

**Message from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on Share  
Sunday 2019**

Share, the Diocesan Development Fund, is founded on the ideas of communion and sharing that are at the heart of the Christian life.

During the rapid geographic expansion of the Dublin Diocese in the 1970's, Share was introduced to pool financial resources so that new communities could build Churches, schools and accommodation for priests.

In more recent years, the needs of the diocese have become more varied. Today, in addition to supporting poorer parishes, Share also funds pastoral supports for mission and evangelisation through services provided to parishes by our Diocesan Offices and Agencies.

Parishes need the support of a network of human resource management to facilitate them to function effectively. The Office for Evangelisation is reaching out in a special way to young people.

The Child Safeguarding and Protection Office provides education in child protection for parishes. We need to develop new programmes for training and the formation of the many lay people who contribute to the life of the diocese.

I am encouraged by the growing participation of lay people in the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. I see in this a renewed sense of sharing and communion.

I would also like to thank those who serve on parish and diocesan Finance Committees and who assist in the raising, monitoring and controlling of expenditure of parish and diocesan funds.

You the people of the diocese have been very generous over these years in supporting Share even at moments of serious economic difficulties for families and communities.

I thank you for that generosity and I encourage you to continue in the coming year in the support you have given to Share.

With renewed thanks and prayers

Diarmuid Martin  
Archbishop of Dublin

**Children's Programme for Advent.** Advent begins today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, and as usual we will have our Advent Programme for Children. As St Patrick's Hall is not yet available, the children will go to the Sacristy during Mass for a short lesson and some prayer time followed by Arts and Crafts. The capacity of the Sacristy means we may have to restrict the programme to children under 6 years of age, but we will keep you up-to-date on any change for the following weeks. If any older children are excluded, the craft will be available

**Collections 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Offertory Collection: €1,308  
Share Collection: €920

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

**St Vincent De Paul** special annual collection will take place this weekend, and as always our local Conference will gratefully receive all donations, large and small, and put them to great use helping people who live locally and struggle to make ends meet.

**Baptisms** We welcome Alexander Bennet, Dara Reilly, and Con Sweeney, who joined the family of the Church through Baptism on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** will take place this First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil.

**Christian Meditation** takes place every Thursday morning before 10.00am Mass in the Church. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

**Boydell Singers and Trinity College Singers Society** will Present: '*Still, Still, Still*', an evening of sacred and secular music and carols, conducted by Sophie Dolan, (our Family Mass Choir leader), on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7:30pm in Trinity College Chapel, Dublin. Tickets are available on Facebook from the Boydell Singers Page, or contact Sophie Dolan [sophiedolan3@gmail.com](mailto:sophiedolan3@gmail.com). Come along for what is guaranteed to be a wonderful and enjoyable evening.

**St Louis High School, Rathmines** Annual Christmas Fair will take place next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from 12-3pm. All the usual stalls with Wheel-of-Fortune, Bric-a-Brac, Coffee Shop, Santa etc will be there.

**IT Skills Course** a free one-to-one computer skills course will take place in Griffith College, South Circular Road, beginning on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of November from 6-8pm for 5 weeks. Choose your own learning topic and learn at your own pace with your individual volunteer student tutor. To book your place, call Orlaith on 01-4150421.

**Handel's Messiah** will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7, performed by the Guinness Choir and Orchestra For more information phone the parish office on: 01 8389708 - Tickets cost €20 at Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**Rathgar Active Retirement Association** is a friendly and welcoming group of active retired people. We meet every Tuesday and Friday at 2.30pm for: table tennis; scrabble; cards; and indoor bowls. Outings to the theatre and other interesting venues; and twice-yearly holidays, are also on our agenda. For further information, contact Phyllis at 01 4909167.