



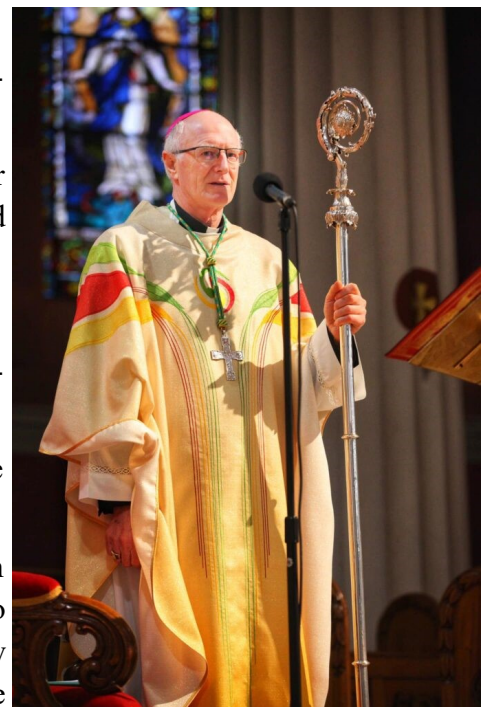
An Easter Call from Our Archbishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our celebration of Easter reminds us that our encounter with the risen Lord emboldens us to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to the people of our time.

The challenges facing the Archdiocese of Dublin include:

- The changing culture in which we proclaim the good news
- The ageing profile of priests: more than 40% of priests currently holding parish appointments are over 70 years of age
- The impact of COVID-19 on active participation Yet our Christian hope is strong. There are signs of hope all around us:
 - Where our parish communities are strong and resilient
 - In the commitment of priests, deacons, religious and parish pastoral workers
 - In the many thousands of lay women and men who serve the community of faith in a great variety of ministries
 - Where there is openness to faith and the life of the Spirit in our families and young people Now is the time to look to the future, to discern and make decisions together as to how we in the Archdiocese of Dublin can shape our future in the light of the Gospel.



All the baptised have a role to play and a voice to be heard. That is why I am asking the whole diocesan family, in the period between now and Pentecost, to engage together, using the resources and the supports available from the diocese, to prepare a new response to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, inspire us to open our hearts to the Spirit of Him who is love made flesh

+Dermot Farrell

Archbishop of Dublin



Poem: "Jesus Our Ransom"

Jesus our ransom,
Love and longing,
Lord God almighty,
Maker of all things,
Flesh you took
And man became
In the fullness of time.

What mercifulness overcame you,
The one who bears our sins,
When you suffered bitter death,
To raise us up from sin?

Hell's gate you pierced,
And bought your own out of bondage;
With great nobility
You ascended
To your Father's right hand.

May that same mercy lead you
To overcome our wickedness
With your mercy
And fill us full
With the bliss of your face.

Be now our joy
You who will be our reward,
May we find all our delight in you,
The one who longs for us to be with you.

This poem can be found in the Catalogue of Illuminated Manuscripts: London, British Library, Additional 46919.

Translation into modern English by Grace Hamman.

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin, as President and Vice-President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, wish to thank parishes across Ireland for their extraordinary generosity in raising to date over €3.25 million in response to the crisis in Ukraine. The Archbishops said, "Since the outbreak of this war, over 7 million people have been displaced and nearly 5 million people have been forced to emigrate from Ukraine, becoming international refugees. As Christians, our Gospel imperative is to support the victims of this appalling humanitarian crisis, in the words of the Holy Thursday Liturgy, 'where charity and love are found there is God'.

"The large funds raised by Irish parishes will be channelled to assist those who are suffering such devastation to their lives and livelihoods. Parishes across Ireland have responded with enormous generosity and compassion and we are most grateful for that. It is also heartening that some parish communities have established direct links with Ukrainian parishes and local charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. The proceeds of this special parish collection are already being sent to the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas.

The Archbishops concluded, "Following the sad news this week that seven people, including two Caritas staff, were killed when a Caritas office in Mariupol was shelled, we wish to acknowledge the bravery of humanitarian workers who risk their lives in providing much needed assistance and protection to innocent people who have been caught up in this war. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to their families, friends and fellow humanitarian workers."

Masses Times

Sundays: Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm

Croatian Community Mass 6.30pm

French-speaking community mass 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12.30

Daily masses 10am only for the moment

-Rosary daily after 10am mass

INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

Edward Shivnen and Ethna Keenan

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Saturday 10 am: Andy Ryan, Anniversary

Sunday 11 am: Rose Kenny, Anniversary

Margaret Kearney

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Sunday 8 May

11am Pauline Nealon