



St. Brendan's Marist Parish,
Coolock Village, Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
"Newsletter"
Sunday, 6th December, 2020.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.**

Sacristan: Ciaran Doyle
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Live Streaming : www.churchservices.tv/coolock
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

Confession during Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available
in our new Reconciliation
Room (Baptistry Area) in the
Church.

During the time when the
Blessed Sacrament is exposed.
Mondays & Thursdays,
3pm to 4 pm

**Sunday 6th December, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent**

6.30pm vigil Bridie McKeane A
Esther Dunne A
Kathleen & Gerry Byrne A
Patrick Reynolds RIP
Margaret, Mick & Brian Kelly A

9.30am Eamon & Carmel A(1st)
McKeever A
Nancy Connell A

11am Noel McDonnell A(1st)
Tommy Butler Jnr. RIP
Deceased Members of the
Duffy, Sheehy, Redmond &
Aughney Families

12.30pm Carmel Burke MM
Ned Purcell A(1st)
Laurence Kelly A(1st)
Michael Slater A(1st)
Colm Leech A(1st)
Eamon McKeever A(1st)
Carmel McKeever A(1st)
Nancy Connell A

6.30pm Peter Groves A

**Tuesday, 8th: The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8am Margaret & Thomas Mahady A
Thomas Craddock A
Elizabeth Dillon A

10am Margaret Doyle A
Michael & Margaret Byrne A

1.10pm Tommy Murphy RD
Eamonn Farrell A
Michael Byrne A

6.30pm Sharon Tallon A
Laoise McGrath A

Wednesday, 9th:

8am Betty O'Reilly A
Special Intention

10am P.J. Lynch RD
Roy George RD

Thursday, 10th:

8am Tony Collins RD
Mass in Thanksgiving for
Graces & Favours

10am Francis Keegan RD
Clare Flanagan RD
Annie McEvoy A

Friday, 11th:

8am Liam O'Dwyer RD
Tony Collins RD

10am Joe O'Donnell—Birthday
Remembrance
Bill Doyle A
Teresa Teeling A
Frances Roddy A

Saturday, 12th:

10am Marie Carr MM
Mary Bennett - Birthday
Remembrance
Jack O'Reilly A

**Sunday 13th December, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent**

6.30pm Vigil Michael Hogan A
Danny Gahan A
John & Bridget Flood RIP

9.30am Monica Bannon RD

11am Christmas Novena Mass
Sean Goggins A

12.30pm Evelyn Nathan A(1st)
Ann Travers A(1st)
Jacqueline Daniel A
Eamonn Farrell A
Kathleen Simpson A
Deceased Members of the
Smyth & Turley Families

6.30pm Frank Mangan A

**The Extraordinary Minister
of the Eucharist Rota**

**for December 2020 is now
available on the shelf just outside
the Sacristy door.**



*"Would you spend some
time with me"*



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
takes place from after 12.30 pm Mass
each Sunday concluding with

**Rosary & Benediction
at 5 pm**

Weekday Exposition
Monday to Thursday from
3pm to 5.30pm.

**Monday, 7th: St. Ambrose, bishop
and doctor of the Church**

8am Jim Grealley RIP
Special Intention

10am Tommy Murphy RD
Mary, Angelo & Martin
Mulvaney A
Deceased Members of the
St. V. De Paul Society, Edenmore

6.30pm vigil Patrick, Mary & Brendan
Byrne A

RE-OPENING OUR DOORS

Our parish rejoiced with the reopening of our doors to our parishioners & friends for the celebration of the Sacraments and prayer on Tuesday. It is a time to rejoice and be thankful, but also to be vigilant and understanding. Following discussions with the Parish Team & Pastoral Council we wish to emphasise- Attendance at church is limited to 100 (this includes priest, ministers & musicians). The doors of the Church will be closed once this number is attained, regrettably.

Stewards will be needed to oversee numbers – we welcome offers of help with stewarding. Please contact Parish Office or priests.

Church will be sanitised after each Mass – more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Please adhere to public health guidelines – sanitise hands on entering the Church, wear a face-mask (obligatory), maintain 2 metre social distancing. **We are asking parishioners not to congregate outside the Church entrances or exits, & to keep a safe distance from others.** You are asked not to linger in or around the church after each Mass. The fear of this happening is one of the reasons why the health experts are keeping church attendance so low.

We are offering a wide range of Mass times for Christmas, **seven (7) Masses in total.** Please attend only one Mass at Christmas so as to facilitate the needs of others, as we would hate to turn people away when we reach our capacity. All ceremonies will be broadcast on the parish webcam.

Christmas Eve (Thurs 24th): Masses at 10am, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm
Christmas Day: Masses at 8am, 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm
During Christmas Week the Church will remain open during the day for prayer and private visits until 5pm.

Annual Mass for Deceased Members of Parnells GAA Club

will take place in St. Brendan's Church on Friday,
11th December at 7.30pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, those attending are required to wear a face mask.

The Mass will be Live Streamed through St. Brendan's Webcam at www.churchservices.tv/coolock.

Tuesday, 8th December is a Holy Day

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses Monday 6.30pm vigil,
Tuesday 8am, 10am, 1.10pm and
6.30pm in the evening**

St. Vincent De Paul Society Annual Appeal Sunday 13th December 2020

**The St. Brendan's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul cannot make their usual Annual Christmas Collection because of the COVID virus. Those who would like to make a contribution, however, may leave a donation in the Sacristy, Parish House or Parish Office.
Many thanks**

REFLECTIONS OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN ON THE CURRENT COVID 19 SITUATION

In writing the other day, I stressed that in the current situation leading up to Christmas:

We should be careful not to do anything that might compromise safety during the re-opening of Churches. We have to be especially careful not to be fostering any concentration of ceremonies involving gatherings of large numbers of children, especially in this winter season. Reducing the number of gatherings is a key element in the fight to curb the spread of the virus.

There is a false impression on the part of some that we have returned to the circumstances of low risk more generally associated with Level 2 of the government regulations. This is not the case. We are at Level 3 with a special concession to allow Churches to be open for public worship to enable us to prepare for Christmas. This is a limited concession for which we are appreciative. It must however be understood within the wider imperative of reducing gatherings to what is essential.

With regard to the celebration of Christmas, I would ask parishes to be in close contact with their neighbouring parishes to ensure some policy cohesion. In some cases parishes are intending to provide a very large number of Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. In other cases, parishes wish to suspend the celebration of Mass on those days. Each parish may have different situations, but encouraging people to travel from one parish to another involves once again unnecessary movement and gatherings of people.

I would encourage parishes to avoid rushing onto a concentration of Masses just on two days and to look at using the traditional twelve days of Christmas as one period within which people could be invited to attend Mass. In other cases, families should be encouraged to come together to visit the Crib during this period. The Sunday obligation remains suspended and no one should feel forced to attend Mass if they feel unsure of the risk involved for them or for others. In such circumstances, parishes could offer prayer resources for families and parishioners to help them welcome the Christ-child into their homes at Christmas.

You will notice that Pope Francis has suspended public functions in the days leading to Christmas in order to reduce gatherings of people. He will not attend the traditional ceremony on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and numbers at his Christmas Masses are being drastically reduced.

+Diarmuid Martin
December 2nd 2020



**Christmas Novena Cards are now
available
in the Church and
Post Office (Coolock Village)**



Pack of 5 assorted cards €3.00.

The Christmas Novena Masses will take place from