



Greater Finglas Parishes

**St. Canice, St. Margaret's,
Annunciation, St. Oliver Plunkett's St Finians**

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CURATES REFLECTION

I was across in Whitefriars Street Church on Wednesday last. I happened to be passing and dropped in to say a prayer. A lady sitting near me was approached by a tourist who informed her that her Church was very beautiful. She replied "oh it's not mine son it belongs to the Pope". He smiled and it brought a smile to my face too.

The man and his friends continued walking around the Church which is of course very beautiful.

I thought to myself, do we know who owns the Church? Anyone who reads the bible will find a mention of who created what we call Church today. In the gospel of Matthew we get a glimpse, "Matthew 16:17-19 "(Peter) Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon's son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven". We open the scriptures at every Mass and we can smell the promised spring available to all of us from the eternal one.

And the words coming from the pages speak to each person that settles a confidence in Jesus Christ who was raised from death and earth to glory in the eternal Kingdom. I love listening to the word read for the **community** in Mass, especially when it is read well. The words jump out from the pages when someone presents the intended meaning. Sometimes we can present the readings in Church in a sort of mechanical voice and like a cup of tea allowed go cold, the word loses its intended outcome. But when the Word is made alive it awakens in all of us a conviction and questioning as to our contribution in the celebration. Of course, if we have a bible at home and open it now and then it will help us, I was reminded of this last Sunday during Mass, looking at the faces on the people in front of me. Corpus Christi is such a meaningful time for all of us in Church as we all pray with one another. All the First **Communion** and Confirmation children were there with their parents glowing with an awareness of what they have in their possession. When I'm celebrating Mass at the most moving moments and just when we gather at the table with the apostles, I find myself almost shoving James or John up a bit at the table to make room. I want to be part of that **companionship**, but sadly it is a moment missed by a lot of people. The Beatitudes, the Ascension, and Calvary all in that one instant and you and I are there, both at Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Jesus's presence right there at that moment of the elevation of the Host tells us to remember what has been done for us. It's a moment of total **commitment**.

Pope Francis has declared this year of 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. This initiative serves as a spiritual gateway to the forthcoming 2025 Jubilee Year, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope.' A Year of Prayer. Prayer is the heartbeat of our faith, the intimate dialogue we share with God. It opens up a **communication** between us and Him. It is in prayer that we find the strength to face our daily challenges, the peace that the world certainly cannot give. A prayer fills our lives with meaning **with compassion** and purpose. This year calls each of us to reflect deeply on our lives concerning the meaning of community. What do we pray for? How do we pray? Why do we pray? These are not just questions for a thoughtful personal relationship but an invitation to action. To deepen our prayer life is to deepen our love for God, to strengthen our relationship with Him. But prayer is not just a personal journey; it is a mission all of us are called to take part in. Each one of us is encouraged to help at least one other person in their prayer life. When one helps another in prayer, we are building the Body of Christ, strengthening our Church, and spreading the fragrance of Christ's love in the world

Parish Office Annunciation 01-8341284—St Canices/St Margarets 01-8343110 Mon—Fri 10.30am-12pm:

Rivermount 01-8343444 (afternoons only)

Update from St Margarets

Welcome Sr. Rose Carmel McNamara.

This Sunday 9th June, we welcome Sister Rose Carmel McNamara back to our community from her missionary work in Romania. Her NGO – Our Lady of Mercy in Romania operates with volunteers to pass directly all funding and resources to those in need. She hails from Ballyroan parish and has a special place in the community of St Margarets She expresses her gratitude for all the support over the years. Sister Rose came to St Margarets, following a visit to Romania by the late Father Gabriel O Dowd, who witnessed the work accomplished by Our Lady of Mercy in Romania

EXAM TIME Please remember in your prayers at this time all young people taking state exams



Exam Prayer

As I take this exam bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability and firm in my knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me...Amen

Blessing of Graves / Prayers

Palmerstown Cemetery - 3pm—June 23rd

Glasnevin Cemetery - 3pm— June 30th

Dardistown Cemetery - 3pm— July 7th

Newlands Cross - 3pm—July 14th

St Margarets - 3pm— July 7th

The Ward—3pm— July 14th

Chapelmidway—3pm—21st July

Kileek—3pm—28th July



A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Dublin City Council Presents **A NIGHT at the OPERA** in St Canices Church on Thurs June 13th commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are €5 and are available from St Canices Church Parish Shop after the 10am morning Mass.

Proceeds to Finglas Counselling Service

The Norwegian Navy Band recital takes place on Thurs 1st August :

Tickets available at a later date



St. CANICES CHURCH LIVE COVERAGE

St Canice's Church welcomes you to join in our live coverage of all celebrations. We hope that it will cater for our housebound parishioners who are unable or unwell enough to join us in person at Mass

St Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place after Mass in St Fergals next weekend

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim Moore: Susan McGrath: Desmond Mc Gowan : Tom Fogarty:

Patrick Walsh: Josephine Moir: Jim Gallagher : Bridget Cantwell

May They Rest in Peace

Pathways

We congratulate the newly graduated members of the 2024 Pathways Dublin Diocesan course that explores faith ministry. This two year course is the culmination of much work by Mary Merriman, Margaret Doyle and Peggy Hoey . In the photo you can see that they are being congratulated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell and our own Fr Richard and Fr Martin



Mass Intentions for St Canices Church

Sat 6pm Alan Beirne: Philip & Ita Sunderland: Mary Teehan
Stephen Clarke: Mary & Charles Mclvor:
Mary & George O Sullivan:

Months Mind: Nuala Moran: Breda Kennedy:
Pat O Brien

Birthday Rem: Edward, Frank & Michael Fallon
Margaret Kelly

Sun 11.30 am Sean Kivlehan: John & Joseph Fagan: Marie Daly
Thomas Cooney: Robert (Robin) Johnston:
Anna Downey & her daughter Anna:

Birthday Remembrance : John O Reilly

Mon Rosaleen O Halloran—Get Well

Tues Gerard Anthony Hearne—Birthday

Wed Anna Downey—anniversary

Thur Special Intention

Fri Intention available **Sat** Intention available

St Margarets: Sunday 10am :

Margaret Hickey: anniversary

Special Intention: Seamus Hickey: Antoinette Yorke

Recently Deceased : Thérèse Nuiten Newport



Mass Intentions Annunciation Parish— Finglas West

St. Fergals: Saturday 6.30pm : Patrick Smith:

Josie Dixon: Patrick McDarby: Bridget Murray

Sunday 10am : James Connolly: Margaret Lawless:

Bridget & Nicolas Boshell

Mass Intentions —Rivermount Parish

St Finians Saturday 5pm

Months Mind: Ethel McDonnell: Bernie Ryan:

Birthday Remembrance: John Swift:

Anniversaries: Mick Magee: Betty Swift: Alfie Kane:

St Oliver Plunketts: Sunday 11.30am

Months Mind: Noel O Reilly:

Anniversaries; Alec Kirby: Pauline O Connor:
Leo McCaffrey:

Intentions: William, Ann Marie & Family:

Michael & Marnie Lawrence & family

