

Church of the Resurrection, Bayside



Parish Newsletter – Sunday 26th April 2020

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Anniversaries

Each week we think of all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur and Masses will be offered for all when the Pandemic is over. Our priests include them in their private Masses every day.

Masses and Services Online and Radio

See our **Parish website** for up-to-date information including a direct link to **Church Services TV on Facebook** for a large number of ongoing religious services through the day.

The Pope's Mass each day on YouTube,
RTÉ Now from different churches at 10.30am each day.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/ireland> - where you can click directly into various Churches. See www.glenstal.com
<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/prayer-resources-for-use-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Those without access to the internet can hear Mass Monday to Friday at 10am on Radio Maria through the phone. The number is 01-437-3277 and following answer, press the speaker symbol on your phone to listen to the Mass. (Thanks Joan Wall for information)

Some people may be troubled because they cannot go to **Confession or attend Mass** and receive Holy Communion. Pope Francis 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." See below -

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.**

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter



Did our hearts not burn within us . . . ? Luke 24:13-35

Then two disciples left Jerusalem for Emmaus. On the road

a stranger joined them asking questions. They told their story. They had hoped Jesus would be the one to rescue Israel. But that was all gone. They crucified him, imagine that! All he did was good and they killed him.

The stranger listened. Then the stranger told them all that was written in the Scriptures about Jesus. He made connections. It made sense then to them. They got to Emmaus and invited Him into their home. They offered Him the loaf of bread. He took it, blessed it, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly they recognised Jesus and then he was gone. They returned to Jerusalem excited, joyful, intent on telling their new story. Like the disciples, may we find the Lord this week in whatever difficult circumstances we experience.

Earth Day

Pope Francis made an impassioned plea for protection of the environment on Wednesday, the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day, saying the coronavirus pandemic had shown that some challenges had to be met with a global response. 'We see these natural tragedies, which are the Earth's response to our maltreatment,' Francis said. 'I think that if I ask the Lord now what he thinks about this, I don't think he would say it is a very good thing. It is we who have ruined the work of God. It is "an occasion for renewing our commitment to love and care for our common home and for the weaker members of our human family".'

Next month's **Laudato Si' Week** will take place from 16th -24th May to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si'*", on Care for Our Common Home.

Reflection for the Covid 19 Crisis

"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow and every day, Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unflinching strength to bear it, Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings." – St Francis de Sales.

Alpha Ireland – Prayers for this Time

Join in prayer on Zoom every Friday from 1.30-2pm . is the link if you can make

it: <https://zoom.us/j/348473186?pwd=WXRidWEyeWNIQVoxWmYxN0JnSjdZUT09>

Meeting ID: 348 473 186 Password: 000697

Thoughts for this Time from Fr Cathal

This Pandemic is like the iceberg that sank the Titanic---the Titanic represents Secularism. When the iceberg hit the Titanic it struck five safety compartments, too many for the ship to rectify. This had a domino effect on the remaining compartments causing it to sink.

The parallel with the Pandemic striking Europe is clear. A small number of States had a domino effect on the rest of the States. They thought the Titanic was unsinkable; Europe, especially the secular EU, thought likewise. Secularism is a deadly offshoot of Communism, taking God out of every sphere of life. It has led to one-half of the world not caring about the other half e.g. the richer states of the EU ignored the plight of Italy and Spain etc. until they felt the cold effects of Covid 19. The 2020 Pandemic can be called the Secular Pandemic. Previous epidemics, like Ebola, SARS, the plague of locusts, were in Africa or elsewhere and ignored by the secular West – they thought they were secure – but no longer!

Pope Francis rightly speaks of us being on trial – if Europe does not change, it will certainly sink.

– Fr

Cathal Price

Support Services Available during Pandemic

ACCORD – support on 01 531 3331 9am-8pm for those experiencing relationship difficulties.

ALONE support for older people. Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm. Call **0818 222 024**.

SeniorLine, confidential service for older people. Freephone 10am -10pm any day on **1800 80 45 91**.

Age Action and the Irish Red Cross re assistance to older and vulnerable people experiencing hardship during the pandemic, with once-off grants, up to €500, per person/house affected. **Lo Call: 1890 369369** Phone: **01 642 4600** Email: hardship2020@redcross.ie.

Women's Aid - confidential information, support and understanding to women abused by current/former boyfriends, partners or husbands. **Tel: 1800 341 900** or **01 678 8858**; email info@womensaid.ie 24 hour.

Men's Aid, supporting men and their families experiencing Domestic Violence in Ireland. **Tel: 01-5543811** **Tel: 01-5394277** **E-mail: hello@mensaid.ie**

ISPCC Dublin, child protection charity. **Call: 01 676 7960** **Email: ispcc@ispcc.ie**

The Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Immediate response, call Freephone. **116 123**.

Pieta House- free therapy to those engaging in self-harm, with suicidal ideation, or bereaved by suicide. No referral needed. Freephone **1800 247 247**

Jigsaw for younger people experiencing a hard time, or for those worried about a young person.

www.jigsaw.ie <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events>

HSE Resources - Bereavement Leaflets - Bereaved by Suicide; Responding to a person in Suicidal Distress; Supporting anyone bereaved by suicide; Managing Covid-19 Stress; Experiencing a traumatic event; Stress Control Online Programme. All online www.healthpromotion.ie.

Trócaire

Remember as you can't get your Trócaire boxes delivered, you can donate on the Trócaire website www.trocaire.org or by phone **1850-408-408**.

Knock Virtual Pilgrimage

Join Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage today Sunday, 26th April.

Programme

2.30pm: Rosary

3.00pm: Pilgrimage mass celebrated by the Rector of Knock Shrine, Father Richard Gibbons

3.45pm: Benediction

4.00pm: Virtual visit to the Apparition Chapel

4.15pm: Opportunity to place a petition, light a candle or have a mass said online.

link: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

Also a specific virtual youth pilgrimage for teens will take place over Facebook live. Details and parental consent form from st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Cleopas Tells His Story- from Sunday's Gospel

It's all over.

How did it come to this?

Last week – so much hope, expectation, success, acceptance.

Suddenly there was a change.

one of our own blew the whistle the end was horrific.

He went towards it though, willingly, calmly, as if it was right.

How could it be right?

We ran. Couldn't take it. Hid, like children afraid of being caught.

Grown men afraid for their lives.

Women - they saw Angels.

Men - nothing.

Then He came. Asking questions. Listening to us.

It was good to talk. To hear ourselves tell the story.

Then, he talked. 'Our hearts burned within us' listening to Him.

It made sense then.

Home. we invited Him in. He came.

As guest, He took the bread,

blessed it, gave thanks and broke it.

We sat in wonder, sudden recognition.

Then He was gone.

Left us with joy, peace, excitement.

Thoughts for the Week

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." – Kahlil Gibran

“When you are able to shift your inner awareness to how you can serve others, and when you make this the central focus of your life, you will then be in a position to know true miracles in your progress toward prosperity.”– **Wayne Dyer**

Practise kindness all day to everybody and you will realise that you are already in Heaven now.

– **Jack Kerouac**