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Catholic Schools Week 2025 Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January Alive in Christ!

"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis,



We welcome this Sunday students from all Greater Finglas Parish Catholic Schools who are participating in the Mass in all our parish Mass Centres.

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities and to The Other, in God. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom. As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day, celebrated during the week of Catholic Schools Week.



BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>.

Christmas Dues Envelope
Dues envelopes are being gratefully received. You are kindly asked to prepare your envelope and return to the box in the Sanctuary in each Parish Centre or hand into the Parish office. The Dues are an important support to Priests of the Diocese. Thank you to all who have returned their envelope



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GOD IS CALLING

God's call is mysterious; it comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so deceptive and overpowering, as that call. This call is uninterrupted; **GOD IS ALWAYS CALLING US**



Reflection on the Sunday gospel reading

A group of parishioners will meet in Bungalow Number 2 at the back of St Canice's Church every Thursday evening, from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm, to reflect on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. The gospel reading for the following Sunday is read three times in the course of the hour and after every reading there is a period of silence and some sharing. This way of praying the Scriptures is often referred to in Latin as **Lectio Divina** or in English 'Sacred Reading'. It is a very prayerful time which helps us to be more attentive to the gospel reading for the following Sunday. It is open to everyone, every Thursday, and feel free to come to as many meetings or as few as you wish. Many people have found this way of praying a lovely way to deepen their appreciation of the gospels.

Holy Innocents Mass.

Our Annual Mass for the Holy Innocents will take place in all Mass centres on Sun 26th January 2025.

Recently Deceased



Prayers are asked for
Con Dawson
Grainne Whitty
Aidan Perdisatt
Samantha Kinsella
Rosaleen Fagan

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Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce.

A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A 3 Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 25th January, 8th & 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar St D2. Contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com