

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel



the **deep end**

This Sunday's Gospel



Growing
Together IN Christ

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them that he is the vine, and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us, and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome.

The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to 'remain' in him - to rest in him, to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: 'you are the branches'. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives



Monday 10th. March Our Church reopens for Public Worship.

Check out the details from last year over the page Calling all stewards who supported the seating planning to join us again.

We will be needing new Stewards, so please call the parish office 01 2351416 and leave your contact details.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from

Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021.

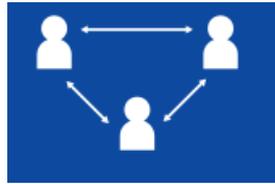
Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union

The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities".

This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively.

To Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie

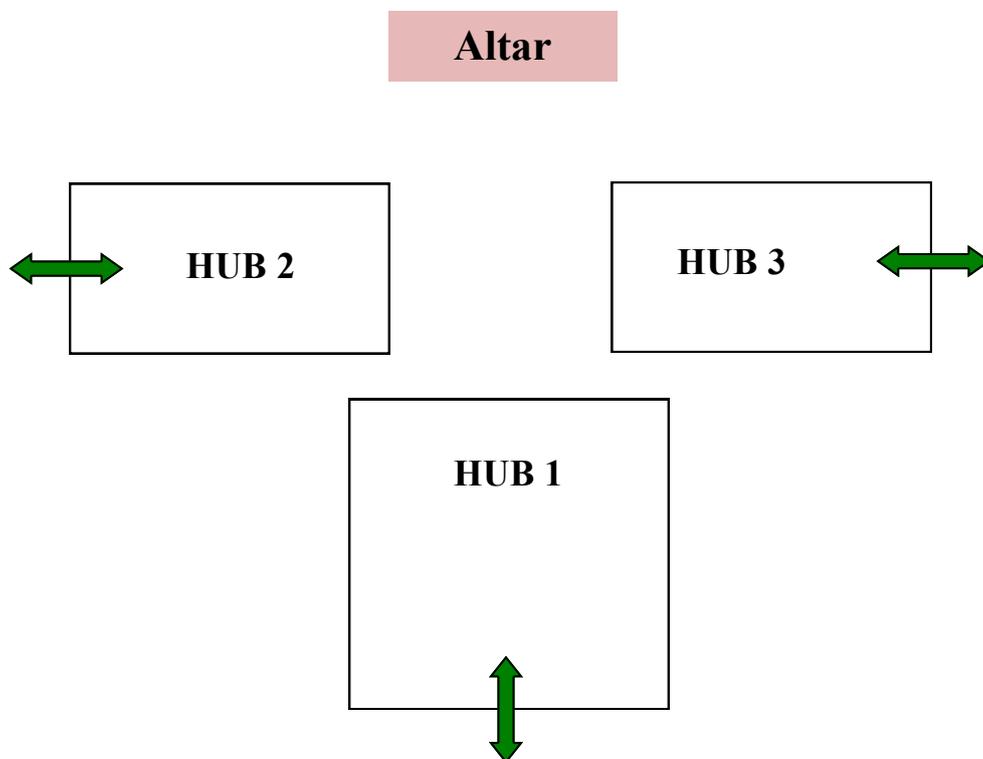
WELCOME BACK!



Four Months and more since we assembled for Daily and Sunday Mass

Now we can overview our safe planning from last year and look forward to the months ahead

The plan below marks out the three HUBS in the Church



- ◆ Please enter  and leave a HUB by the same door
- ◆ Please do not  cross **into or out** of a HUB during Mass
- ◆ Face coverings are encouraged in the Church