



**St. Brendan's Marist Parish,
Coolock Village , Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
"Newsletter"**



**Sunday 3rd May, 2020.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Good Shepherd Sunday**

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.,
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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 3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

6.30pm Claude Bourdin RD
vigil Seamus Murray RD
Brendan Wallace MM
Mona Lumsden A(1st)
Tom Berry A(1st)
Pauline Fitzpatrick A(1st)
Sean & Martin Byrne A
Brendan Dowdall A
Barney McGuirk A
Deceased Members of the
Fitzpatrick Family
Special Intention

11am John Kealy MM
Pat Kennan A(1st)
Carmel Ivers A(1st)
Tom Berry A(1st)
Michael Ruane A
Mary Hennessy A
Anthony Mason A
Edward Bradley A
Josephine Gleeson A

Monday, 4th May:

10am Peggy Twomey RD
Nuala Power A
Phyllis Symes A
Laurence Symes A
Annette Symes A
Noel Donelan A

Tuesday, 5th May:

10am Patrick Lynch A

Wednesday, 6th May:

10am Bridget O'Reilly A
Margaret King A

Thursday, 7th May:

10am Joe Lynch A

Friday, 8th May:

10am Special Intention

Saturday, 9th May:

10am Altar List of the Dead

**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)
Andy & Letty Fitzpatrick A
Patrick Mason A
Billy Fleming A

Sacred Heart Messenger

**A supply of the Sacred Heart
Messenger has been received
and has been left in Coolock
Post Office.**

**From Saturday morning
Parishioners are invited to
collect a copy, free, from the
Post Office.**

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.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.”

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you hear the voice of the Lord, the Good Shepherd calling you to a particular way of life?

If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the National Vocations Office,

email: info@vocations.ie or your local Diocesan Vocations.

Short excerpts from the Message from Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2020

Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course.

How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high.

Our first reaction is often from the “ghost of disbelief”. Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this?

If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink.

Broadcast of Mass for Vocations Sunday

RTE Religious Affairs will broadcast Mass to mark this World Day of Prayer for Vocations on **RTE One at 11 am**. The Mass is being coordinated by Sister Moira Bergin from the National Centre for Liturgy in Maynooth and the National Vocations Office of the Irish Episcopal Conference. The celebrant will be **Most Rev Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan**, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore, who is the Chair of The Council for Vocations of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference.

2020 marks the 57th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

Latest Update on Coronavirus Situation from the Archdiocese

Cemetery Masses

In many parishes there is a tradition of holding Cemetery Masses and Cemetery Sundays during the months of June and July. Often, these are very large gatherings accompanied by community and family events. With the possible exception of relatively small events, there would be great difficulty in ensuring social distancing in transport to and from the cemetery, with parking, with entering and leaving the cemetery and in monitoring possible large gatherings around particular family graves. I appreciate that for many families a Cemetery Mass would be a first opportunity to gather, especially if funerals have had to take place in the current restrictions. However, I would strongly suggest that all Cemetery Masses should be postponed until later in the summer, when circumstances will permit them to be truly family and community celebrations. In the meantime it is important that, where possible, people have ordered access to Cemeteries to be able to remember and pray for their deceased loved ones.

+Diarmuid Martin

Thursday 30 April 2020

★ **Sincere sympathy is** ★
★ **extended to the family and friends of** ★
★
★ John (Sean) Byrne ★
★ Veronica Kelly ★
★ Eileen O’Gorman ★
★ Francis (Frank) Quaile ★
★
★ **who were buried in the last week from** ★
★ **St. Brendan’s Church.** ★
★ **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha** ★

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.