

Fifth Sunday of Easter 29th April 2018



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Life in their Hands – Message from Archbishop Eamon Martin

In my work as a priest I have seen surgeons, doctors and nurses fighting to save life, even at its most fragile. They bring their gifts and expertise without discrimination, conscious that they are not treating, say, a cancerous growth, or a dangerous virus. They are caring for a sick human being, a person with a story, family and loved ones, a living human being with potential.

I'm thinking today about those who dedicate their lives to the ministry of healing and protecting life. Even though they are often under great stress and working long, tiring hours, our hospital staff, GPs and other carers are our ambassadors for life!

I think of Jesus who devoted so much of his time to reaching out to the sick, and suffering, without distinction, so that they could have life to the full!

The debate about the eighth amendment here in Ireland is a debate about life, about life equality, the equality of two lives which matter – the life of a mother and the life of her baby. Two lives which are precious, two lives in need of love, protection and care.

It is troubling to think that our nurses, doctors, midwives and other carers may be expected by abortion legislation to use their healing hands to intentionally take innocent life, rather than to give every life a chance. It is already being suggested that even those with conscientious objections to taking life will be required to refer the task to others.

To force someone to cooperate like this in the wrong-doing of another is wrong. It undermines freedom of conscience.

You may have a carer, nurse or doctor in your family or as a friend. Pray for them today, find an opportunity to thank them and encourage them in their vital, life-giving work. But, in addition to this, be a missionary for life yourself. Speak and act now to ensure that those who have chosen to devote their lives to healing the Sick will be spared the grim tasks surrounding abortion.

Every life is beautiful, precious and sacred. Choose Life.

Bethany Bereavement Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. The confidential contact number is 087-4470369. Members of the Bethany Group will be available on the 4th May 2018 (first Friday of the month) in the Parish Centre between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m.

Masses for the coming week:

Monday 30th April – 10.00 am – Eilish Cummins – 1st Anniversary RIP.

Raymond Kavanagh – 25th Anniversary RIP.

Tuesday 1st May - 10.00 am – Mass Intentions Book.

Wednesday 2nd May - 10.00 am – Intentions of two families.

Thursday 3rd May– 10.00 am – Sylvester O'Byrne Anniversary RIP.

Saturday 5th May – 10.00 am – Kitty Halpenny Anniversary RIP

6.00 pm – Cyril Bates – 21st Anniversary RIP.

Sunday 6th May – 12.00 pm – Peggy Slattery – 1st Anniversary RIP.

'Our World in Crisis'!

Where are you on this Journey?

Fr Colm McGlynn OSM and the Servite Secular Order welcome you to

A Time of Reflection, Prayer and Hope

on Saturday 12th May, in the Parish Parlour

From 10.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Rathfarnham Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Three Evenings Workshops

Exploring Loss and Bereavement within the Family

On

3rd, 17th and 31st of May @8.00 pm – 9.30 pm.

Venue: Rathfarnham Parish Centre, Willbrook Road.

Please give notice of availability to attend by texting or phoning 0872609323.

Copies of Eucharistic Ministers Rota for May – June 2018

Can be collected from the sacristy or viewed on our website

Project Cooking for Freedom

Message from Mavis Ramazani

We had an amazing week, the members have been cooking continuously.

Again thank you so much to the Parish for Your support. Kind Regards, Mavis.

Feast Day of St. Peregrine, Saturday May 5th

Mass, devotions and blessings at 10.00 am.