

It happened in May

In an interview with David Hanly in December 1988 Dublin fireman Willie Bermingham explains why he set up ALONE a charity to care for the elderly.

Fireman Willie Bermingham recalls the series of events that led him to set up him ALONE (A Little Offering Never Ends) the charity which helps older people in need.

There are many organisations throughout Ireland which help people in need. What makes Alone stand out? Willie Bermingham says the basic aim of ALONE is to,

Encourage people to look out for their elderly neighbours, relatives and friends and to try and ensure that you know nothing untoward happens to them.

Dealing with fires and all manner of serious accidents are the reality of a fireman's job. But there was something about a series of events in 1976 and 1977 that pushed Willie Bermingham almost to breaking point.

During that time, he and his colleagues made the sad discoveries of eight older people that had died alone in their homes. On 19 February 1977, when he found the eighth person,

I used some language you know the four-letter type, and you would actually light Christmas candles off the language it was that strong, because I was just mad at this continuing to happen.

Something had to be done, but Willie Bermingham didn't know at that stage exactly

what the solution would be, and he became quite depressed about the whole thing. Deciding to draft a poster, which he put up in shops and pubs all over Dublin, it included some stark facts, but ended with a call to action,

Have you an old person living alone near you? Call in, make friends, cook a meal, wash a floor, make a bed. Don't let old people die alone.

Born and brought up in the Catholic faith, Willie Bermingham was taken aback at the Catholic Church's lack of support at a local level for his initiative. He was even told by one priest that there were no issues regarding elderly people in his parish. Yet from personal experience he knew that this simply was not the case,

It's ironic that I've come back to several of those churches with the remains of old people who have died in their particular areas

Willie Bermingham was not put off by this attitude. His posters started to gain attention. Articles about him appeared in newspapers, followed by donations of money from members of the public. ALONE was formed in May 1977,

I got the idea that I would ask colleagues and friends if they would join with me and start a group, and that's just the way it happened.

Courtesy RTE Archives

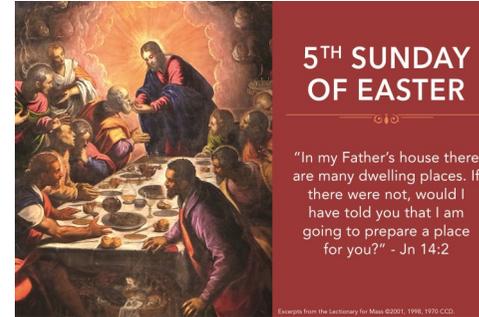


FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th MAY 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

11.30 am Mass Sunday 10th May
 Paddy MacIntyre (Rec deceased)
 Noel Turley (Anv)
 Tess O'Donnell (Anv)

Other intentions
 Michael Delaney (Recently Deceased)
 David Moloney (Anv)
 Tom Kennedy (Anv)
 Shaun Kelly (Anv)
 Jack & Rita Mulcahy (Anvs)

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We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Robert(Bobby)Ryan
 Aurore Pauline Justine Barles-Bossard

Lucia dos Santos and her cousins
 Francisco and Jacinta Marto, at
 Fatima

Saints of the Week

Tues 12 Ss Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs.
 St Pancras, martyr

Wed 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 Thurs 14 ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
 Fri 15 St Carthage, bishop
 Sat 16 St Brendan, abbot



Jesus is our Way, our Truth and our Life. As the Gospel says, to have eternal life is to believe in him whom God has sent (Jn 5:24; 17:3). This is a reality for us now and it guides our life, in matters great and small. At the core of this reality is trust, that is, the capacity to entrust all that we have and are to the living God and to his Son, raised from the dead.

It is not an accident that the phrase "I believe" occurs no fewer than ninety-eight times in the Fourth Gospel.

St Paul Sunday Missal.

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter



With no collections being taken up at present at Sunday Mass, it is very important that we continue to support our priests especially in these most difficult times. For Easter dues :

- Envelopes may be dropped in the letterbox at the entrance to the Pastoral Centre .
- Cheques sent to Fr Kieran Dunne PP, Foxrock Parochial House, Bray Road, D18
- Online payment—bank details from secretary@foxrockparish.ie
- Also check www.foxrockparish.ie for payment via website



ECO-UNESCO's **Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA)** is an all-Ireland environmental awards programme that recognises and rewards young people who raise environmental awareness and improve the environment.

Foxrock Parish Youth Club is among the finalists for this year's award for innovation. Voting will be by judges from the environmental sector and members of the general public. Voting is on line and details are available on the Foxrock Parish Website. Results will be announced on 21st May.

May is traditionally the month dedicated to Mary, where we recall the role of Mary in salvation. During May we have two feast days dedicated to Mary – Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday 13th and Sunday 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (not celebrated this year as it coincides with Pentecost). First apparitions at Fatima were on 13th May 1917.



Parishioners are welcome to visit the Grotto at any time and to pray the Rosary there at 9 pm **SOCIAL DISTANCING must be observed.**



The Calling of Saint

Matthew by Caravaggio depicts the story from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 9:9): "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his seat in the custom house, and said to him, "Follow me", and Matthew rose and followed Him."

Caravaggio depicts Matthew the tax collector sitting at a table with four other men. Jesus Christ and Saint Peter have entered the room, and Jesus is pointing at Matthew. A beam of light illuminates the faces of the men at the table who are looking at Jesus Christ.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. (Acts 6:1-7)

PSALM

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just, for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. (Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19)

SECOND READING

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him. (1Pt 2:4-9)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. (Jn14:1-12)



HOME CHURCHES SCHEDULE WHAT'S ON NOW SPECIAL EVENTS ABOUT CONTACT

CHURCH SERVICES TV

There are a number of sections available on the ChurchServices website which might be of interest.

HOME

News items from home and abroad, Thought for Today, Saint of the Day, Today's readings and Sunday readings.

CHURCHES

WebCams for churches in Ireland England and some radio stations.

SCHEDULE

A list of all live services for the current week.

WHAT'S ON NOW

A timetable of all live services current or upcoming within the next two hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A selection of past or upcoming events taking place in church service TV churches.