

## Our Lady of the Rosary

Our Church from 1950  
Our Parish from 1964



PARISH NEWSLETTER  
2/3 MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MAY ALTARS:

In later Medieval times, Mary Gardens. As they came to be called, became popular, especially in Medieval England. England came to be known as Our Lady's dowry! The Medieval gardeners gave the flowers in their gardens names to associate them with Mary. (e.g. Marigold – Mary's Gold). The earliest record of a garden explicitly called a 'Mary Garden' involves a fifteenth century monastic accounting record of the purchase of plants for 'Saint Mary's Garden' by the sacristan of Norwich Priory, in England. Post reformation and enlightenment devotions to Our Lady with flowers and thirty-day prayers dated from Italy in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries (e.g. Ferrara, 1784). May altar devotion was influenced and furthered, by Louis de Montfort, a famous French Marian Saint, in his Treatise on True Devotion to Mary, who among other things, counted the decoration of Marian altars a chief exercise of Marian devotion. ([Clondalkinparish.com](http://Clondalkinparish.com))

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK:

**HOSPITALITY ON WEDNESDAYS:** We look forward to seeing you at our usual Wednesday Morning tea/coffee and chat in the Parish Centre after the 10:00 am Mass.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council meets in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 12 May at 7.30 pm.

**FAMILY MASS:** Our Monthly Family Mass is Sunday next 10 May at 11:30. This is our last Family Mass before the Summer break. We thank all those who volunteered to help with the preparation of the readers, the music and the teas. **Everyone** is invited to the Parish Centre afterwards for tea and a chat.

**EVENING ROSARY** will be held for the month of May at 7:30 at Fernbank Grotto

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The monthly collection for the local conference will be taken up after each Mass this weekend 2 / 3 May.

### MINISTERS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND:

We had an active Ministry to the Housebound for many years before Covid, when it was suspended. We brought the Holy Eucharist each Sunday to parishioners who were unable to get to church for Mass. We would like to resume this service but in order to do so we need additional Ministers of the Eucharist. If you would like to get involved, please give your contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy. A short training course will begin on Monday 11 May in the Diocesan Centre.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

The **AGM** of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in the Parish Centre.**

All parishioners are invited to attend. If a parishioner has a motion that they wish to put forward at the AGM please submit it in writing to the Secretary of the Parish Council and leave it in the Sacristy by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Parish Council, which is a consultative body, is to provide the opportunity whereby the laity, religious and clergy, as God's people, meet to share the responsibility of the whole parish and of the whole community by:

- discerning the needs of the parish and community;
- co-ordinating the activities of the parish organisations;
- endeavouring to involve the whole of the parish in the work of the church in response to present and future needs;
- fostering a sense of community in the parish;
- being a vehicle for communication within the parish;
- evaluating projects.

The parish council meets once a month in the Parish Centre. Membership of the Parish Council is open to all parishioners aged over 16 years. If you wish to be considered for election as a member of the Parish Council, please give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	18:00	Ray Barriscale (A)
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	<b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> <b>World Press Freedom Day</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	<b>Pro Popolo</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	<b>BL. Edmund Rice</b> (Founder of the Christian Brothers)
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	Eta Vallely
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00	
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup></b>	18:00	Tom Costello (A) Sr. Seraphine (A) Bridie & Frank Murphy
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 11:30	Elizabeth Mahony (A) Kathleen Leddin (1 <sup>st</sup> A) Frances Gavin (A) Eddie Grimes (A)