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**Collections 1st May 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection : Common Fund €635**  
**2nd Collection : Share €408**

**Rathgar & Rathmines-Friends of Kyuso**

Rathgar Parish has been in partnership with Kyuso, a parish in the Kitui diocese in Kenya, since 2007. Since then we have raised over €330,000, have built a catholic primary school for 500 children, with two dormitories and canteen facilities, funded a successful goats' project targeted at the most needy women of all faiths, as well as funding shallow water wells in the community.

Fr Andrew PP is highly supportive of this partnership and in a huge boost, is going to get Rathmines Parish involved too, so the partnership will officially become "Rathgar & Rathmines-Friends of Kyuso".

This is very welcome. Due to the pandemic our annual fundraising concerts for the last two years were cancelled. Our funds are low, yet their needs remain great. Given climate change and drought they urgently need funding for a borehole well that can go 100 meters deep to access scarce water and they need to continue the goats project.

**Our target is to raise €35,000 before end 2023** to support both.

We will be doing a Church gate collection on **May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** in Rathgar and Rathmines Churches and will hold our annual concert once again on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please support these.

Please donate anytime by leaving a contribution in the envelopes in the church or lodging directly into AIB Terenure Road East, sort code: 93-10-71, account no: 35707124. "Friends of Kyuso".

We thank you for your continued support. It is a true measure of Christianity and humanity in action. If you would like any further information on this partnership and how you can support it, please email [rrfriend-sofkyuso@gmail.com](mailto:rrfriend-sofkyuso@gmail.com).



*I want to congratulate the children who made their First Holy Communion Yesterday, and to their parents and teachers who prepared them for the Sacrament.*

*Fr Andrew.*



**CLONLIFFE COLLEGE AUCTION**

The auction of items from Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, takes place next **Tuesday, May 10**, at 3pm. Viewing of items for those who have registered to bid will take place at the college this Saturday, Sunday and Monday. For the auction catalogue and further details visit [www.victormeeauctions.ie](http://www.victormeeauctions.ie). **All proceeds from the auction will go to relief for those affected by the war in Ukraine.**

**The Building Hope Prayer**

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,  
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.  
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.  
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,  
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more  
than we can dare to imagine  
as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.  
St Kevin, pray for us.  
St Brigid, pray for us.

**RATHGAR LADIES CLUB**

**Thursday 12th May**

**"LIZ RYAN and FRIENDS" will entertain**

**RATHGAR LADIES CLUB IN ST PATRICK'S HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 2022**

Ever since Easter, the first reading each weekend has been taken from the Acts of the Apostles. There is always a temptation, I suppose, to read that book as though it were an account of accomplishments of just a few individuals, Paul in particular. But it is certainly not that. The movement it depicts, the strengths and virtues it urges, are those of the community.

And despite Luke's optimistic use of numbers in describing the conversion of the people, one of the realities of that progress stands out very clearly. It was a slow and hesitant thing. The word that was preached, the good news, was accepted by many, certainly, but it was also rejected by many – rejected even with hostility and anger.

So fairly early on in the experience of the Church, it must have become clear that patience, persistence would have to be a quality marking the efforts of every Christian in every age.

Now certainly, growth has taken place since the time of Paul. After all, the patience to which the Church is called is no hopeless resignation. Our patience must be rather a very hope-filled awareness that, despite age after age of obstacles, setbacks, challenges, and even our own failings, the Christian community is today more clearly a picture of the intention of Christ than it was then. Not perfectly so by any means, but certainly more clearly so.

The strength, the hope of the Christian community, the one thing that will finally make John's vision in the second reading a reality is precisely the fact, that it is Christian, that it is Christ-centred.

Christ proposes himself and absolutely nothing else, as the centre of his people's lives...Their security, their strength, their hope. And as long as the Church is truly Christ-centred, nothing at all can pose any real threat to its sure and certain perfection. This Gospel today is a brief one, but it rings with a confidence in the inevitability of John's vision.

So, for a while at least, part of patience will be to make our peace with weakness, with imperfections, with failings in ourselves and in the world around us.

Again, not in any sense of a sort of fatalistic resignation to such imperfection. They must always be recognised and named for what they are, failings, and challenged as such.

But they must never be feared. In the objections, the challenges, the resistance to the mission of Christ that are raised, we must never see a danger, not even when it is we ourselves who raise them. John's vision can be delayed, it can be made far more difficult than it need be, but it can never be denied. If the power of unbelievers cannot snatch purpose from the hand of God, then neither can the weakness of believers.

Fr Andrew.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*"At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to 'come, follow me... I will make you fish for people'." – Archbishop Dermot Farrell.*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed **this Sunday, May 8**. That weekend, priests and parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese. **The usual Share collection will be taken.**

A **resource document issued by the National Vocations Office** is attached to this email.

**LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14 AND 15**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15**. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>