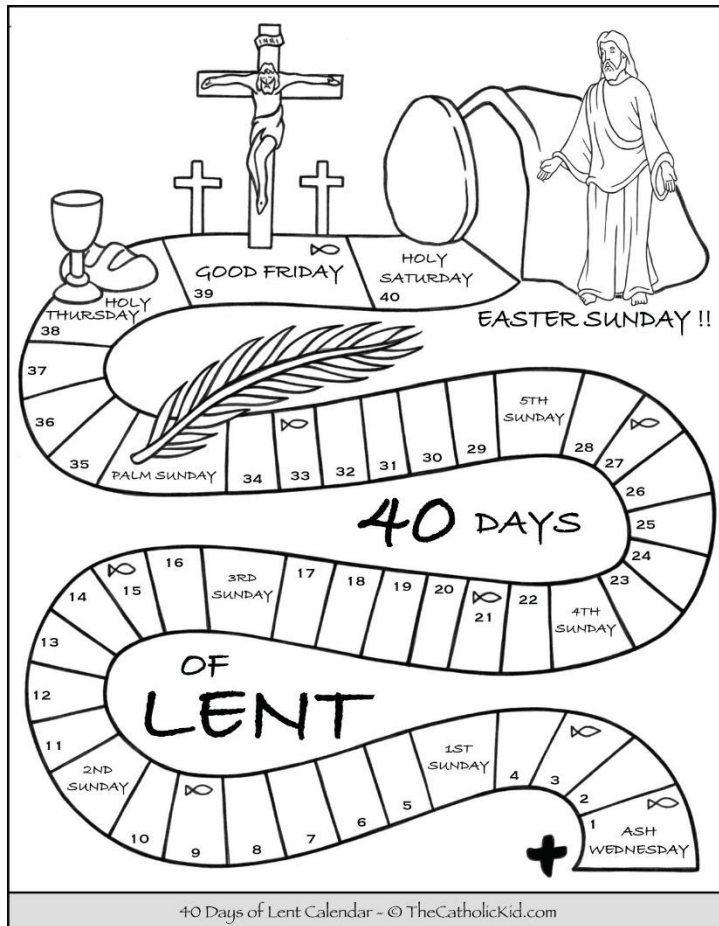
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## Children's Hour



...is a club for children held each Tuesday afternoon 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Centre since 2008. We are a group of Mums and Grandmothers who wish to pass on our faith to young children in a warm and gentle manner. The afternoon is patterned after childhood winter days as remembered by our leaders. It sets out to be a warm, fun and welcoming 'afternoon with Grandma' featuring crafts, games, chat and the prayer woven seamlessly into the afternoon. We hope your child can join us each week. There is a suggested donation of €3 to cover cost (no child is refused entry because of lack of funds).

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	SUN:	10.00am - 12.00pm
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	SUN:	10.30am - 12.00pm
<b>KINSEALY</b>	SUN:	11.00am.

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<b>MALAHIDE</b>	Mon-Sat Thur	10:00am Service of the Word (No Mass)
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