

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Today is the 5th  
Sunday of Easter,  
Easter continues for  
three more weeks.**



**We Welcome the Children  
who will receive their  
First Holy Communion  
at the 12 noon mass  
today.**

We congratulate them, their families, teachers and all who prepared them in any way for this most special moment in their faith journey.

We invite all attending this Mass to join the children and their families for light refreshments in the Parish Centre once the Mass has concluded. Thank you too, to all who have prepared the refreshments and who have decorated the Centre and the Church with beautiful art work and floral displays, and indeed anyone involved in any other way. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated.

The next '**Do this in Memory**' monthly mass will be Sunday 29th May Feast of The body and Blood of Christ.

## Parish Lotto

Has now reached €1700  
Results of the draw held on  
**Monday 18th April 2016**  
The numbers were

10 ♦ 11 ♦ 13 ♦ 25

**No Jackpot winner**



## Baptisms

Sunday May 1st 1.15pm  
Saturday May 14th 12:15  
Saturday June 11th 12:15

[www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie](http://www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie)  
NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism.

Baptism meeting for those being baptised in May will take place this Thursday 28th April at 8pm in the church.

Baptism Team meeting will take place Thursday 5th May at 8pm in the meeting room in the church.

See the blue board for large photos of Sues Baptism and Confirmation and the collage of the First Communion children.

Meeting for parents of the confirmation children, this Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in the parish centre at the back of the church.

**Pope Francis has brought out a new book "Amoris Laetitia -The Joy of Love", which will be on sale in the parish shop at a cost of €5.**

**Pope Francis has launched a special appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.**

"I think in Europe of the tragedy of those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine: of those who remain in lands shocked by the hostilities which have already caused thousands of deaths, and of those - over a million - forced to flee from the grave situation which is ongoing.

For this purpose, a special collection will be taken up in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday, 24 April. This will be taken up with the Share collection, 50% will be for Share and 50% will be for Ukraine.

## C.A.R.A

Meeting as usual on Monday.  
Hope to see you all there.

## Thank You

### March Collections

**Family Offering for the running of the parish**

	March
Envelope Collection	€6,714
Standing Orders	€6,877
Total	€13,591

The above are the **ONLY** collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of the parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so. Please contact Niamh in the parish office for details.

### Collection at Mass

	March
<b>First Collection</b> - Priests of the Diocese	€4032

### Share Collection

- Admin of Diocese	€3120
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Thank you from the Sunshine Fund for the collection on Palm Sunday which amounted to €1330.

If anyone still has Trócaire boxes at home please bring them to the Sacristy or the Office, thank you.