

Archdiocese of Dublin

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SURVEY ON SACRAMENTS

The Archdiocese has just launched an online survey, as part of the work of the Sacraments Review Group set up by the Archbishop. The brief of the Review Group is to consult widely and deeply and to make recommendations on we prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in the future. The hope is that as many as possible will reply to the questions and make their views part of the process.

The survey is open to all. It can be accessed on the Diocesan Website, homepage, under 'Latest News', where there are also a video message and a letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. The survey can also be accessed via the Diocesan Facebook and Twitter. The survey is open until 25th February. <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/survey-on-sacraments/>

Please do what is possible to promote participation in the survey in your parish. You can copy the link to the survey on to the homepage of the Parish Website. The first two paragraphs above could be used in promoting the survey in parish notices, newsletter and on line . You might pay particular attention to encouraging the participation of young parents, of parish workers and sacramental teams, and of school personnel.

Many thanks,

Donal Harrington, on behalf of the Sacraments Review Group

Office of Child Safeguarding & Protection Service – Parish Audits

Dear Father,

It is a requirement of the NBSCCCI that all parishes complete an annual safeguarding audit. Please see attached audit document for 2019. The audit should be completed by the Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Parish Priest/Priest in-charge and the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. The audit must be returned to this office no later than the **31st March 2019**.

Copies of the audit have also been emailed to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives.

If you would like someone from this office to assist your parish in completing this audit, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email or phone.

If your **parish cannot complete this audit** by the 31st March 2019, please inform me by email.

Kind regards

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Bawnogue Parish – Our parish church, Clondalkin (Church of the Transfiguration) has been recently renovated and is looking for a bit of help - If any parish church, convent, religious or retreat house, etc. etc. has a Statue of St Anthony (to be displayed in the Church) and/or a large Crucifix (to be mounted on the wall behind the altar) that they are not using, have no space for or is in storage, that is in good condition - we would gladly give them a new home. Please contact frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie (a picture would be great) or 086 1018173 - We can arrange for collection. Thank you – Frank.

Sallynoggin Parish has a number of Solid Oak Church Pews with recently refurbished kneelers (12ft length) available, surplus to requirements. Contact Sallynoggin parish by email: sallynogginparish@gmail.com

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019

Bookings are now taking place for Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick 2019 Conference, on Saturday, 9 February, All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 2.00pm) on the topic *Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response*, concluding with a prayer service, followed by a light lunch. Focused especially for those in parish teams involved in pastoral

care, youth ministry, catechesis and preparation of young people for the sacrament of confirmation.

The Conference will be led by Mr Darren Butler, National Coordinator of the IBDI, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Response to Substance Misuse. To help offset some of the expenses involved, a subscription of €10.00 per person is suggested. Please find attached a booking form for each parish representative.

2019 Diocesan Prayer Book is now available as a pastoral outreach, courtesy of the Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick Committee to mark the occasion of 27th World Day of the Sick 2019. It is a renewed edition of the accessible and popular prayer book '***I Am With You***' for those experiencing suffering and illness. Suitable for personal prayer on many occasions, in parish, at home, in hospital, healthcare facilities and for pastoral visitation of the sick and carers and as a pastoral gift on First Friday calls. Please find attached a promotional flier for the prayer book. Additional copies of the prayer book, unit price €1.95, are available from Ms Anne Donnellan, Archbishop's House, Dublin 9, Tel 8379253, Extension 245 and from veritas.ie

ACCORD: Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of 16 & 17 February

The annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the above dates. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin offers Marriage Preparation Courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programmes for primary and secondary Schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously.