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SEARCH FOR LITURGY AND MUSIC RESOURCES

## 2024 A YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 focused on prayer. This could be another opportunity for Partnerships to build connections between various parishes. Find out who in our communities have been trained in leading various kinds of prayer and draw on these resources. May prayer blossom in our diocese this year.

The LitMus Office will offer the following as an initial response to this invitation at the Monastery of Saint Alphonsus in Drumcondra:

**A Prayer Journey with the Desert Mothers and Fathers**  
- Monday 29 January 8.00pm.

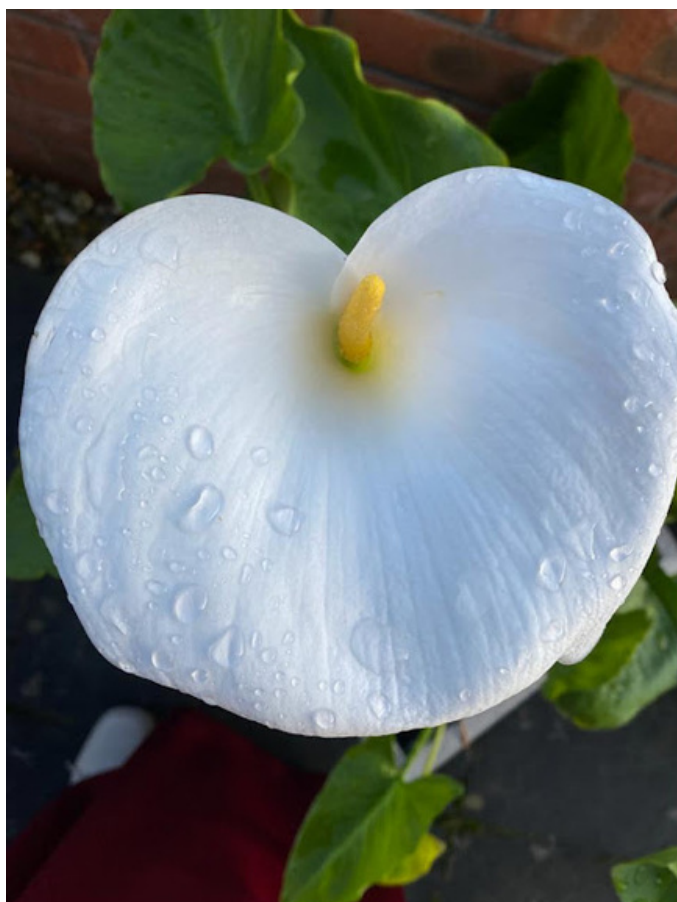
**7 Ways to Pray during Lent** - Monday 19 February  
8.00pm

**Ideas for a Penitential Service on the Lord's Prayer**  
Monday 11 March 8.00pm

Come in person or join online [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

### Funeral Leaders Courses

60 people from a range of parishes attended the first module for the training of funeral leaders in Mount Merrion last month. The further 3 modules will take place in Jan/Feb/Mar. Another course can be arranged for Mar/Apr/May/Jun. Contact me with suggestions for venues and partnerships.



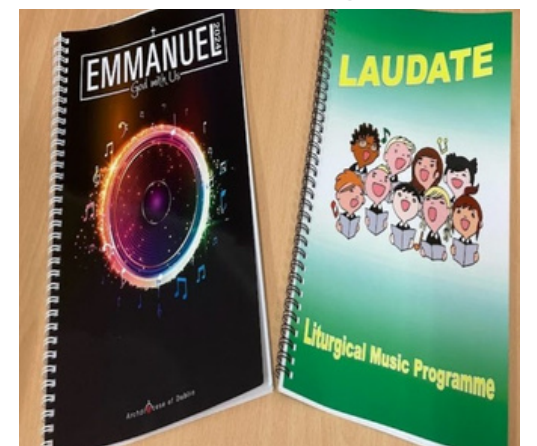
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC

### Laudate Music Festival 2024

The liturgical music programme for Primary Schools continues to enjoy great support despite extra pressure in schools due to the high number of vacancies. There are two venues this year – Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on **Tuesday 30 January** and the Church of Saint Thérèse, Mount Merrion on **Wednesday 31 January** – both at **7.00 p.m.** **Caroline Cutliffe** will direct the choirs in OLV while **Orla Barry** will be the conductor in Mount Merrion. All welcome. **Cathy Burke**, her team and the Education Secretariat ensure the smooth running of the evenings in cooperation with our loyal host parishes.



### Emmanuel 2024

Join us in the Helix on **Tuesday 12 March/Wednesday 13 March/Thursday 14 March** at **8.00 p.m.** for Emmanuel 2024.

Over 50 second level schools, 2,000 students (650 per day) from around the Diocese will present this year's programme in an engaging and energetic way with a live band of students and professionals. Auditions for soloists have been adjudicated and budding singers are working hard at this time. Ian Callanan is once again the Music Director with Grainne Clinton as Event Co-Ordinator. Book now from the Helix **01 700 7000** or [www.thehelix.ie](http://www.thehelix.ie) Bring your family - your friends - your music group.

### National Music Gathering

The Advisory Committee on Music (A Committee of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy) has arranged a gathering of Diocesan Directors of Music for 24 February. I will keep you up to date on what emerges from the day.

### Church Musicians Fees

Check out the **updated** national guidelines on the payment of church musicians at [www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie) Read the whole document for the rationale behind the suggested fees.