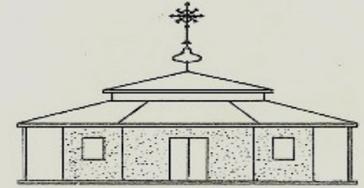


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Masses cancelled until further notice in line with measures introduced by the Government and following instructions for the Archbishop.

A list of all Church webcams in the Diocese

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/list-of-churches-with-webcams-to-watch-listen-to-daily-mass/>

Notes for our Parishioners at this time

Parishioners who wish to continue to submit their **planned-giving envelopes** each week may drop them into the Parish Office 9.30am-1.30pm. Outside of this you may 'post' your envelope under the door. This money will help with paying wages, necessary maintenance etc.

At the moment, our Church is open every day, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3pm. Part of Saturday and Sunday and all are welcome.

N.B. Those coming to the Church now must bring some form of **hand sanitisers** to be taken away when leaving

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/prayer-resources-for-use-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

In these strange times, people are troubled because they cannot go to Confession or attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. Pope Francis has said: "It is very clear - if you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God, your Father, and tell Him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." We include below a prayer - Act of Spiritual Communion - which will bring some comfort.

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. Amen.

Lent in our Parish

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The current situation will impact on Madris and Angela and their families.

Your contribution in your Trócaire Box will help a lot.

Trócaire boxes are available in the Church.

Don't Give Up - Take On

Prayer for the Covid 19 Crisis

Dear Lord, bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Crosscare during the current Covid 19 Crisis

Crosscare is trying to maintain service levels in its 24 hour residential services for the homeless and to keeping Community Food Cafes and Food Banks operation on a takeaway basis. Keeping service users, staff and volunteers safe is the priority. Information and advocacy, youth support and counselling are offered through internet and telephone where possible.

SeniorLine Support re Covid 19

Any caller will receive the most up to date guidance on Covid 19. **SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service with free calls between 10am and 10pm every day on 1800-804-591.** Website: www.thirdageireland.ie.

ALONE's support line is open Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818-222-024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

With the Lord there is Mercy and Redemption

The readings are full of hope and life. In our **First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)** the people of Israel are exiled in Babylon. The prophet tells them that God will put a new spirit in them.

In the **Second Reading, (Romans 8:8:11)** St. Paul tells us 'he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his spirit living in you.'

The **Gospel John 11:1-45** tells of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the great sign of Jesus being 'the resurrection and the life'. May we draw closer to our Lord and be with him as he faces towards Jerusalem.

Be Grateful

How privileged are many of us that during a global pandemic; we can just stay warm at home, reading, working, still being educated, creating, talking to our loved ones, with few worries and a fridge stocked with food?

Do remind yourself to be grateful today.

EXCERPT FROM *TESTIMONY FROM ITALY*

This is from a 38 year old doctor serving in a hospital in Lombardy, Italy - saying please pray for Italy.

Until two weeks ago, my colleagues and I were Atheists. I laughed at my parents going to church. A kind elderly pastor was admitted into the hospital with serious breathing problems. He had a Bible with him and impressed us when he read it to the dying as he held their hands. We doctors were all tired, discouraged, psychologically and physically finished. When we had time, we listened to him. We realized that we needed to start asking God for help. We do this when we have a few free minutes. When we talk to each other, we cannot believe that, though we were once fierce atheists, we are now daily in search of peace, asking the Lord to help us continue so that we can take care of the sick. I want to use my last breath to help others. I am happy to have returned to God while I am surrounded by the suffering and death of my fellow men.