



Pope Francis: 'Look to Jesus always'

Christ is with us and walking beside us on our daily journey through life, Pope Francis said. Emphasizing that **Jesus is not just a historical figure**, the pope said that "we are not alone on the path of life, because Christ is with us and Christ helps us to walk, as he helped Peter and the other disciples." "Let us not be discouraged if at times the summit of the Christian life seems too high and the path too steep," he said. **"Let us look to Jesus — look to Jesus always — look to Jesus who walks beside us, who welcomes our frailties, shares our efforts and rests his firm and gentle arm on our weak shoulders.** With him close at hand, let us also reach out to one another and renew our trust: with Jesus, what seems impossible on our own, with Jesus we can go forward."

"Christ is not a memory of the past, "but the God of the present. If he were merely a historic figure, to imitate him today would be impossible." **"Instead, Jesus is alive. Remember this: Jesus is alive,** Jesus lives in the Church, lives in the world. Jesus accompanies us, he is at our side, he offers us his Word and his grace which enlighten and refresh us on the journey. He, an expert and wise guide, is happy to accompany us on the most difficult paths and the most inaccessible slopes," he said. Pope Francis encouraged us to ask ourselves: **"Who is Jesus for ME?"**

Church Repairs Fundraiser Raffle

We are running a raffle to help with the cost of the repairs due to the gas leak. Extensive work was needed to repair the fault. The raffle will take place on Easter Sunday after Mass.

- First Prize; Hotel Break for 2**
- Second Prize: Meal for 4**
- Third Prize: €100**

Plus plenty of spot prizes to be won

Raffle tickets for sale after Mass or from the parish office. **€5 per ticket.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Church

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. We are encouraging Parishes/Parish Partnerships to book buses and to share the date with parish groups. We are glad to say that the Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers and being planned, more details to follow. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.45am. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, **please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie**

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Catholic Schools Week January 21st to 27th

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic Schools. Education is an act of love: it is like giving life." – *Pope Francis*
Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January 2024. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools as Communities of Service".

Sunday, 21 January–Saturday, 27 January

The Daily Themes are as follows:

- Monday:** Service in our community of friends
- Tuesday:** Service in our school community
- Wednesday:** Service in our family community - **Grandparents Day**
- Thursday:** Service in our local community
- Friday:** Service in our faith community



Crib Donation For Cystic Fibrosis

The amount donated was **€240**. A very big **THANK YOU** to all who supported this worthy cause.

Young Adult Camino 2024

We are delighted to launch our Young Adult trip to the Camino June 2024. Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago, this is a pilgrimage not to miss! Places are limited
If you wish to book, please fill out the form in the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/>
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