



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



**Sunday, 17th January 2021**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.**

<b>Sacristan:</b>	<b>Ciaran Doyle</b>
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	<b>Malachy Keena</b>
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<b>Live Streaming :</b>	<b>www.churchservices.tv/coolock</b>
<b>Office hours:</b>	<b>9am to 11.30am Tuesday to Friday</b>
<b>Sunday Mass Times :</b>	<b>Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil)</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9.30am, 11 am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm</b>

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday night the 19th January via ZOOM at 7.30pm

**Mass Intentions**

The current backlog of Mass intentions are being included from this week commencing on the 18th January

Please be assured that all deferred intentions will be remembered

We apologise for any inconvenience or distress which this may have caused.

**Feast Days celebrated during the week**

**20<sup>th</sup> January: St. Fabian, pope and martyr / St. Sebastian, martyr**

**St. Fabian** had been Pope for fourteen years when martyred under Decius in the year 250.

**St. Sebastian** may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

**21<sup>st</sup> January: St. Agnes**, virgin and martyr, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome in the early 4th century. Patrons of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

**22<sup>nd</sup> January: St. Vincent**, deacon and martyr, a deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

**Monday, 18th January:**

<b>8am</b>	Bert Cassidy	RD
	Maureen Brown	RD
	Sarah Carney	RIP
	Raymond Sheedy	A
<b>10am</b>	Ann Finneran	A(1st)
	Marie Carr	RD
	Fr. Ambrose ODC	
	Special Intention	
	Kathleen & Gerry Byrne	RD
	Kathleen Dunne	A

**Tuesday, 19th January:**

<b>8am</b>	Special Intention (2)	
	Martha Hickey	RD
<b>10am</b>	Christopher & Alice Kelly	A
	Liam O'Neill Sterner	RD

**Wednesday 20th January:**

<b>8am</b>	Hughie O'Neill	RD
	Elizabeth Browne	RD
<b>10am</b>	Denis Murray	RIP
	Holy Souls	

**Thursday, 21st: St. Agnes, virgin and martyr**

<b>8am</b>	Henry Owen Boylan	RD
	Carmel Burke	RD
<b>10am</b>	Elizabeth Browne	RD
	Denis Byrne	RD

**Friday, 22nd January:**

<b>8am</b>	People of the Parish	
	Special Intention	
<b>10am</b>	Holy Souls	

**Saturday, 23rd January:**

<b>10am</b>	Leo Prendergast	A
	Susan Comerford	A
	Bernie Lanigan	A
	Agnes Evans	A

**Sunday, 24th January, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Sunday of the Word of God)

<b>6.30pm</b>	Patrick Reynolds	A
	<b>Vigil</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Peadar Comerford	A
<b>11am</b>	Special Intention (90th B'day)	
	Paddy Hennessy	A
	Carmel Hughes	A
<b>12.30pm</b>	Tommy Murphy	MM
	Margaret Doherty	A(1st)
	Rita McMahon	A(1st)
	Bill Murphy	A(1st)
	Jack O'Byrne	A(1st)
	Patrick & Shane Thornton	A
	Patricia Byrne	RIP
<b>6.30pm</b>	Charlie Ryan	RD
	Joe Kelly	RD
	Maurice, Bernie & Carol Ryan	RIP
	Holy Souls	

Did You Know

Dublin is one of the largest Dioceses in Ireland with 199 parishes. The entire county of Dublin forms a substantial part of the Diocese along with most of Wicklow, considerable parts of Kildare in addition to sections of Carlow, Wexford and Laois.



*"Would you spend some time with me"*



**Sunday Exposition resumes next Sunday 24th January**  
takes place from  
1.15pm to 5.30pm

**Weekday Exposition resumes tomorrow Monday 18th January**  
Monday to Thursday from  
3pm to 5.15pm.

## 8 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

1. Increase your Marian Devotion. St. Louis de Montfort reminds us that Mary is the “easiest, the shortest, the most perfect means of approaching Jesus Christ.” Our Lady wants us to love her Son and she will lead us to Him in a deeper way this New Year!
2. Pray the Rosary. No Catholic’s New Year’s resolutions would be complete without a daily Rosary added in. Maybe invite someone to pray it with you! Offer your Rosary for a particular intention.
3. Make more time for spiritual reading. If you want to make progress in your walk with God in 2021, spiritual reading should be high on your list. Stick to the classics written by saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom.
4. Share your Catholic Faith. You don’t have to be overbearing when sharing your faith. Just focus on doing simple things joyfully in a spirit of selflessness. Invite someone to come to Mass with you.....when our churches reopen!
5. Adopt a Saint! Choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in this year, and entrust 2021 to their special intercession. With a saint to walk with you and inspire you, it will be easier to attain your goals and prolong your commitment to your New Year resolutions!
6. Sacrament of Reconciliation. God’s mercy and love in the Sacrament of Confession is boundless. Consider regularly attending the Sacrament in 2021. You won’t regret it!
7. Read God’s Word in the Bible. Read a passage of scripture daily and allow God to speak through His Word.
8. Discover the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Consider a 365-day programme of reading to discover the beauty of our faith in the Catechism in 2021! Guidance is available on-line.

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## Reflection (Loyola Press)

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today’s reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today’s reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah’s description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus’ passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus’ Last Supper.

We learn in today’s reading how Jesus’ first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John’s testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means “rock” in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John’s Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, “What are you looking for?” This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus’ identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

## 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.**

## Support Services for Older and Vulnerable People

**Dublin City Council Helpline** 01-2228555 Email - [covidsupport@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dublincity.ie)

**ALONE** national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

**SeniorLine** is a national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on **1800 80 45 91**.

**Age Action and the Irish Red Cross** Email: [hardship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hardship2020@redcross.ie)

Phone: **Irish Red Cross at 01 6424600 or Tel: (01) 475 6989**

**Lo Call: 1890 369369**

**St. Brendan’s will be open each weekday from  
10.30am to 5.15pm for Private Prayer and light a candle**