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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Desmond Carroll (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Eddie McDermott (Rec. Dec'd.)
	10.00 am	Jack O'Neill (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	John McKenna (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Intentions of all who sympathised with Family of the late Bernadette Murphy)
Tues.	10.00am	Special Intention
Weds.	10.00am	Pro Populo
Thurs.	10.00am	Percy & Mary Mooney and Fr. Maurice O'Connor, OSA
Fri.	10.00am	Patrick Kennedy (Anniv.)
Sat.	11.00am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Scoil Aine & Springdale School

'Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it'

Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society – all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it.We come to this debate believing that the union of a man and a woman in marriage, open to the procreation of children, is a gift from God who created us 'male and female'. Reason also points to the truth about human sexuality that makes the relationship between a man and a woman unique. Mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life.....We cannot support an amendment to the Constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men, or two women, on a par with the marriage relationship between a husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children.....We are concerned that, should the amendment be passed, it will become increasingly difficult to speak any longer in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman. What will we be expected to teach children in school about marriage? Will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience? Already, in *The Children and Family Relationships Bill*, it is proposed to remove mention of mothers and fathers from a whole raft of previous legislation. We say to all **Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it.** We invite people of faith to bring this decision to prayer. ...Particularly in May, the month of Mary, we call for prayer for Marriage and the Family. extracts from Statement of Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, 10 March 2015

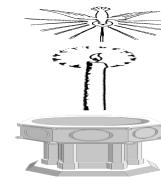
A special blessing for expectant mothers will take place on Wednesday next, 13th May, at 8pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove Artane.

A day of prayer and reflection on Saturday 23rd May is being organised by the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association commencing with Mass at 11am. Fr. Raphael O'Halloran will preside and day will conclude at 3.30pm. Cost €5—bring a packed lunch. Phone: 8312065 for future information.

The RAHENY FOLK GROUP present their final evening of spiritual music and song on Monday 11th May in St. Monica's Church, Edenmore. Concert starts at 8pm. Admission is free but a basket donation will be held in aid of the parish and folk group funds.

Enchiriadis Treis Choir along with St. George's singers perform Beethoven's Mass in C Major on Saturday 23rd May in St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock at 8pm. Tickets €15 (phone 085 8498442 or email ench3chair@gmail.com)

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING



- in the church at 8pm, on Tuesday, 12th May, for Baptism on Sunday, 17th May.

✠ Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of: Adrian Ostenelli - recently deceased. May he rest in peace. ✠

READINGS Next Sunday The Ascension



Acts 1: 1-11,
Ps. 46:2-3, 6-9
Eph. 1:17-23
Mk. 16:15-20

Church gate collection: next Sunday for St. Vincent de Paul Society.