

SEASON OF CREATION This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18, "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a

world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation? "Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury. The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since the late Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.



We remember

Joseph Shannon

who died recently

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Ecumenical Bible Week

September 7th to 14th, supported by the two Archbishops of Dublin bringing together people of different traditions around the Word of God.

Opening service, 7th Sept at 7pm,

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Closing service on 14th Sept at 3.30pm in Christchurch Cathedral. "Thinking Allowed" – discussion forum on Wed. September 10th, at 7.30pm in Donnybrook Pastoral Centre. Saturday Seminar takes place in St Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan, Saturday 13th, starting at 10.30am and ending at 2.00pm.



Two Young Saints Canonisation Celebrations in Dublin

CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



The Cistercians at Glencairn Abbey

invite you to discern God's call to monastic life, as lived here since 1932. If you are a single woman between the ages of 19-40, come and experience our life of prayer, work, hospitality and liturgy in the solitude and beauty of St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford. www.glencairnabbey.org

Thought Do you know that *Do not be afraid* is in the bible 365 times? That's a call to reject fear and choose to trust God for every day of the year. Seems like God is serious about reassuring us. Let's dismiss fear from our mind, our talk and prayers. Be not afraid is not only a consolation but a command. Let's pray "I am giving You my worry, fear and anxiety, surrendering it, and also surrendering to trust in You." Trust is a decision. What do you need to trust Him for today?

WHAT'S ON

Monday 8th September
Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Choir Gallery
Thursday 11th September
After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.
Friday 12th September
Eucharistic Prayer Group meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm.
All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday to
Friday 10.30am
to 5.00pm. in the
Oratory.

PARISH OFFICE

Due to staff holidays the
Parish Office will be closed
on Thursday
11th September 2025.
Open Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
9.15am-1.00pm.

Church Collections

 $\underline{\text{w/e } 30\text{th}/31\text{st August }2025}$

1st Priests: €590 2nd Collection: €475 Envelopes: €1066

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund
There was no winner of last
week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 1, 10, 22, 28 Jackpot €600.00

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on
Tuesday morning before the
10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto
draw each week must be put into
the safe in the church by 11.00a.m.
on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 89 (90): 3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night. Response

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **Response**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **Response**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **Response**

Second Reading Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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