

## BRIEF HISTORY OF ST PHILOMENA'S CHURCH (1948-2023)

The area comprising Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown was officially designated as one parish, the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Clondalkin until 1953. During the late 1930s the population of Palmerstown began to increase beyond all expectations and it became clear that St Mary's, the Chapel of Ease which, with an estimated seating capacity of about 200 would no longer be adequate.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 1938, about 100 Palmerstown parishioners met at Baker's Hall in the old Chapel Lane under the chairmanship of the Canon Patrick Ryan, Parish Priest of Clondalkin. The objective of the meeting was to establish the Palmerstown Church Building Fund. Canon Ryan spoke of the generosity of the late Ms. Fitzpatrick of Riversdale in providing the site for the new church building. The Misses Joan, Lily and Ann Fitzpatrick donated £4,000 to start the building fund. Mrs Fork of Chapelizod donated a further £1,000. In addition, monies collected in Clondalkin, Palmerstown and Lucan amounted to over £700. The Palmerstown District Committee was formed charged with organising fundraising events over the following years.

Architects Robinson, Keefe and Devane were commissioned to design the new Church and their plans, with seating capacity for just over 500 people, were accepted in 1947. The plans included a wide, open nave, a choir gallery with an organ, two side altars, a narrow chancel, a mortuary and a belltower. The design was simple, the idiom contemporary and the new church was and remains a work of uncompromising originality. It is essentially rectangular with a short entrance porch and a long nave, both with pitched slate rooves. The windows are square topped except for the splendid one above the porch made up of five lancets with angular tops. The only concession to antiquity is the pair of stone Celtic crosses, one at the apex of each main gable.

The foundation stone was laid on 26 January 1947. The new Church would be known as St. Philomena's as Canon Ryan had a great devotion to the saint.

The new Church was completed in the Autumn of 1948 at a total cost of £27,500. Some of the statues and the bell presented to the Chapel-of-Ease by Patrick William Molloy of Riversdale House in 1915 were transferred to the new Church. The donor's name is engraved on the bell along with those of the recipients; Fr James Canon Baxter PP VF and Fr Michael Traynor CC.

Fr Willie Murphy CC celebrated the last Mass at St. Mary's on Saturday 30 October 1948.

The first Mass at the new St. Philomena's Church was celebrated on Sunday, 31 October 1948 by Archdeacon Patrick Ryan, PP, VG, Clondalkin. The Church was solemnly blessed and opened on that day by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. John Charles McQuaid.

## Parish Bulletin

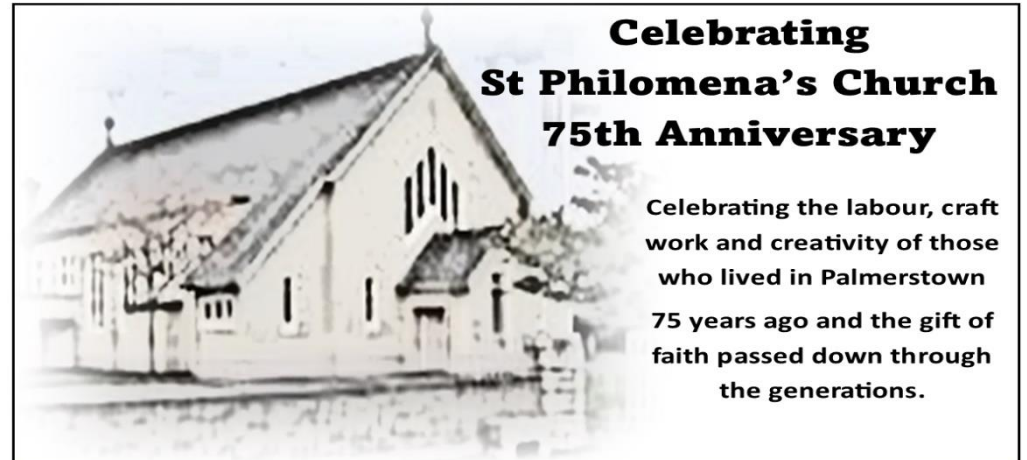
# The Parish of St Philomena, Palmerstown

## 21 - 22 Oct 2023

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## Celebrating St Philomena's Church 75th Anniversary

Celebrating the labour, craft  
work and creativity of those  
who lived in Palmerstown  
75 years ago and the gift of  
faith passed down through  
the generations.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to  
Archbishop Dermot Farrell for joining us in our  
celebrations this weekend.

### Saturday, 21 October 2023

Mass at 6.00pm

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.



## November Altar List of the Dead

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### FAMILY GIVING

15 Oct 2023 € TBA

### COMMON FUND

15 Oct 2023: €540

### SHARE

15 Oct 2023 €355

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6pm Vigil Mass (Sat)  
9.30am and 12 noon

### WEEKDAY MASSES

10am on Monday,  
Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday and Saturday

Tuesday

10am Eucharistic Service

### HOLY DAYS MASSES

7.30pm Vigil Mass  
10 am on Working Holy Days  
9.30am & 12 noon on  
Christmas Day and St  
Patrick's Day

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern about child abuse, please contact Mr Andrew Fagan, Director, Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, Dublin Archdiocese (Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00, Tel: 01-8360314 or Deputy Liaison Person Tel: 01-8360304. Tusla Office, Local Garda Station, or HSE (vulnerable adults) 1850 24 1850 or at info@hse.ie

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## READINGS AT MASS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew Matthew 22:15-21



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 21 Oct	10am	Sarah Duggan (Anniversary)
	6pm (Vigil)	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
Sunday, 22 October	9.30am	Damien Brunton (Anniversary)
	12 Noon	Hilda Downey (Anniversary) Vincent Byrne (Anniversary)
Monday, 23 Oct	10am	
Tuesday, 24 Oct	10am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday, 25 Oct	10am	
Thursday, 26 Oct	10am	
Friday, 27 Oct	10am	
Saturday, 28 Oct	10am	
	6pm (Vigil)	Patricia Daly (Anniversary) Elizabeth & Barry Keegan (Ann) Francis, Kenneth & Anne Beggan (Ann)
Sunday, 29 October	9.30am	
	12 Noon	

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cf. Luke 24:13-35

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World Mission Sunday, which takes place this weekend, is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It is coordinated in Ireland by Missio Ireland.

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

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Information: [www.missio.ie/mission-month/](http://www.missio.ie/mission-month/)