



MEMO – MAY 2025

| Class Level | Theme | Lesson |
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| Junior Infants | Theme 6: Holy Week and Easter Seasonal Lesson Theme 8: Water Theme 9: We Give Thanks | Revise Lesson 3, An Easter Surprise No. 5 Mary (May) Lesson 2: Water is Wonderful. Lesson 1: Thank you, God, for food. Lesson 2: At Mass, we give thanks. |
| Senior Infants | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Seasonal Lesson Theme 8: Lesson 2 Theme 9: Baptism | Revise Lesson 3, An Easter Surprise No. 3: Mary (May) Lesson 2: A Place of Prayer Lesson 1: A Baby's Baptism Lesson 2: John baptises the people |
| First Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Seasonal Lesson 1 Theme 8: Jesus is still with us | Revise Lesson 2, Jesus is Risen. Revise Lesson 1, The Rosary (October) Lesson 1: 'I am with you always.' Lesson 2: 'I will send a helper.' Lesson 3: 'Go and share the Good News' |
| Second Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Seasonal Lesson 1: Theme 8: We can live as Jesus asked.' | Revise Lesson 2, The Resurrection Revise Lesson 1, The Rosary (October) Lesson 1: 'I am with you always.' Lesson 2: 'I will send a helper.' Lesson 3: 'Go and share the Good News' |
| Third Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Theme 8: The Church is a Community of Believers Theme 10: The Mass | Revise Lesson 2: Easter Lesson 1: Pentecost Lesson 2: Life in a Parish Lesson 3: Baptism Lesson 1: At Mass, we Listen to the word of God. |
| Fourth Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Theme 8: The Church | Revise Lesson 3: Easter: The Resurrection of Jesus Lesson 1: The Holy Spirit, the Giver of Gifts Lesson 2: The Church is One Family of God. Lesson 3: Continuing the Mission of Jesus Today Lesson 4: Working for Christian Unity |
| Fifth Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter | Revise Lesson 3: Jesus' work continues today |

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| | Theme 8: The Holy Spirit | Lesson 1: The Holy Spirit Lesson 2: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Lesson 3: Come Holy Spirit Lesson 4: Living a Spirit-Filled Life |
| Sixth Class | Theme 7: Holy Week and Easter Theme 10: Confirmation (The Holy Spirit) | Revise Lesson 2, Easter,; Our Reason to Hope Lesson 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit Lesson 2: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit Lesson 3: The Liturgy of Confirmation Lesson 4: Making a Difference after Confirmation |



Pope Francis dedicated 2024-25 the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Dublin Diocese is celebrating particular people this year. 'The Church is celebrating 5 in 2025'. The five are ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives of holiness. They were people who never lost hope as they persevered in their daily lives. They prayed and trusted in God. These are the people whose lives the Diocese will celebrate this year.

If you recap on your monthly memo for the month of April you will find information about the Jubilee Year 2025 and you will find information on Blessed Carlos Acutis, one of the newer saints for beatification at the time of writing.

The people we will explore over the following months are:

- Blessed Carlos Acutis (see May 2025 Memo and Calendar/ Feasts)
- Venerable Matt Talbot (see below)
- Sister Anne Crockett, Servant of God
- Saint Laurence O'Toole
- Saint Oliver Plunkett



Blessed Carlo Acutis



St. Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh



St. Laurence O' Toole, Archbishop of Dublin



Sister Clare Crockett, Servant of God



Venerable Matt Talbot

Venerable Matt Talbot 2 May 1856 -7 June 1925



The Story of Matt Talbot 1856-1925

This story of Matt Talbot is taken from the following link
<https://ballinteerparish.ie/matt-talbot-summary.htm>;

Matt Talbot was a working class Dubliner born in the middle of the nineteenth century. He was someone who through a profound religious conversion overcame his addiction to alcohol and went on to live a reformed life of heroic sanctity. He is the model and inspiration for all those struggling with addictions of various kinds and for those who work with them. Below is a brief chronology of his life.

1856 Matt Talbot was born on 2nd May to Elizabeth and Charles Talbot at Alderborough Court, North Strand. He was baptised in the Pro-Cathedral, on 5th May of that year.

1868 Having attended school for only one year, Matt got his first job. At this time, he began to drink and later admitted that from his early teens to his late twenties his only aim in life was heavy drinking.

1884 Matt stopped drinking and made an initial three-month pledge to God not to drink. Despite great temptation in the early stages, he never took a drink again.

1884-1925 His remaining forty-one 'dry' years, were lived heroically, attending daily Mass, praying constantly, helping the poor and living the ascetic life-style of Celtic spirituality. This life was his prayer to God and his defence against a reversion to alcoholism.

1925 + Matt died in Granby Lane on Trinity Sunday, 7th June on his way to Mass in the Dominican Church in Dominick Street. The chains found on his body at death were a symbol of his devotion to Mary, to whom he wished to devote himself as a slave.

Within a short time of his death, Matt's reputation as a saintly man and especially as a protector of those suffering from all forms of addiction and their families was being established. Matt Talbot was declared Venerable in 1973, which means the Church, has decided that from a human point of view he has the qualifications of a Saint. His tomb is in the Parish Church of Sean McDermott St. near the heart of his native city.



The setting up of the Apostolate was announced at Knock Shrine on 21st July 1996. Its object is to promote the prayers for the canonization of Venerable Matt Talbot and for its members' own intentions. The obligation of membership is a simple one: to recite daily the prayer for his Cause.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Matt Talbot

Lord, in your servant, Matt Talbot
you have given us a wonderful example
of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty,
and of lifelong reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament.
May his life of prayer and penance give us courage
to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps
of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Father, if it be your will that your beloved servant
should be glorified by your Church,
make known by your heavenly favours
the power he enjoys in your sight.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
(to be said daily)