

## *May is the month of Mary*



## *May - Calendar / Feast Days*

**1 May: St. Joseph the Worker**

*In 2020/2021, the Archbishop gave all schools a lovely framed picture of St. Joseph to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. Hopefully, this picture is on display in a public space in each Catholic school.*

**3 May: SS Philip and James, Apostles**

**5 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

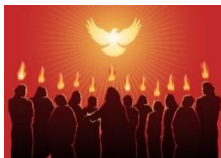
**12 May: The Ascension of the Lord**



**13 May: Our Lady of Fatima**

**16 May: St Brendan**

**19 May: Pentecost Sunday**



**20 May: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

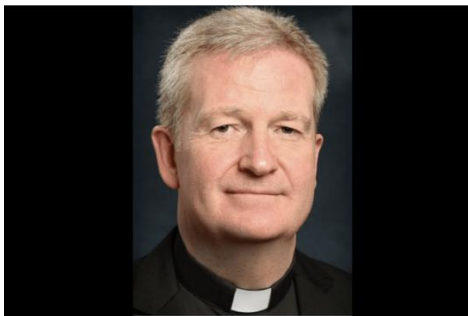
**26 May: The Most Holy Trinity**

**31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



## *News*

### *Appointment of Bishop Paul Dempsey as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin*



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Paul Dempsey as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

Appointed Bishop of Achonry in 2020, Bishop Paul has served with a joyful, hope-filled heart that has brought much energy and dedication to the preparation of the ongoing Synod on Synodality, as well as to the reception of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's prophetic call for ecological conversion in the face of the climate crisis.

Bishop Dempsey was born in Carlow in 1971 and he grew up in Athy, which is in the Archdiocese of Dublin. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, a diocese that borders Dublin. Bishop Paul will bring his many gifts to the mission and ministry of the Church in Dublin.

### *Appointment of a new Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin – Fr. Donal Roche*



Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, announced the episcopal appointment at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Dublin. Auxiliary bishops assist diocesan bishops in meeting the pastoral and administrative needs of dioceses.

Fr. Roche grew up in Drimnagh in Dublin, where he attended the local CBS primary and secondary schools. He worked for four years as a clerical officer in Dublin County Council before entering Clonliffe College in 1980 to study for the priesthood.

He went to Maynooth to study for a degree in theology and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 1986 in his home parish of Mourne Road.

Fr. Roche spent six years as a priest-teacher in Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock, and a further five years as a diocesan adviser for religious education in primary schools.

This was followed by eight years as chaplain to St. Mark's Community School, Tallaght. He also served several years as assistant vocations director in the Archdiocese.

Fr. Roche's first parish appointment was in Lucan South, followed by eleven years in Wicklow where he looked after the surrounding areas of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay for a number of years.

His current appointment is in the Cabinteely-Johnstown grouping of parishes, with additional responsibility for the growing area of Cherrywood.

Fr. Roche was appointed Episcopal Vicar by then Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin, in 2019 and continues in this role under Archbishop Farrell, with responsibility for the deaneries of Bray, Donnybrook and Wicklow. It is a pastoral role, supporting priests and parishioners.

With fewer clergy and greater lay involvement in parishes, the new Auxiliary Bishop will be supporting the Archbishop of Dublin in his role of leading the Archdiocese along the synodal pathway: all the faithful working together to bring the message of the Gospel to a new generation.

**The Ordination of Father Donal Roche as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin will take place on Sunday 26 May, and on that day, Bishop Paul Dempsey will be welcomed as he begins his ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.**

