

Newsletter April 2024

Assumption Church Walkinstown



Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. For the Holy Land and Ukraine

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Vocation Prayer

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You know each of us and call us by name. Help us to respond generously to your voice by opening our hearts to discern your holy will. We pray especially for those whom you are calling to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Give courage and guidance to all, so that we may respond to your call and serve you devoutly.



I warmly welcome Pope Francis's appointment of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Titular Bishop of Sita, and Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. I am very grateful to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and to His Excellency Archbishop Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, for facilitating my request to appoint another Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese. I am also grateful for Bishop Dempsey's willingness to minister among us and for us, the people and priests of the Diocese of Dublin. Bishop Paul brings the fruit and wisdom of his extensive pastoral experience, as priest and bishop to the leadership of the Church in Dublin.

Appointed Bishop of Achonry in 2020, Paul has served with a joyful, hope-filled heart that has brought much energy and dedication to the preparation of the ongoing Synod on Synodality, as well as to the reception of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's prophetic call for ecological conversion in the face of the climate crisis.

[Part of the **Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell, on the Occasion of the Appointment of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin**]



Pope Francis appoint Fr. Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin

Born and raised in Drimnagh, Dublin 12, Fr. Donal Roche attended both primary and secondary school at Drimnagh Castle.

Fr. Donal Roche comes from a family of seven children. He worked as a clerical officer in Dublin County Council before entering Clonliffe College in 1980 to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1986. After 19 years' involvement in religious education, he remains interested in the evangelisation of young people and has an active involvement in sacramental preparation programmes. He has also served as assistant vocations director in Dublin diocese and has served mass on several occasions in the Social Service Centre in Walkinstown through his association with Sr. Anthony. As Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, Fr. Donal will work closely with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of the local community. He will be responsible for overseeing various aspects of the diocese, including education, healthcare, and social outreach programs.



We congratulate Fr. Donal Roche on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin and wish him all the best in his new role. We pray that he may continue to bring hope and joy to those he encounters in his pastoral work, and that the Holy Spirit may guide him in his mission to support the spiritual and pastoral needs of the local community.

Mass Times

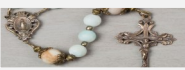
Monday — Friday 10am
Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 11:30am
Holy Days – Mass at 10am
Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

Rosary

We say the rosary every morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.



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Parish Secretary Ann Conway
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Sacristan Joe Morrison

Baptisms are the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office: 01-4502649.**

Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.
Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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In Memory



We remember our parishioners who have away recently. Especially, **Dorothy (Dorry) Browne**, late of Lansdowne Valley Apartments, **Rita Reynolds** late of Walkinstown Crescent & **Mary (Maeve) Naylor** late of Walkinstown Ave. We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

Holy Water

We have holy water at the side entrance of the Church, if you would like to bring some home with you.



Holy Water has been blessed by a priest and is called a sacramental as it is a visible sign that imparts invisible grace. It is extremely effective at protecting us from evil and temptation. Sprinkle yourself with it before leaving home in the morning and before you go to sleep.

The Dignity and Worth of Women

We all agree that women and men are profoundly equal at the level of personhood, entitled to equal respect and dignity. But Pope Francis says that this is so only in theory; it does not play out in practice. His prayer intention for April is:

That the dignity and worth of women be recognized throughout the world. Our Holy Father points out, and we know ourselves from news reports, that there are many places where women are denied access to aid, education, business opportunities, and are restricted in movement and in dress. Efforts are continuing to eliminate the practice of female genital mutilation. So, what would playing it out in practice actually look like? The Pope wants us to listen to the voice of women. We should talk to each other and listen without preconceptions and then act in whatever way we can in the personal interactions of our own lives to recognise and promote the dignity and worth of women, here and everywhere.

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

A small group of lay people meet every Friday after the 10 o'clock Mass to reflect on the gospel of the up-coming Sunday We follow a simple format:



1. The gospel is read aloud.
2. We stay silent for a short time to allow the reading to speak to us.

Come and see, you would be very welcome. If you would like more information, please contact **John on 087 615 7795**

Prayer for Good Weather and a Good Harvest

Heavenly Father, you have created all things and we depend upon your loving goodness. You have given us the earth to care for and provide our food. We humbly ask you to give good weather for our farmers so that their animals may have food, and their crops can be planted and give a bountiful harvest. We thank you Lord for looking after all our needs and we pray for all places and peoples experiencing food insecurity and hardship due to adverse weather. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

