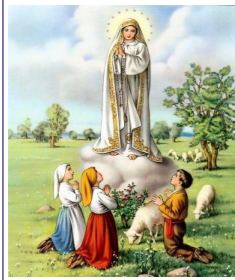




# PARISH OF FINGLAS



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## Pope FRANCIS at FATIMA—100 Years Saints Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta

The Fatima apparitions happened 100 years ago. They contain a message that's both relevant and needed in the world today. What Our Lady offered during her apparitions is a message "that deals with mankind as mankind, not only Christians or believers," and because of this, it "has an extraordinary authority" in the world today. On May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children – Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta – in a field while they were tending their family's sheep. In her message to the children, Mary brought with her requests for conversion, prayer (particularly the recitation of the rosary), sacrifices on behalf of sinners, and a three-part secret regarding the fate of the world. Although there are many different elements to the requests made by Our Lady, her appeals can be summed up in four key themes. Faith, Conversion, Peace and Hope.

### Faith

Her appeal in this regard "is very current because, unfortunately, we live in a world in which the faith is falling. Unbelief is growing, and the Catholic faith, the faith of the Gospels, is increasingly decreasing. We are walking toward a pagan world, people have an abstract faith, but the Gospel is not a part of their concrete lives. Man today needs faith, to believe in something; to believe in God, who is our common father, to believe in our brothers, we are all children of the same Father, we are all brothers.

### Conversion

The Madonna spoke many times to the shepherds about the need for man to convert ... to increasingly draw nearer to God, and so to always draw nearer to our brothers and sisters. Throughout her six appearances Mary encouraged them to pray the rosary daily and to offer sacrifices in reparation for sins. In all of her apparitions Mary consistently insisted "on the need for man, especially today, to increasingly draw nearer to his origin, to God."

### Peace

Mary spoke to the children about peace often and urged them to pray for peace, noting that her request came as the global armies were embroiled in World War I. Our Lady's message was to "do penance, ask for peace, because otherwise man will disappear, as is evident in the vision the children had of hell and the souls who are anguishing there. Man today needs many things, but especially peace, with himself and others."

### Hope

"Many people today lack many things, but lack one above all: hope. If man today doesn't have hope, he lives a life without a future, without the hope of a future. And if a person doesn't have hope in the future – whether in his own life or in his relationships with others – then what life is this? Hope is fundamental for man, there is no sense in life if it doesn't have a destination that it must reach." So what Mary asks for from the men of today, and "what God demands of men today, is a deep faith, a hope, which is greatly lacking – so we will have peace, which we need to live a dignified life.

The message of Fatima ought to be lived not just individually, but "as a human community, explaining that the three children were able to respond to Our Lady's appeals with "an extraordinarily unique, unrepeatable mission." Even though they were young children, they were able to communicate and spread Mary's message to the entire world with their sacrifices and prayers, adding that the centenary of the apparitions, coupled with the canonization of Francisco and Jacinta, "does nothing but underline this importance."

**ROSARY** IS RECITED DAILY IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE 10AM MORNING MASS. ALSO ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON DURING MAY AT 3PM AT THE LOURDES GROTTO IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS. All welcome



### RECENTLY DECEASED: prayers are asked for

James Hosey ; Edward Bride Funeral Mon @ 10am  
Bernie Carey MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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### FAMILY OFFERING

Envelope Collection for the week of April 30th €1916.50 Thank you for your continued support to the Parish.



### First Holy Communion

We welcome the pupils from St. Canices Girls School who will receive their 1st Holy Communion today Sunday at 10.30am. Congratulations to children from the Gaelscoil who received their 1st Holy Communion yesterday

### KNOCK

The Adoration Group thank all who travelled to Knock on Sunday April 30th. Prayerful day was had by all.

"Mornings are considered the perfect time to pray. It is when you get a fresh start and just meditate on the goodness of God in your life. Mass St. Canices Church every morning at 10am.

Sat May 13th	7pm	Anniversaries: Tony Quinlan, Patrick o Gorman and Deceased members of the Philpott Family
Sun May 14th	9am	Mary Madden; John & Margaret O Connor; Quinlan Family; William Murphy. Special Intention Isabel French
Sun May 14th	10.30am	Angela, Michael, Elizabeth & Noel Dowling; Irene O Brien; Angela & John Whelan; Monica Geoghegan; Leo & Meave Monaghan; Paula & Eric O Neill
Sun May 14th	12noon	Liam & Patricia Sullivan; Billy Mc Grath; Nora & Patrick Muldoon; Thomas Wyse; Brian O Brady; Pauline Kelly; Michael Chaney. Months Mind Maura O Brien & Alice Sullivan also remembering Alice's Family;
Mon May 15th	10am	Funeral Edward Bride: Tues May 16th Mary- Ann & Joseph Jennings: Wed May 17th No intention
Thurs May 18th	10am	Thursday Enda Kelly & Tommy Canavan : Fri No Intention : Sat No intention

## AN EQUAL RIGHT TO LIFE

Some politicians, along with international abortion campaigners, want to repeal the 8th Amendment so they can legalise unlimited abortion.



### What is the 8th Amendment?

The 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution was approved by a huge majority of the Irish people in 1983. It recognises that there are two human lives involved in a pregnancy, and protects and safeguards the life of BOTH mother and baby. Top legal experts have said that repealing the 8th Amendment would result in abortion on demand, and it would mean that the right to life of preborn children would not be protected. That's not what the majority of Irish people want. Our constitution says that both mother and baby have a right to life, and should be protected. Abortion has no place in a modern society.

## ERINS ISLE PITCH and PUTT CLUB

Erins Isle Pitch and Putt Club are running a Free Open Day when the schools close for the summer—date to be arranged later. Memberships are available for 2017 season at very good rates. Juveniles and students €25 yearly; OAP's €80 yearly and others €120 yearly. OAP's can drop in anytime for a trial game PH Desmond\_0879541210 for information



## Angels Memory Garden:

A Blessing of Remembrance organised by A Little Lifetime Foundation will take place on Sunday 28th May at 3pm.



Parents, family members and friends of children buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth are invited. An invitation is also extended to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way.



The Finglas No Name Club can be justly proud of our very own National Host of the Year, Jonathan Dunne, a 6th year Leaving Certificate Student from Beneavin De La Salle College. He was a credit to his family and school last Saturday night in The Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny before a very appreciative audience. Mary O'Sullivan from Killarney No Name Club was selected as Hostess of the Year. Congratulations to all 8 finalists.

## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Can you spare an hour or two on Tuesday 16th May to help, in conjunction with the Tidy Towns to clean up the laneway beside the Girls School. Meet at 6.30pm at the Church entrance to the lane and DCC will supply protective gloves and equipment.



## St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses in ST. MARGARETS this weekend. The Society would like to thank all parishioners in St. Canices and St. Margarets for their generosity to their recent annual clothing appeal

## Come and Pray:

Eucharistic Ministers



The Annual Gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place in Clonliffe Church at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 29 May. This will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and sing together and give thanks for the grace of this important ministry. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Ph 1 8087554 or litsec@dublindiocese.ie to book.