

Church of the Resurrection, Bayside

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Anniversaries

Each week we bring those whose anniversaries occur, to mind and Masses will be offered for them when the pandemic is over.

Easter Dues, Family Offerings and Collections

We have had many queries re **Dues** and **Family Offerings** envelopes– these may be dropped into the Parochial House or the Parish Office letter box. **We would be very grateful for these to be left in particularly during this difficult time.**

Masses and Services Online and Radio

Direct link to **Church Services TV on Facebook** for religious services on our Parish website.
The Pope's Mass each day on YouTube.
RTÉ Now at 10.30am Monday to Friday.

<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 internet access can hear 10am Mass Monday to Friday on Radio Maria by phoning 01-437-3277 from a landline, then press the speaker symbol on your phone. **Check with phone provider first in case of extra charges.**

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.

Alpha Ireland – Prayers for this Time

Join in prayer on Zoom every Friday from 1.30-2pm.
<https://zoom.us/j/348473186?pwd=WXRjdWEyeWNlQVoxWmYxN0JnSjdZUT09> is the link if you can make it.
Meeting ID: 348 473 186 Password: 000697.

Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The readings this week focus on the last words of Jesus to his disciples. *"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."* In these precious words, we can see clearly what an incredible promise that Jesus is making to us -- to me! Why had I not understood this so directly before -- that if I love God and try my best to follow the life instructions that He has given to me, that Jesus will then love me and reveal Himself to me? I pray for the grace, then, to find God in all things, in all people and in all the circumstances of life that He may put in my path.

Sacraments in our Parish

The Sacrament of Confirmation was to be celebrated next Friday 22nd May for the 6th class pupils from Bayside school. First Communion was to be celebrated over two weekends recently. This has been very disappointing for all the children and we send them our best wishes and assure them of our prayers - they are remembered in our Masses. The Sacraments will take place at a later date when this virus passes. Then we will celebrate together!

LAUDATO SI' Week – on Care for our Common Home

Don't forget to join us each day until 24th as we pray the Angelus when the church bell rings – for the intention of taking better care of God's creation.

St Francis Hospice Booklet

All proceeds from the sales of 'Fattening the Curve' by Una Healy will be donated to St Francis Hospice. Link to buy <http://www.sfh.ie/fattening-curves-Una-healy>

Prayer to Our Lady

Hold my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold it firmly lest I fall.
I am nervous when I'm walking,
So today I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Help me with my undertakings,
Lessen many of my cares.
When evening falls upon me
And I fear to be alone.
Take my hand O Blessed Mother
Once again and lead me home.

Trócaire

Remember, you can donate on the Trócaire website www.trocaire.org or by phone **1850-408-408**.

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** -for seniors with hardship during the pandemic, once-off grants per person/household, up to €500. Lo Call: [1890-369-369](tel:1890-369-369) or 01 642 4600 Email: hardship2020@redcross.ie, **Women's Aid** - support for women abused by current/ former boyfriends/partners/husbands. Tel: 1800-341-900 or [01-678-8858](tel:01-678-8858); email info@womensaid.ie 24 hour; **Men's Aid**, supporting men and their families experiencing Domestic Violence in Ireland. Tel: [01-554-3811](tel:01-554-3811) Tel: [01-539-4277](tel:01-539-4277) E-mail: hello@mensaid.ie; **ISPC Dublin**, child protection charity. Call: [01-676-7960](tel:01-676-7960) Email: ispcc@ispcc.ie; **The Samaritans** 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Immediate response, call Freephone. [116-123](tel:116-123); **Pieta House**- free therapy to those self-harming, 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** – a variety of leaflets available on stress, bereavement etc. See www.healthpromotion.ie; **Covid 19 Tech Help** - A group of I.T people offers free tech support to cocooning seniors-Tablets, Phones, PCs, software, Google Assistant, Skype, smart heating, Wifi etc. No personal details requested. Web <https://covid19tech.ie/about/> <https://www.facebook.com/Covid19TechHelp/posts/118344963168927>.

Poetry Corner

Slow Down by Pat O'Keeffe

The daisies jump up through the freshly cut lawn
And sing their praises to God at dawn.
As the pigeon on the rooftop flaps his wings
I fret and worry about so many things.
Economic growth comes to a freeze,
And the beautiful green trees rustle in the breeze.
The honeybee buzzes from flower to flower.
I worry about tomorrow and my spending power.
The trees and the birds and the honeybee
Tomorrow and the future they do not see.
They live for today without anxiety and fear
No worry about things and other such gear.
The Pandemic is a message to take time out
For nature to recover I have no doubt.
I sit in my garden and watch my flowers grow
And nature cries out "sit back and take a bow"
Corona may bring the world to a standstill
For God's creation to recover and refill.
We could learn from nature and not worry and fret.
Sit back and enjoy without any regret.

Everyday Is Earth Day By Kelly Roper

Every day is earth day,
Or at least it should be.
We should take steps every day
to save our planet, don't you agree?

Try walking when it's practical,
And skip driving a car.
It will help cut down emissions
And raise air quality by far.
Reuse, renew, recycle,
Think of how much you throw away.
Our earth can only hold so much trash,
One day there'll be the devil to pay.
And when it comes to littering,
It's not enough to clean up after yourself.
Leave places better than you find them,
And pick up litter left by someone else.
Don't spray your garden with pesticides,
Protect the birds and the bees.
Choose natural ways of deterring pests,
That won't carry poisons in the breeze.
These are easy things we all can do,
To protect the earth for future generations.
If we continue to ignore all the warning signs,
We'll face sad and irreversible ramifications.

Together but apart by Sophie Hand 6th Class North Bay

My life was fun, but Covid's here,
I sense the danger lurking near.
It's hard living in quarantine,
Covid-19's really mean.
They say it can kill our family,
At least it hasn't gotten me.
I'm telling you now, when this ends,
We'll have a party with our friends.
Together but apart we stand,
As Covid travels across the land.
Nobody deserves this fate,
Let's stop it now before it's too late

Focus on the Good Things in Life

Two friends were walking through the desert. At one stage in their journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face.
The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything he wrote in the sand, 'Today my best friend slapped me in the face.'
They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to have a wash. The one who had been slapped got stuck in a mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he had recovered from his shock, he wrote on a stone, 'Today my best friend saved my life.'
The friend who slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write in stone, why?'
The other friend replied, 'When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.'"

Thoughts for the Week
This Universe is not outside of you.
Look inside yourself; everything that you want, you
already are. – Rumi. 3