

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 8th May**

*6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)*

**Nora Feeney R.I.P.**

Months Mind

**Pat Doran R.I.P.**

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*9.00 a.m.*

**Thomas William Kinsley**

R.I.P. (A)

*10.30 a.m.*

**Peadar Casey R.I.P. (A)**

*12 noon*

**Oliver Ward R.I.P. (A)**

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Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians

**LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th & 15th**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 14th & 15th.** The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

*This Collection will replace the 2nd Collection (SHARE)*

**Prayer to Discover Your Vocation**

Almighty God,  
You have made me to know you,  
To love you, and to serve you,  
And thereby to find and fulfil myself.  
I know that you are in all things  
And that every path can lead me to you,  
But, of them all, there is one path especially  
By which you want me to come to you.  
Since I will do what you want of me,  
I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;  
Into my mind to show me what you want of me;  
Into my heart to give me the determination to do it,  
And to do it with all my love, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength, right to the end.  
Amen.

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday 1st April**

**1st Collection: €975**

**2nd Collection : €699**

**Family Offering: €970**

*Thank you for contributing so generously.*

**Reading References for Sunday**

**15th May: 5th Sunday of**

**Easter: Acts 14:21-27. Ps**

**144:8 - 13, R/ cf. v 1. Apoc 21:**

**1-5. Jn 13:31-35. Mutual love**

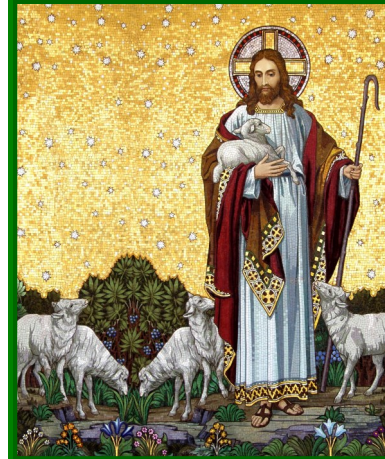
**within the community overflows to the whole world.**

**Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7**



**Our Parish**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8TH MAY 2022 –DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

*By Sr. Linda Soler 'Intercom' Magazine*

Sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other animal. Sheep are important as sources of wool, milk & meat, and throughout the Bible, sheep served as symbols for God's people. Jesus is portrayed as the shepherd of his chosen flock in the prophetic words of Isaiah and Ezekiel, and most famously in the 23rd Psalm. Sheep are followers. It's an instinct. Sheep remember faces. They recognise faces

of other sheep & even humans who work with them. Sheep find safety in numbers. They do not do well alone, so a lost sheep is critical. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares, watches and protects those who believe in Him. This is a wonderful message for anyone who seeks peace with God. To be in the Lord's flock is to be in a life-changing, transformative relationship with the Lord. To know the Lord is to see our life changed by that very relationship. It is to know the voice of Jesus and to be able to distinguish it from others, so that in all things God may be glorified.



**SYNODAL PATHWAY- SHARING OUR JOYS & SORROWS – HOPES & FEARS**

Thank you to all who participated in the Synod gatherings and those who placed their notes in the Synod box. We have now collated all the responses and sent our Parish Report to the Archdiocese. We pray that our input will help in some way to shape the future of the Church.

## SYNODAL PATHWAY- SHARING OUR HOPES & FEARS

### HOPES

1. YOUTH: Their support for each other. Their prayers at youth gatherings Taizé. They won't be as judgemental as others in the past. Increase in numbers attending. Hearing the voice of children & babies.
2. The synodal process, being asked for input and the respect for peoples opinions.
3. Pope Francis: The fact he wants to hear from the grass roots. His courage to speak out, to address issues within the Church. More in touch with everyday problems
4. The positive influence of foreign nationals on our church: The number attending, their strong faith, showing example to their Irish friends. The importance of faith to the Ukrainians
5. Lay people active within the Church as volunteers & in various ministries
6. Being able to receive the Blessed Sacrament and pray as a congregation
7. The value of social media & new technology used to connect to housebound & the youth. Providing a means for people to attend various celebrations.
8. Membership of the Catholic faith & the promise of Eternal life
9. Church's message for people to Love one Another. Equality of all people in the Church.
10. The church being physically open & a safe place to visit.
11. The Church's stance on climate change
12. People attending the church freely
13. Hope through the suffering of the church. The church has survived over 2000 years
14. The Church embracing change without losing it's core values & teachings.
15. Archbishop Farrell's Easter letter
16. Finding faith in those who don't attend. Different ways of celebrating & expressing
17. Exploring the mysteries of ourselves

### FEARS

1. Lack of Vocations-will result in; the reduction of Masses, the closure of churches, loss of individual Parish, merging of parishes, larger parishes will reduce the sense of friendship. Priests are not speaking enough about the call to the priesthood
2. Lack of faith in the youth; children not continuing their faith after receiving the Sacraments
3. Parents not passing on the faith, not bringing their children to mass. Parents not having faith to pass on. Lack of faith formation. Priests not linking in with the youth. People don't see the importance of faith within the family
4. The lasting effect of scandals on the church.
5. The Church has no relevance to people under 50. People moving away from the Church. Too much secularism in society & it's effect on the Church.
6. The exclusion of women becoming priests
7. People forgetting that we are all sinners & that Jesus died for us
8. Fear of a split in the Church as some countries are at odds with the teachings of Pope Francis.
9. Too much reliance on priests for the Eucharist to be available to people
10. Priests doing too much administration work
11. The fear that women will become priests
12. The dismissal of faith, religion & church by the various media outlets
13. People not listening to the call of Jesus. The current formation of priests. Why are some being turned away
14. The church may get complaisant with regard to child safeguarding
15. Lack of honesty among people regarding their commitment to their baptismal promises
16. Do mass going Catholics actually understand why they are attending the celebration of mass
17. Lack of outward signs of reverence to the Eucharist
18. People not listening to the call of Jesus
19. Fear of all types of abuse in the Church however little
20. The message within the Old Testament Readings

## NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Many of you will have received one of the "4,000 HAVE YOUR SAY leaflets from Dublin City Council (DCC) to facilitate a non-statutory public consultation on Martin Savage Park playing fields - for changes, as requested by Plunketts GAA and Phoenix Soccer Clubs. We have since established from DCC that there is no time limit in place, currently, for people to submit their views on this issue, therefore, people can submit on line to parks@dulincity.ie As usual, no consideration for the many people not on internet, of which we have reminded them. However, you can write in your views to Leslie Moore, Head Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services, Dublin City Council, Wood Quay, Dublin 2. "HAVE YOUR SAY" Phoenix Park - for 'Darkness into Light' - Saturday 7th May some roads & Castleknock Gate CLOSED from 3.15 am to 6.45 am. Knockmaroon Gate closed from 6.30 a.m. - 8.00 a.m. On Navan Road/Pelletstown Police Forum Zoom meeting last week, yet again, speeding on Navan Road, and regular breaking of traffic lights, at both Kempton and Kinvara/Ashington entrances was raised whilst Gardai from Cabra Station were present on the meeting. They are down 2 community guards since our last Police Forum last October.



**Westmanstown Bowling Club**

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# INTRODUCTION TO LAWN BOWLS

**ALL AGES WELCOME FROM 9 TO 90**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 07-08 MAY**

**ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

Westmanstown Sports Centre, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y2DH  
[www.westmanstownbowls.ie](http://www.westmanstownbowls.ie)

**PSALM 99:**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture”**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

The monthly **Church Gate Collection** will take place after all Masses this weekend 7th/8th May. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. **Thank You**