



**St. Brendan's Marist Parish,
Coolock Village , Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
"Newsletter"
Sunday 10th May, 2020.
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



Parish Mission Statement
"St Brendan's is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace."

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH
Administrator: Fr. Paul Walsh S.M.,
Curates: Fr. John Harrington S.M. and Fr. Paddy Stanley S.M.,
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Office hours: Closed
Sunday Mass Times : Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil)
Sunday: 11 am

**An Act of
Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are
present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at
least spiritually
into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You
were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be
separated from You.**

**Sunday 10th May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

6.30pm Mona Lumsden A(1st)
vigil Ellen Lacy A
 Vera Cunningham A
 Patrick Caul RIP

11am Brian Bracken MM
 Philomena Bellew MM
 Mona Lumsden A(1st)
 Jim Hannan A
 Andy & Letty Fitzpatrick A
 Patrick Mason A
 Billy Fleming A

Monday, 11th May:
10am Special Intention

Tuesday, 12th May:
10am Expectant Mothers

Wednesday, 13th May:
10am Peggy Twomey RD

Thursday, 14th May: St. Matthias
10am Special Intention

Friday, 15th May:
10am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday, 16th May: St. Brendan
10am Mona Lumsden A(1st)
 Nora Deasy A

**Sunday 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

6.30pm Mona Lumsden A(1st)
vigil Nora Deasy A

11am Kay Hogan MM
 Eddie Crowe MM
 Patrick (Gus) Dwyer A(1st)
 Bernadette (Bernie) Roe A(1st)
 Aaron O'Neill A(1st)

WEEKLY PARISH ENVELOPES
 We fully understand that you have many other pressing concerns at this time. If by chance you are in a position to do so, please consider storing your Parish Weekly Envelopes for future delivery or putting them through the door of the parish house at any time convenient to you.
 Thank you.

The Rosary
 For the month of May the Rosary will be recited and streamed on our webcam at 9:40am, Monday to Saturday and at 10:40am on Sundays.

Parish Website
 We are experiencing temporary problems with our website. If you wish to access our webcam, please go to Church Services website
 www.churchservices.tv/coolock

FURTHER UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

Friday, 8th May, 2020

Visits of the bereaved to cemeteries:

Glasnevin cemetery is now open to the public via the pedestrian entrance only at the junction with Slaney Road from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Monday through to Saturday to facilitate grave visits only. Pedestrian access to the St. Paul's section will also be available during these times. Pedestrian access is also available in Dardistown, Newlands, and Palmerstown cemeteries for grave visits only. To comply with Government guidelines, it is requested that only people who live within a 5 km radius of Glasnevin Trust cemeteries visit graves during this phase of restrictions.

+Diarmuid Martin

Friday 8 May 2020

DCU – MA Theology 2020

Are you interested in learning more about theology and religion, but wonder if you have the time to do a degree programme? If so, then Dublin City University has an exciting opportunity for you. The DCU MA in Theology and World Religions is a flexible programme that is suitable for those who are busy with jobs and other responsibilities. Lectures are held in the evening, one night a week, and the programme can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis. There is still plenty of time to apply for the 2020-21 academic year. Rest assured that the programme will go ahead in the coming academic year, even if aspects of the programme will be carried out virtually, from the comfort of your own home! DCU is at the leading edge of online education, and we're committed to the study of theology, even in these unprecedented times. For more information, visit this page: <https://www.dcu.ie/dc693>, or contact Dr. Joseph Rivera (joseph.rivera@dcu.ie) should you have any queries.

Spiritual Companionship

The Weeks of Guided Prayer are suspended in the diocese until further notice in accordance with the government guidelines to COVID-19 - in the meantime, our team of experienced Spiritual Companions/Guides are available if you are interested in reflecting on how you are navigating your life experience during these extraordinary times. We are aware that many people are under tremendous pressure and feeling distressed at this time for so many reasons: - cocooning and possibly isolated and alone; frontline staff in hospitals, Gardaí, shops and pharmacies; working from home; managing children while working from home; sickness; grief; job insecurity going forward... the list is endless. If you would like someone to listen confidentially and attentively with empathy and understanding to you via phone, skype or zoom, please feel free to contact me to arrange a convenient time and date. - Sr Éibhlís NicUaithuas at: 087 4170628.

ACCORD Dublin Helpline Notice

Do you need professional help with relationship issues at this difficult time? Help is available. You can talk in confidence to an ACCORD Dublin counsellor. Phone our Covid 19 relationship support helpline 01 905 9555 or visit www.accorddublin.ie

Throughout this pandemic, priests and lay chaplains have continued to minister to the sick and the bereaved in extraordinary circumstances. In the Archdiocese of Dublin, 36 ordained and 40 lay chaplains provide this essential service across a wide range of healthcare facilities.

Three of the group, Shauna Sweeny, Fr. Damian O' Reilly and Fr. John Kelly, have taken time out from their busy and very difficult schedules to give us a glimpse of what life is like for them and their colleagues as they continue to serve in exceptional times.

The first is Shauna Sweeny's which appears below. Fr. Damian O'Reilly's will appear next week and Fr. John Kelly's will appear the following week.

Shauna Sweeny, Chaplain, Tallaght University Hospital

"This new strange way of life in the hospital is something that every healthcare professional is learning to adjust to. To see our patients having to go through this unthinkable ordeal is heart-breaking. Patients have not seen their family in weeks and feel isolated and lonely. Families are at home waiting to hear from the hospital and feel helpless. Staff are dealing with extremely stressful situations that change every day.

As a chaplain in such an unusual time, it is my role to try and support patients and staff in the hospital and to make space for them to share their fears. It is extremely harrowing to see what patients and families are going through with this pandemic. Typically families would be with their loved ones morning, noon and night but that cannot be the case now.

A young man with a young family was dying yesterday. His wife and brother came in to say their last goodbyes to him. I facilitated the visit with them, they had 15 minutes to see him and say goodbye as they would never see him again. They were surrounded by people with masks, goggles, hair nets, and no faces to see. This alone put so much fear with them and they too were instructed to wear the full PPE. It is utterly heart-breaking. The reality of the current situation feels inhumane and not what we as carers are used to.

Staff and volunteers in the hospital have crocheted pairs of love hearts that fit in the palm of the hand – a set. When I met with the wife and brother of this patient, I gave them one love heart to put into his hand, knowing that he would have something of theirs and I gave them the matching heart, to always have to show their son and to know that he was not alone.

Patients are our priority and an initiative that the hospital set up is that every ward has access IPads that patients if well enough can facetime their families. If patients are too unwell the Chaplain calls the family after visiting and lets the family know how their loved one is doing. It gives the chaplain an opportunity to connect in with the family and see how they are doing as well." *(Shauna Sweeny)*

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

FRANCIS

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

SECOND PRAYER

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

This is an invitation to join with the Young Church Dublin Team to "PRAY IN MAY"

Pope Francis' letter for May 2020 encourages all of us to "rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May." So in response to his call, The Young Church Dublin Team invite you to come together with other young adults to pray a weekly Rosary.

In his letter Pope Francis shares that, "contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us to overcome this time of trial" during the outbreak of COVID 19. It is our hope that coming together as a community of prayer will help us to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and Mary, as we ponder the key moments of their lives through praying the Rosary.

What are we going to do?

- Each **MONDAY** evening of May @ **8pm** (May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) we will pray a Rosary together over a Zoom call. We will have a quick "hello" with everyone at the beginning of the call and then begin the Rosary using a small piece of Scripture to reflect on each mystery. We estimate that the meeting will last no longer than 45mins in total.

How do you join in?

- We will send you a **zoom link, a meeting ID and password** once you register either by emailing cilla.farrell@dublindiocese.ie or by emailing st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie
- For those who are not familiar with using Zoom, don't worry, it is very straightforward to use and you do not have to set up an account in order to access the meeting. You will just click on the private link that you will be sent and you will be brought into the meeting directly.
- We want you to have that sense of community with us, so why not have your cup of tea/coffee to hand and have a candle lit as we unite in prayer.
- Please note that **participants must be over 18** to join our Zoom call

I don't know how to pray the Rosary or what the prayers are?

- Don't worry! There'll be no pressure on you to lead prayers or speak out loud unless you want to. Here's a great little video to watch in order to learn a bit more on how to pray the Rosary - <https://youtu.be/GuT7Hl7ZvfA>
- And this link will lead you to a helpful infographic <https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/how-to-pray-the-rosary-infographic/>

Do I need a Rosary beads?

- If you have one, excellent! If not, thank God for 10 fingers, they'll do perfectly!

Do I have to take part every week if I sign up?

- We would love it if you could join us each week but there will be absolutely no commitment to do so. We would encourage you though to set a reminder on your phone or calendar though just so that you don't miss it each week!

For further information please find a short video explaining the Pope's call to pray the Rosary here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FB6sAT8DB4> and on pages 3/4 of this newsletter you will find the Pope's full letter including 2 prayers he has suggested we pray during the month of May. So even if you do not wish to join in our Zoom meeting to pray the Rosary, we would encourage you to pray a personal Rosary in your own home and recite these prayers during May.