



*"Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness"*

The poet John Keats described autumn as the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Autumn is the time for the harvest, the gathering of crops into barns as preparations are made for the coming winter. In some churches there is a celebration of the harvest festival as we thank God for the gift of the food that we eat. It is also the time of year when we recommence various parish groups and activities after the summer break. Many of us will have enjoyed the opportunity over the summer to be out in the fresh air and to have pleasant walks on the longer evenings. But, as the days start to get a bit shorter, it's a good time to think about how we can spend some time assisting in our parish community in various ways. One way we can do this is to pray for the parish and in particular for parishioners who are sick whether at home, in hospital or in nursing homes. We can ask God to accompany them at this challenging part of their journey of faith. I think we often underestimate the difference that a smile or a kind word can make to a person. A priest once told me that, even if he was rushing somewhere, he would always try to take time to speak to any parishioners who wanted to have a word with him. And this ministry of listening is there for each and every one of us. For those of us who are more active, there are many parish groups and ministries that need more people to assist. I am often amazed by the number of people in ministry in the Church who will say that their work began when someone approached them and invited them to become involved with a particular group or parish activity. We should never underestimate the power of a personal invitation. And, if we are on the receiving end of such an invitation, we should discern if it is the right moment in our lives to accept it.

*Deacon Gerard*

## *CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL COLLECTION*

The CROSSCARE Annual Appeal, will be taken up at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Dublin on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

CROSSCARE is looking for public support for the annual appeal to prevent even more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis deepens. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now over 9,000; this includes almost 3,000 children. Crosscare provides homeless accommodation in six locations in the city, including a Family Hub for homeless families and a service for homeless teenage boys. As well as providing emergency and medium-term homeless services, Teams work hard with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their homes. They do this in several ways through the **Homeless Prevention Services**, offering critical advice and support to families and individuals. Last year alone, 2,700 families and 2,500 individuals came to Crosscare for help. Four hundred of these households needed urgent support as they were at risk of losing their homes. Donate online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate).

## *INVITATION TO NIGHT OF PRAYER AND HEALING*

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations the Parish Pastoral Council has arranged an **Evening of Prayer and Healing** to be celebrated at St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock on **Friday, 22nd September 2023**, with Evangelist, Eddie Stones, Emmanuel House, Clonfert Diocese. Eddie will speak at 7.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 8.00p.m. followed by Rosary and Chaplet. Healing Prayer at 9.00p.m. Confessions will be available throughout the evening and Individual prayer will be available. Everyone very welcome!

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Nuala Finn, Portmarnock Park

Sat 6.30pm

Brendan Madden [Month's Mind]

P.J. Ryan [25th Anniv]

Sun. 10.30a.m.

Fitzgerald, McInerney Families [A]

Sun 12 noon

Shay Rogers [13th A]

Michael & Bridie O'Brien [A]

Kathleen Mitchell [A]

Paddy, Maggie & Lizzie Moran [A]

Mark, Tessie & Michael Carroll [A]

with further information on the Charity are available at the back of the Church.

All enquiries to Derek Farrell: 086 2573824

## A CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION SESSION

will take place on -

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls at 7p.m.**

This session is open to **ALL** volunteers in the Malahide Partnership ( St. Sylvesters, Yellow Walls, Kinsealy & Portmarnock). The safeguarding of children, vulnerable adults and all who work with and minister to them is of the upmost importance. Due to Covid ,many parishes are understandably behind in updating their safeguarding training. This is an ideal opportunity to do so. It is also an opportunity for members of the four parishes to meet up. The session will be delivered by Mr. Ronan Ormsby, accredited trainer with the NBSCCCI and Diocesan safeguarding trainer.

**Safeguarding Sunday will take place on Sunday, 24th September 2023**

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Portmarnock Charismatic Prayer Meeting takes place each Wednesday at 8.00pm, in Teallach Áine, Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend for an evening of music, prayer and Scripture. Please join us.

## JOHN MAINE MEDITATION GROUP

Will resume **Monday evening at 7.30p.m. in Shalom Room, Parish Centre.**

## INVITATION TO OPEN EVENING - MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL

Watermill Road, Raheny, Dublin D05R827

**Thursday, 21st September 6.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Parents and primary school girls are welcome to attend.

## PORTMARNOCK INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Social games take place in the in the Martello Room PSLC on Mondays & Thursdays each week from 8pm -10pm. Further information from Nuala at: 087 9435397.

## ARTHUR McCLUSKEY FOUNDATION - Thank You

Derek Farrell and Donal O'Shea wish to thank those who generously contributed to the appeal last weekend for the Arthur McCluskey Charity which helps the poor in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Leaflets

## ART CLASSES

Will commence on **Monday, 18th September.** Beginners & improvers welcome. Open to over 55s only. €35 for 10 weeks. Contact Brenda on 087 9783242

## ANAM CARA

Parent Evening for Bereaved parents will be held on **Wednesday, 20th September** at 7.15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Northern Cross, Dublin 17. For information contact: [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888888.

## HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING.

National Hospice Coffee morning is next **Thursday 21st September**, this will be hosted in the **Parish Centre after 10am Mass.** All Welcome. Please support , we will also have a raffle. If you feel like baking please do, or have any gifts for the raffle, it would be much appreciated.

A parishioner will host a Coffee morning in **Forrest Little Golf Club** on the 21st September, 10am. -1pm. Funds raised will be donated to St Franics Hospice, Raheny.

TIMES OF MASSES: WEEKDAYS 10AM: MON, WED, THURS and FRI.

SATURDAY: 6.30PM (VIGIL), SUNDAY: 10.30AM. and 12 NOON. BAPTISMS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL (SOME EXCEPTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS AND EASTER.). CONFESSIONS SAT. AFTER 6.30PM MASS, AFTER DAILY MASS (UNLESS THERE'S A FUNERAL), OR ON REQUEST.