



Lay Ministry Collection Next Weekend

Extract From: The Lay Ministry Collection Letter From Archbishop Farrell.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am continually inspired by the spirit of faith and care that animates our Catholic community, even as we face the reality of so few vocations to the priesthood. This is a time of listening, discernment and renewed pastoral action for all of us in the Church, clergy and lay people.

The vitality of our Church increasingly relies on our lay people to step into leadership and service roles with courage and love.

We call upon your support to help shape the future of our Church through lay ministry. Your donation can make a significant difference.

By encouraging one another, we can collectively make a profound impact on the future of lay ministry and the strength of our parish community

The booklets with the letter in full and other suggestions on how to donate are available on the table at the back of the Church

Pope Francis speaks to the faithful about the virtue of TEMPERANCE

Pope Francis, on Wednesday 17th April, presented the fourth and final cardinal virtue of temperance by noting that temperance itself is crucial for living a happy, balanced life.

"The gift of the temperate person is therefore balance, a quality as precious as it is rare. Indeed, everything in our world pushes to excess. Instead, temperance combines well with Gospel values such as smallness, discretion, modesty, meekness.

In a world where many people boast about saying what they think, the temperate person instead prefers to think about what he says. He does not make empty promises but makes commitments to the extent that he can fulfill them."

Pope Francis explained that being temperate does not always require one to be "peaceful" or with a "smiling face." Instead, in certain situations, "it is necessary to be indignant, but always in the right way."

"A word of rebuke is at times healthier than a sour, rancorous silence. The temperate person knows that nothing is more uncomfortable than correcting another person, but he also knows that it is necessary; otherwise, one offers free reign to evil," the Pope observed.

Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire box as soon as possible so we can forward it to Trócaire head office on your behalf. Thank you for your kind generosity to this worthy charity.

Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is a very informative paper, with loads of interesting articles on various topics both religious and non-religious. Please support this newspaper to help to keep it in circulation.

They are located on the wall stand outside the parish office - Cost €3



Confirmation



The children from St. Columbanus N.S. will be Confirmed here next Friday 26th April at 11am We wish God's blessing on the children and their families, as we keep them all in our prayers.

Confirmation and Communion Cards are available to buy at the back of the Church - Cost €1 each. If the office isn't open you can put the money into letterbox on the wall at the back of the Church beside the main door



K N 🍈 C K The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life. See poster on the parish notice board at the back of the Church



