



St. Brendan's Marist Parish
Coolock Village, Dublin 5

(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)

"Newsletter"

Sunday, 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent "Laetare Sunday"

"Today is Mother's Day"- pray for all mothers



**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.**

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

Fr. Edwin McCallion S.M., P.P.

**Curates: Fr. John Harrington S.M. and Fr. Paddy Stanley S.M.,
Parish Chaplain: Fr. John Hannan S.M.**

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Office hours:	9am to 11.30am Tuesday to Friday
Sunday Mass Times :	Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil)
Sunday:	9.30am, 11 am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm

VOCATIONS

Just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, we pray that we may have faithful priests, deacons and consecrated religious to guide. We pray that those who are being called by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons or consecrated religious will hear His call. Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office at info@vocations.ie

**Sunday, 14th March, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

6.30pm vigil	Mossie Daly	RD
9.30am	Paddy O'Brien	A
11am	Special Intention Patricia Bacon—Birthday Remembrance	
12.30pm	Pat Denihan	RD
6.30pm	Expectant Mothers	

Monday, 15th March:

8am	Nellie McCallion	RD
10am	Sr. Goretti Lynch MSHR John Nolan	MM A
	Danny Cremin	RIP
1.10pm	Nellie McCallion	RD

Tuesday, 16th March:

8am	Joyce Lawlor	RD
10am	Alguis Leskauskaite Seamus O'Hara	RD RIP
1.10pm	Nellie McCallion	RD

Wednesday, 17th March:

**St. Patrick, bishop,
Principal Patron of Ireland**

9.30am	Patricia Colgan	RD
11am	Nellie McCallion	RD
12.30pm	Phill Kehoe Sheila McLoughlin	RD A

Thursday, 18th March:

8am	Nellie McCallion	RD
10am	Noel Daly Mark & Ellen Dunne	A A
1.10pm	Karina Murray William Gibson	RD RD

Friday, 19th: St Joseph

8am	Nellie McCallion	RD
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10am	Tony McMahon Alan Copeland	RD A
1.10pm	Nellie McCallion	RD

Saturday, 20th March:

10am	Mary Kenny Ann Finn	RD RD
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**Sunday, 21st March, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

6.30pm vigil	Nellie McCallion Elizabeth Browne	RD RD
9.30am	Mollie & Bernard Campbell	A
11am	Paul Deegan Tom McHugh	A(1st) A
12.30pm	Christy Thompson Mary Chase Patricia Kelly Brendan Hamilton	MM A(1st) A(1st) A
6.30pm	Nellie McCallion	RD

LENTEN REFLECTION

**On Tuesdays 16th & 23rd at 7.30pm.
It will be conducted by Sr. Kathleen
Somers and Denise McDermott from
the Mercy Centre, Coolock.
It will be broadcast through the
parish webcam.**



**The priests of the
Parish wish all who
worship in
St. Brendan's a very
Happy St. Patricks Day**

**Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona
daoibh go léir**

Message from the Finance Committee

Many thanks to the contributors who have very promptly returned their signed CHY 3. For anyone who needs more information of the charitable donation scheme it can be found by following this link:

**Charitable Donation Scheme
(revenue.ie)**

The full version of the **CHY 3** form is also available online:

**CHY 3 Enduring Certificate
(revenue.ie)**

Hard copies are also available in the parish office 9.30am to 11.30am Tuesday to Friday.

Once again thank you for participating in this scheme and for all your support to St. Brendan's Coolock.

**The archdiocese has announced
that there will be no exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament allowed in
churches during Level 5 lockdown.
St. Brendan's is adhering to this directive.**

**The church is open each day 10.30am to
5.15pm for private personal prayer.**



Please pray for one another.

THE 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTION

Nicodemus comes to Jesus. He is impressed by him and the works that he has done, but he is at the same time perplexed. He knows that he comes from God, that is obvious from his works, but what message does he bring from God? That is what is really bothering Nicodemus. What must he do? How must he respond to God's message?

We all feel like that a little from time to time. What road must I take? Should I marry this person or not? Should I take this job or not? Should I think of priesthood or religious life or not? Nicodemus comes to Jesus 'by night'. That is more than just timing. He comes in the night of human uncertainty and human difficulty. He comes in the night of that great question that all honest people ask, 'What does God want of me?' Yes, this man has come from God. Nicodemus decides to ask him.

Jesus begins by reminding people of the story of Moses and the serpent in the desert. During their time in the desert, the people were attacked by serpents. Anyone who was bitten by a serpent risked serious illness and death. Moses prayed and was instructed by God to fashion a bronze serpent. Those bitten by serpents were to come and look at this bronze serpent and they would recover. The image of the bronze serpent was the image of God's saving power for his people in the desert.

Now it is different. God's saving love is shown in the Son who has come among us. This time people who are bitten by the serpents of human weakness and hurt, bitten by the serpents of self-doubt or fear, bitten by the serpents that question us and hinder us, can look at the Son, who comes from God with this simple message, God loves us so much that he sent his Son among us, so that everyone who believes in him can come to the fullness of life with God.

God's Son did not come for judgement. Judgement is for us to make. Sure, we are often confused and unsure, but often we start with the wrong question. It is not so much in tormenting ourselves about various things that we respond to God, but rather in looking to the light that has come into the world with Jesus Christ. This is the first thing to be done, to choose Christ, to choose the light, to live by that truth and then to do everything in that light.

FINAL THOUGHT

Some people will be familiar with the book by J.R.R. Tolkien 'The Two Towers'. At the end of the book, there is a siege. The heroes are driven into the very last refuge of the fortress. They have held out for almost three days. Now the dawn is breaking; they hear the enemy battering at the door. They are too few and too badly wounded to defeat them. Their situation seems utterly hopeless. It seems inevitable that they shall simply skulk in the darkness until their doom falls upon them.

A few rays of light fall into the darkened room. They begin to take courage. No, they will not sit and wait for the inevitable! They will ride out and face the rising sun rather than sit and wait in misery. In a flurry of excitement, they mount their horses and ride out to face their enemy, riding towards the morning sun.

What happens next? Before such bravery, enemies flee. Also, from the East, illuminated by the Rising Sun, reinforcements arrive. Their decision to ride out into the light rather than skulk in the darkness has made all the difference. Christ challenges us to do the same in the Gospel today, to move out of our darkness of self-doubt and discouragement to face the rising sun that comes from God.

DIOCESAN POLICY

The Archdiocese of Dublin has advised parishes and priests not to organise events to give communion to parishioners after mass, either inside or outside of churches.

The Archdiocese of Dublin said the current situation "requires sacrifice" on everyone's behalf, to "show respect for those whose sacrifice has been greatest".

No Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Station of the Cross or Distribution of Holy Communion in the Church.

All our ceremonies in St. Brendan's are on-line. Church open for private prayer only (10.30am – 5.15pm)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Masses at 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm.

NO Vigil Mass (6.30pm)

on Tuesday March 16th

COVID-19 & Church-21: New Survey

In May 2020, The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (MDCCE) conducted a survey measuring the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on adult churchgoers in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The survey took place in collaboration with York St. John University who were investigating the impact for churchgoers in England, Scotland and Wales. Now, in January 2021, we are launching a follow-up study called *COVID-19 & Church-21*

A link to this significant online survey can be found below .

**You can access using the following link:
Covid-19 & Church-21 Survey**

Cut and paste this link to your Browser for access.

The survey asks about how you have experienced the virus, how the lockdown has affected you, your experiences and opinions of leading or joining in worship, and your opinions looking ahead. You will receive questions in blocks that reflect your role in the church and what you have done church-wise during the lockdown. The answers you give are anonymous and will be treated confidentially, so you can feel free to express your opinions.

There are several sections that include questions about you and your church. Please answer all of these if you are able because they will help us to understand how different people in different contexts have experienced the pandemic. It is better to go through each section fairly quickly, rather than spending too long thinking about your answer. At the end of the survey there is an invitation to respond in your own words to what has happened.