

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Newsletter 26th April 2026
Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Mass times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am.
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm

Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley
Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Niamh Sheridan
 Robert Kennedy (MM)
Sun 11.30am Kieran Mulligan (MM)
 Mary Bailey
 Brendan Murphy



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Health Intention	Sat 6.30pm John Broderick
Tues 10.00am Christopher & Ann Farren Anne Marke	Sun 11.30am Arthur Christini Marie Murphy
Wed 10.00am Health Intention	Josie & Billy Ryan
Thurs 10.00am Communion Service	James McGee
Fri 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:
 Úna Staunton
 Brackenstown Road



Blessings of the Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 28th June at 11.30am

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, April 26

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children from St Colmcille's BNS & Holywell ETNS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Thank you to their teachers and the Sacramental Team, Betty and Renata who helped prepare them for this special day.

We ask you to remember all the Confirmation candidates in your prayers



LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal will be held next weekend on **May 2nd and 3rd**. Thanks to your contributions on Lay Ministry Sunday, the Diocese can now offer subsidies to participants of programmes including, Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, the Pathways into Ministry Programme and the Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. This collection will replace the Share Collection

Archdiocese of Dublin Office of Mission and Ministry Information evening for two courses

Pathways and Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis: Anyone who is interested in learning more about either, or both, of these courses is invited to an evening on May 25, St Paul's Arran Quay, beginning at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to hear more about the content and structure of each of these important courses and to ask questions. It would be helpful to know in advance if people are attending via an online registration form using this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/pZZiRiQAns>