FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26<sup>th</sup> March The gospel of Jesus is one of hope. In raising someone from death he promises companionship, hope and eternal presence to all his people. This is the message of Christian hope.

## MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m. Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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## Deaths.

We remember in our prayers Liam Hegarty, Beechwood Park and Eileen Simpson, Ardfallen, may they rest in peace, our sympathies to their families, neighbours and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



We prepare

5th Sunday of



St. Pio Prayer Group of Our Lady of the Rosary Ardfoyle Convent, Blackrock will take place on next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 7.45p.m. followed by Mass at 8p.m. All welcome.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Wished to thank you for your continuing support. March collection €1,545 Need help or wish to volunteer contact SVP at 021-427 0444 SVP Church Gate Collection next week-end 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April



A safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11am to 12.30pm in St. Finbarr's Hospital Activity Centre, Douglas Road.

Light refreshments provided free of charge. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. All welcome.

## Sleep Soundly When the Wind Blows

Years ago, a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals. Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man. Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you; I can sleep when the wind blows. "Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew. Can you sleep when the wind blows? When you're prepared spiritually, mentally, and physically, you have nothing to fear.

