



Sunday 19 November 2023 is the seventh *World Day of the Poor*, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son,

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tobit 4:7)

Read Pope Francis’s message in full on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

### **FROM DEACON GERARD**

*“If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”*

Our Gospel today is the Parable of the Talents. We are encouraged to use our gifts to help build up the Church. The timing of this reading is significant. We have the Solemnity of Christ the King next Sunday and, in two weeks’ time, the Season of Advent begins which is the start of the Church year. When I was studying at All Hallows College in Drumcondra a few years ago, I was always impressed with an inscription which was chiselled into the stonework above the main entrance which read: “Go teach all nations”. It’s a call to action for each and every one of us. Saint John Paul II said that “all of us as missionaries must believe in the power of the gospel to transform both ourselves and those to whom we are sent.” Nelson Mandela also commented: “we were born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us.” The task at hand is to make disciples of others and to help our church to grow. This was the commission that the Risen Lord gave to his first disciples. The same commission is given to all of us as well. We all have some responsibility for making other disciples, for helping others to meet the Lord. As we engage in this task, we have Jesus’s promise that he will be with us. He will work through us when we allow him to do so. We should give God time to speak in the occasional silences of our lives, especially at this time of the year. Perhaps we can include time in for our

daily schedules for prayer, reflection and reading scripture. It’s very important that we should make time to listen to what God may be saying to us as we approach Advent: to console and inspire us as we seek renewed meaning and purpose in our lives. Our mission is to use our talents to help others. Winter is a time when nature rests, renews, and recharges and so it should be so for us as well. In the hopeful words of the poet Shelley from Ode to the West Wind:

*“If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”* especially the people with whom we live and work and also very specially our families.

Deacon Gerard

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CENSUS**

The Diocese has requested that the numbers who attend Mass in all parishes in the Diocese be counted over three weekends in November. This weekend is one of them. The results of the Census inform the allocation of personnel and resources throughout the Archdiocese.

### **NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD:**

Envelopes and lists are available throughout the month of November for those who wish to enrol their loved ones on the Altar List of the Dead. Those enrolled are remembered at all Masses during November. The First Friday Mass is offered for them each month,

### **ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Rosary 7.15pm; Mass 7.30p.m.

Followed by blessing with St. Pio Relic

### **COLLECTIONS**

First Collection € 1713

Share € 1513

We are very grateful for your continued support.

### **RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO**

**ACUTIS:** Church Street 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

November. Aughrim Street 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Full details on their Parish websites.

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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Will take place after all Masses on  
Saturday/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

#### Recently Deceased:

Clare Higgins, Carrickhill Walk  
Helen Doyle, Burrow Court

#### Sat 6.30p.m.

Franciso Presa del Valley [RD -Spain]  
Mary Creedon [A]  
Joyce Ormsby [Bth Rem]  
Michael Manning [4<sup>th</sup> A]  
Michael Keating [24<sup>th</sup> A]  
Seannie Byrne [4<sup>th</sup> A]  
Anne Weir [Get Well]

#### Sun, 10.00a.m.

Paul McConnon [A]  
Seannie Byrne [4<sup>th</sup> A]  
Paddy Carty [A]

#### Sun 12.00

Kathleen Fitzhenry [Months Mind]  
David Crawford [1<sup>st</sup> A]  
Joe Farrell [A]  
Evelyn Dowling [A]  
George Heeney [Bth Rem]  
Michael & Sarah Hussey [A]

## PORTMARNOCK ART GROUP

Membership is now open to local artists. *Paint Together* sessions, Art Outings, Annual Exhibition and Plein Air painting. For more information  
email: [portmarnockartgp@gmail.com](mailto:portmarnockartgp@gmail.com)

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Every Wednesday, 8pm. Teallach Aine, Parish Centre

## JOHN MAINE MEDITATION

**GROUP** - Every Monday, 7.30pm in Shalom, Parish Centre.

## PARISHES CARING FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Dublin's *Laudato Si'* conference, takes place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, on Friday, November 24.

*In the midst of environmental crisis, how can parish communities care more deeply for God's creation? Join us for a day to equip yourself and your parish community to walk more gently on the earth. With dynamic speakers, practical workshops and a 'marketplace' of support.*

A limited number of places are still available. Please contact [conference@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:conference@dublindiocese.ie) if interested.

## TALKS ON THE MYSTICS.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for Talks on the Mystics. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics. Learn about their intimate experiences of God and their growth in the Christian life. **Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16**, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZOGck/>

## ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

St. Anne's Parish Centre  
**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
9.30a.m. – 4.00p.m.

## NAOMH MEARNÓG GAA CLUB.

Best of luck to the Naomh Mearnóg Snr Hurlers in their Leinster IHC Semi Final on Saturday 25th November. The match takes place in Aughrim at 1.30pm. All support welcome.

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