

Church of the Resurrection, Bayside

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Pentecost Sunday

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Anniversaries

Each week we bring to mind those whose anniversaries occur, and Masses will be offered for them when the Church is fully open again. We also remember Fidelma Farrelly recently deceased.

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=WXRjdWEyeWNIQVoxWmYxN0JnSjdZUT09> is the link if you can make it.

Meeting ID: 348 473 186 Password: 000697.

Web Streaming in our Church

Very many of you have approached me about web streaming in the church. I will give you more information next week. Fr. Peter.

Easter Dues, Family Offerings and Collections Easter dues and family offerings may be left with the parish secretary or to the parochial house 1 Bayside Square N.

Thought from Fr Peter on Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This year it seems very strange and unreal for many. Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the power to go out to the whole world and bring the Good News.

They were weak men but the gifts of the Spirit gave them the power to overcome their weaknesses. Most of them suffered martyrdom such was their courage.

But they had the power of the risen Lord within them. Jesus did not abandon them.

Many of us have to face new doubts and troubles in these times. Many of you feel abandoned. But we too have the Holy Spirit within us to give us strength and courage.

At Pentecost I think especially of the children who were due to make their Confirmation which cannot now take place. I feel so sad for all of you. But we will rejoice again and the Holy Spirit is within each of you. Jesus loves each of you.

Pentecost is also the time when many priests celebrate the anniversary of their ordination. It is a surreal time for priests. But the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of the risen Lord shines through.

So let us draw strength from the love so many have shown us especially our front line staff. They are giving us great witness.

Finally, then, may the love of the Holy Spirit be within us and give courage, strength and love.

Fr Peter.

Stay Healthy While Praying in Our Church

Some people have asked is the church open?

Yes, the church is open for private prayer every day. So you can drop by and light a candle, while always maintaining the 2 mtr social distancing.

Parish Office

The parish office is fully open. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 to 1:00 Wednesday 11:00 to 4:00



Venerable Mary Aikenhead, a Cork woman, embraced the Catholic Faith on 6th June 1802 at the age of 15 and on the same date 10 years later she began her training as a Religious Sister of Charity, the

order she founded and led for 43 years.

Mary's prayer for this season of Pentecost was that each of us would 'invite the Holy Spirit to visit' her/his heart and 'may the Holy Spirit guide' us.

Further information on Mary Aikenhead can be accessed at www.rscaritas.org

Pope Francis Audience this Week

Pope reminded us of the upcoming Solemnity of Pentecost and invited us to pray to the Holy Spirit to become men and women of peace and kinship that can bring gifts of trust and hope into the world.

Trócaire

Trócaire boxes can be left into the Parish Office or you can donate on the Trócaire website www.trocaire.org or by phone **1850-408-408**.

Love Letter to the Earth

This is a 'do not miss' endeavour which Trócaire created to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Laudato Si and includes presentations from Irish children and adults and others around the world.. See the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue YouTube page - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEWWdl-2ghI>

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** 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**;email info@womensaid.ie 24 hour; **Men's Aid**, supporting men and their families experiencing Domestic Violence in Ireland. Tel: **01-554-3811** Tel: **01-539-4277** 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 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>.

I Wonder Why?

I wonder why rats and mice
and other creatures not so nice.
I wonder why gnats and bees
and why elephants have no knees.
I wonder why big black holes

and if animals have no souls.
I wonder why some thin and tall
and others are so fat and small.
I wonder why gravity
virtue and depravity.
I wonder why drugs and dope
and why some people have no hope.
I wonder why anguish and pain
and others with great wealth and gain.
I wonder why Divinity
and if there is infinity.
I wonder why good and evil
and why I never see the devil.
I wonder why if God above
that down below hate and love.
I wonder why, oh why! oh why!
some day I have to die.

Pat O'Keeffe

If anyone feels inspired to submit poems or stories,
we would be delighted to get them.

Nothing is Written

My favourite film is "Lawrence of Arabia" and, my favourite scene is the one of Lawrence's triumphal return from the Nefud desert, having gone back to rescue the Arab, Gasim. The crossing of the Nefud desert is considered impossible, even by the local Arabs, but Lawrence persuades them that, in this way, they can take the Turkish port at Aqaba from the rear. Having carried out the superhuman feat of traversing this furnace, it is discovered that one of the Arabs, Gasim, has fallen off his camel and is no doubt dying somewhere back in the desert. Lawrence is told that any idea of rescue is futile and, in any event, Gasim's death is "written". When Lawrence achieves the impossible and returns with Gasim still alive, Sherif Ali admits to him: "Truly, for some men nothing is written unless they write it". **Author: Roger Darlington**

The Little Wave

The story is told about a little wave, bobbing along in the ocean, having a grand old time. He's enjoying the wind and the fresh air - until he notices the other waves in front of him, crashing against the shore. "My God, this is terrible", the wave says. "Look what's going to happen to me!"
Then along comes another wave. It sees the first wave, looking grim, and it says to him: "Why do you look so sad?" The first wave says: " We're all going to crash! All of us waves are going to be nothing! Isn't it terrible?"
The second wave says: "No, you don't understand. You're not a wave, you're part of the ocean."
Source: "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom

Thoughts for the Week

The greatest wealth is to live content with little. - Plato
Turn your wounds into wisdom. - Oprah Winfrey