



## St Colmcille Partnership of Parishes Sallynoggin-Glenageary, Johnstown-Killiney, Cabinteely, Ballybrack-Killiney, Loughlinstown, Shankill.

### New Pilgrim Path

A beautiful Lenten resource for individual and group meditation is "Ecce Homo: Poems for Lent and Holy Week", from the Anglican Archdiocese of Algoma, Canada. The daily Lenten poems include poems of lamentation and pain – reminders of Jesus's suffering – as well as of contemplation, praise and thanksgiving. Each poem is accompanied by a short reflection, making it an excellent Lenten resource for both groups and individuals. Access at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).



**Life in the Spirit** moves to **Shankill** for Friday 28th, there is a full page article in the Irish Catholic this weekend featuring our Partnership and the seminar. Thanks to all the Sallynoggin Parishioners who provided traybakes/buns and bracks for the hospitality on the 14th.

A Walking Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year Saturday 5th April being organised by Shankill Parish please see the notice board for more info. Registration required.

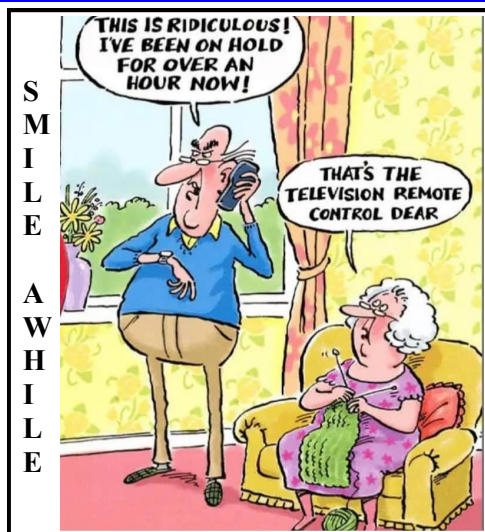


All Partnership initiatives will be advertised on the notice board in the porch in the Partnership section.

### Religion in Education Debate

Richard Boyd Barrett T.D. and Senator Ronán Mullen will go "head to head" to debate whether Religion should be taken out of Education.

Thursday 27th March  
Eblana Club, Dún Laoghaire.  
Chair V Rev. Gordon Linney,  
former Archdeacon of Dublin.  
Commencing at 7.30p.m.



## Our Lady of Victories

Sallynoggin / Glenageary

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## A Second Chance

The Pharisees had no time for sinners. They believed they should just be written off. Jesus didn't agree and told them so in a story.

A vineyard is a very special place, normally reserved for vines only. Yet in his parable Jesus talks about a fig tree which was planted in a vineyard. At that time this was not unusual. Soil was so scarce that trees were planted wherever there was soil. We are dealing then with a tree planted in a very privileged place.

In the normal course of events it takes three years for a fig tree to reach maturity. If by that time it is not fruiting it is not likely to fruit at all. Such was the case with the tree Jesus was talking about. For three years the owner had been coming to it and finding it barren. He came to the conclusion that the tree was useless. It was drawing nourishment from the ground but giving nothing back. It had to go to go. It was taking up valuable space. So he told his gardener to get rid of it.

But the gardener, who had a great knowledge of fig trees, and was a very patient man, replied, 'Sir, give it one more year. I'll dig the earth around it, and put on plenty of dung. Then, if there are no figs on it this time next year, we'll cut it down.'

The owner of the vineyard agreed. We are not told what happened to the fig tree, but it doesn't matter. Jesus had made his point. Just as that gardener was patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with sinners.

This Gospel has been called the Gospel of the second chance. God is patient. The history of the Church is full of examples of barren fig trees that in time became fruitful; in other words, sinners who repented and became saints.

### PARISH STAFF:

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## Mass Times & Intentions -

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| <u>Sun 9.00</u>   | Áine Doyle & family bereaved<br>Wall family intentions<br>Rosemary Lacey get well   |
| <u>11.00</u>      | Tony O'Mullane + 1st anniv<br>Jim Kellett + anniv<br>Kevin & Evelyn Hanney + annivs<br>Ian Thompson + anniv<br>Yvonne McGovern birthday (liv)<br>McCabe family intentions |
| <u>Mon 9.00</u>   | Evelyn & Gerry Byrne + annivs<br>Charlie White + anniv<br>Michael Fahy + rec dec  |
| <u>6.30</u>       | John Archer + anniv<br>Pat & Maureen intentions   |
| <u>Tue 9.00</u>   | Antony Broderick + rec dec<br>Joanne Johnston + birthday remembrance<br>Pat & Maureen intentions  |
| <u>Wed 9.00</u>   | Valerie Hand birthday (liv)<br>Mary Tieseler Shakespeare birthday (liv)<br>PJ Brown + birthday remembrance  |
| <u>Thurs 9.00</u> | Paul Muldoon + rec dec<br>Janet Kenna + rec dec<br>Carmel Quigley + rec dec   |
| <u>Sat 9.00</u>   | Patsy McCann + birthday remembrance<br>Joe Dalton + rec dec<br>Enid Perry + rec dec   |
| <u>Sun 9.00</u>   | Sara & Martin O'Carroll + annivs<br>Tom Gallagher + birthday remembrance<br>Kavanagh family intentions  |
| <u>11.00</u>      | Andrew O'Connor + months mind<br>John Hayden + anniv<br>Benny & Hannah Flynn + annivs<br>Jim Carroll + anniv<br>Pat & Maureen intentions                                  |

## Next Weekend's Readings

First Reading: Jos 5:9-12  
Psalm: Ps 33  
Second Reading: Cor 5:17-21  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



**MASS TIMES:**  
Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am,  
Monday 9am, 6.30pm.  
Tuesday - Thursday 9am  
Saturday - 9am **only**

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturdays 10 -11am  
Also available on request

**ANointing OF THE SICK:**  
(for those who are unwell,  
preparing for surgery or in  
danger of dying)

**BAPTISMS:**  
Contact the Parish Office to ar-  
range for the Sacrament of Bap-  
tism.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Daily after 9am Mass in the  
Church until 6pm.

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
is prayed at all Masses on  
Monday.

**Holy Hour**  
After Monday 6.30pm Mass.

**Saint Vincent de Paul:**  
086 063 7874

**CSTV/Live Streaming**  
The Parish now has a webcam  
service for Masses & funerals  
please see porch notice for more  
information.

*Please do not leave any  
posters, booklets or other  
literature in the church  
without first contacting  
the Office.*



Our condolences to the family and friends of

**Gerry Devlin, Granitefield.  
Evelyn (Delie) O'Leary, Pearse Street**

**Gerry, Delie, their families and friends  
are remembered in our prayers**



## Our Dear Departed

### Anniversaries:

George Keag, Tony O'Mullane, Jim Kellett,  
Ian Thompson, Charlie White, John Archer,  
Evelyn & Gerry Byrne, Sara & Martin Carroll.

**Please remember them in your prayers**

## FEASTDAYS this week

*Tues 25th:* The Annunciation of the Lord

**Guided Stations  
of the Cross on  
Fridays in Lent  
at 7pm**



*We are most grateful for  
donations towards the  
provision of flowers for  
our Easter Altar.*

**Thank you.**

**GET YOUR  
KNITTING  
NEEDLES  
OUT**



Join our knitting group making  
baby clothes for Community  
Connect. Meeting on Monday  
afternoons from 2-4pm (starting  
on 24th March) in the parish  
meeting room. If your skill is  
embroidery or crochet you are  
also welcome. The group are also  
running a competition for a name.  
Please send submissions by email  
to the parish office. Prize given  
for the best name.

## ALL NIGHT VIGIL

**Friday 4th/ Saturday 5th April**

**JOIN US IN ADORATION OF  
JESUS IN THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**Beginning with Rosary Friday 9am  
Concluding with Mass Saturday 9am**

**CAR PARKING AND  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**