

The last and greatest Herald of Heaven's King.  
Girt with rough skins, hies to the deserts wild  
Among that savage brood the woods forth bring  
Which he more harmless found than man, and mild

His food was locusts, and what there doth spring  
With honey that from virgin hives distilled  
Parched body, hollow eyes, some uncouth thing  
Made him appear, long since from earth exiled

There burst he forth, All ye whose hopes rely on God  
With me amidst these deserts mourn  
Repent and from old errors turn!

Who listened to his voice, obeyed his cry?  
Only the echoes, which he made relent  
Rung from their flinty caves, Repent!

*John the Baptist by William Drummond*



*John the Baptist  
Titian*



The Irish Martyrs of the (16th and 17th centuries)

The canonisation of Oliver Plunkett in 1975 brought an awareness of the other men and women who died for the Catholic faith in the 16th and 17th centuries.

In 1992 a representative seventeen Irish martyrs, chosen from a list of almost three hundred who died for their faith in the 16th and 17th centuries, were beatified by Pope John Paul II

These included Margaret Ball who died in prison in 1584 and Francis Taylor of Swords, Lord Mayor of Dublin who died in prison in 1621.

A bronze sculpture of him along with Margaret Ball stand to the left of the main entrance to the Pro-Cathedral in Marlborough St, Dublin

### Saints of the Week

Mon 20 The Irish Martyrs  
Tues 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious  
Wed 22 St Paulinus of Nola, bishop  
Ss John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs

Thurs 23 THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Fri 24 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
Sat 25 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**FOXROCK PARISH**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets. Lk 9:16-17

You are a priest forever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.  
Ps 109

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**6 pm Mass Sat 18th June**

Mary Carroll – Month's Mind  
Fiachra O' Dubhthaigh & Blathnaid Uí Dhubhthaigh – Anniversaries

**10 am Mass Sun 19th June**

Paddy & Gertie Orr and Deceased Members of the Orr, Flood & Bartley Families – Anniversaries.

**11.30 am Mass Sun 19th June**

Jadwiga Jarosz – 11th Anniversary  
Joseph Mulligan – Anniversary  
Gabrielle & Desmond Buggy – Anniversaries

### Recently Deceased:-

Treasa O' Raifeartaigh  
Paul Flynn

### Anniversaries:-

Fr. Gerry Doyle Fr. Gabriel Slattery  
Joseph & Jane Clare

Anne Ryan John Lenehan  
*Berkeley Tragedy Anniversaries:-*  
Ashley Donohoe Olivia Burke  
Eimear Walsh Lorcan Miller  
Eoghan Culligan Niccolai Schuster  
And Aoife Beary who died 1st Jan this year.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Vincent Daly  
May he rest in peace



**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19 June 2022**



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### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

In today's gospel, we meet Jesus who is with people who are in need. The crowds have followed him to a deserted place, and it is now nearing nightfall. If Jesus is to send them away, as the disciples recommend, the people will likely go hungry as they make their way to find shelter for the night. Instead, he directs the disciples to 'give them something to eat'. When they object that they have only meagre provisions, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat - a feast for the crowd.

This passage recalls several Old Testament stories about God providing for his people. We remember, for instance, how the Israelites were fed in the desert (Ex 16:1-18), and how Elisha fed a crowd in time of famine (2 Kg 4:42-44). Today, it brings to mind

the situation of migrants and asylum seekers across the world, people who experience hardship and often mistreatment at our borders. The Gospel leaves no doubt about our obligation to protect them, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds.

Today's gospel also echoes the Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the bread, blessing it and having the disciples distribute it. With these words, Luke is clearly marking the links between the Eucharist and practical care for all those in need. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing. He transforms what the disciples have into a blessing for many. Sharing in the Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations.

When we receive the body of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are hungry, homeless or mistreated, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide.

*Deep End*



The Foxrock Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

would like to thank you all most

sincerely for your great response to last week's collection. Your donations amounted to €3,400 Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated



**The annual Dun Laoghaire series of Organ concerts begins in St Michaels Church on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 20.00 and runs until Sunday 11th September**  
**The soloist this evening (19<sup>th</sup> June) is David Baskeyfield with music by JS Bach, Buxtehude, Mozart and Franz Schmidt.**

# Building Hope

The Building Hope Task Force was established by Archbishop Dermot Farrell in June last year 'to build hope, by opening a door onto our future in the Dublin Archdiocese'.

In the words of Pope Francis, "To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope."

The terms of reference given by Archbishop Farrell to the Task Force were:

"Taking account of the needs of the people of Dublin as we emerge from the Covid crisis, to develop a pastoral strategy that supports parish communities of faith to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, and that enables the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead"

Parishioners were asked to respond to four questions

How would you describe your relationship to the church?

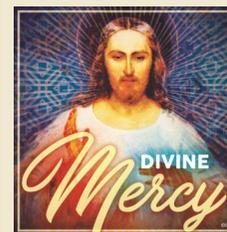
List three things about life in the church that you appreciate most.

COVID-19 has not only challenge us as a church but has also provided an opportunity for positive change what three initiatives would you suggest to ensure that will be a vibrant community in 10 years' time

What supports would help you in your spiritual life.

The responses were summarized in the Building Hope Task Force report published in October last year and available on the Dublin Diocese website.

An inaugural meeting to set to begin dealing with these responses in Foxrock Parish took place last Monday. Paul Markey was elected to Chair the process which will start work at the end of Summer.



### DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Every Monday evening at 7pm

7pm:-Rosary

7.20 pm:-Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7.30 pm:-Celebration of Holy Mass

Chapel of Adoration, Divine Mercy Convent, White's Cross, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock.