

We welcome in Baptism
Lennon Johnathan Byrne

*May this newly
baptised child
always know and
love Jesus as his
friend.*



Holy Child National School – Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2023 is now open until 30th January. Please log onto their website www.holychildns.ie and fill in a pre-enrolment form. The Open Evening will be held in the school on Thursday 26th January from 6.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m. for parents of incoming Junior Infants September 2023.

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Bowls will
return on Mon-
days 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

Sacristan for St John the Baptist Church Clontarf – St John the Baptist Clontarf are currently looking for a Sacristan. If you are interested please contact Fr John O'Brien on clontarfstjohns@gmail.com or 083 0062411 for full job description.

Laudate Festival *The Laudate 2023 festival events will be celebrated as a follow-on from Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Laudate Festival brings a large choir of several hundred children together in each of the venues below to raise the roof in songs of praise to God and to lead us in reflection. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions. Entry is free for all. All are welcome.*

Laudate 2023 Festival Celebrations:

Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, on Tuesday, January 31st 7-8.15pm
Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion, on Wednesday, February 1st, 7.00-8.15p.m.
Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills, on Thursday, February 2nd, Laudate Festival Night

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT -The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

Recently Deceased:

We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ - Ethne Tobin, Ethna Mooney, Patrick Staunton, Patrick Neary, Phyllis Byrne, Anthony (Tony) Donlon, Joseph (Joe) Seery

*May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation
in the presence of God.*



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*“Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand.”*

22nd January 2023

Jesus did not live in the age of the sound bite where a catchy slogan or even a clever phrase on Twitter would get people's attention. But, if he had done so, he might have chosen the words of today's Gospel in order to make his point. He tells his audience:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”

Jesus gets his message across to us in a clear and concise way. He asks us to repent of our sins as his kingdom is very near to us.

Our Gospel reading today is about the calling of four of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John who receive a call for mission from God. St Matthew tells us that:

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.”

And then, almost immediately afterwards:

“[Jesus] saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with



their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.”

We should all reflect on our calling as Christians and ask ourselves how we can share of faith with the people in our lives and those we meet along the way. How can we respond to the great parting words of Jesus “Go teach

all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt 28:19)

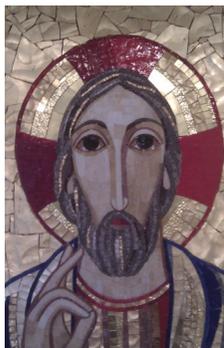
The Gospel tells us about the beginning of the vocations of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John. And, while we immediately think of vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life, we should also remember that each and every one of us have their own vocation in life. As Blessed John Henry Newman said, God has made us for definite purpose and that each of us has a special role and path to follow in the eyes of God.

Pope Francis tells us that: *“in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time.”*

When reflecting on the nature of vocations, I can recall various nuns and priests that were “home from the missions” for their holidays when I was growing up which might only have been once every three years or so. I was always very impressed by their faith and commitment as well as their dedication to the third world countries where they worked. Also, in hindsight, they came over as happy, contented and fulfilled in their missionary work despite the sacrifices they had to make. They were all a great inspiration to me.

We can help missionaries in many ways both by our prayers and by assisting the different missionary orders financially when we can afford to do so, perhaps by buying a magazine or supporting a collection.

When reflecting on vocations, Pope Francis reminds us that: *“Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel”.*



Let us pray that in the week ahead we may share the gift of God’s love with the people we meet and remember that we all have a vocation in life and that God will help us to discover this as our lives unfold.

At the beginning of this year, someone said to me *“Be open to all new things.”* It’s a good wish for us all as we settle in to 2023 and look forward to the graces and blessings to come. We can be sure that Jesus will accompany us on our journey of faith.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

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| Sat 21st Jan | 7.00p.m. | Helen McGeough – Month’s Mind Elizabeth Keegan – 1st Anniversary Bridget Grant nee Donnelly – Anniversary Patrick Fay – Anniversary Pat Hannigan – Anniversary Robert & Josephine Redmond – Anniversary |
| Sun 22nd Jan | 10.30a.m. | Anthony Armstrong – Month’s Mind Robert Halpin – Anniversary Peter Farrell – Anniversary Mick Cushnahan – Anniversary Bernadette Nugent – Anniversary |
| | 12.30p.m. | Bridget Teresa O’Driscoll – Month’s Mind John O’Driscoll – Remembrance Susie O’Connor – Anniversary Andrew Kevin Rogan – Anniversary |
| Mon 23rd Jan | 9.15a.m. | Fr. Pat Byrne – 1st Anniversary |
| Tues 24th Jan | 9.15a.m. | Greta Behan – Birthday Remembrance Patricia Matthews – Remembrance Deceased members of the Behan Family – R.I.P. Deceased members of the Matthews Family – R.I.P. |
| Wed 25th Jan | 9.15a.m. | Available for Intention |
| Thurs 26th Jan | 9.15a.m. | Louise McDermott – Anniversary |
| Fri 27th Jan | 9.15a.m. | Available for Intention. |
| Sat 28th Jan | 7.00p.m. | Elizabeth Hallinan – Month’s Mind Sean McKenna – Anniversary |
| Sun 22nd Jan | 10.30a.m. | Robert Power – Anniversary |
| | 12.30p.m. | Carmel Domican – Month’s Mind Martin Malone – 1st Anniversary John Hanlon – Anniversary Des Leech – Anniversary |

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

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| Sun 22nd Jan | 10.00a.m. | Pat & Michelle O’Toole – Anniversaries Michael J. Maguire – Anniversary |
| Wed 25th Jan | 10.00a.m. | Joe Maguire – Anniversary |
| Sun 29th Jan | 10.00a.m. | Available for Intention |