

# Church of the Resurrection, Bayside



## Parish Newsletter – Sunday 19th April 2020

Easter Sunday

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### Masses and Services Online

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 St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral Letterkenny, at 10.30am each day.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/ireland> -

where you can click directly into various Churches.

See [www.glenstal.com](http://www.glenstal.com)

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

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.**

### Pope Francis this Week

Let us pray together for pharmacists. They are working hard, together with doctors and nurses to help the sick get better.

### Recently Deceased

**We remember in our prayers**

**Marie Hoey, R.I.P.** late of Balbriggan and formerly of Briarfield Road. **Gerard Coyle, R.I.P.** late of Foxfield St. John and **Michael Lambe** rt, R.I.P., late of Briarfield Road. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends and neighbours.

May they rest in peace.

### 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.

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers **Frank Caffery C.S.Sp., RIP,**

**A much loved Curate of Bayside Parish**

also **Doreen Corrigan, RIP.**

**Peter Fuller, RIP.**

**Eleanor Molloy RIP.**

**Bryan O'Hara RIP**

Our thoughts and prayers are with their family, friends and neighbours. May they rest in peace.

### Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter

#### His love has no end!

At the heart of today's Easter liturgy, we witness God's unending love and mercy at work in the midst of very human doubt and weakness.

In the **Gospel**, (John 20:19-31) the risen Christ appears to the disciples in their hiding place. Blessed with the Holy Spirit, they are sent out to spread Christ's message of love, forgiveness and peace. Thomas is not with them and cannot believe what they tell him, but eight days later, Jesus returns and the reality of resurrection is revealed to Thomas in a personal way.

The **Second Reading (Peter 1:3-9)** reminds us that the resurrection shows us as children of God and we are invited to be joyful about this. This changes us and everything forever. Even in the trials and anxieties of the times we are living though, faith will always be enough.

The **First Reading Acts 2:42-47)** shows how the Early Church, filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, lived out its faith - members are united in the breaking of bread, communal prayer, a spirit of shared generosity, and in compassionate acts of love. This is the life we are called to live too today as we face the challenge of maintaining our bonds with family and friends, when we can no longer safely gather. Christ is with us in our longing to be together.

Let's pray for each other, and especially for those facing trials because of their health or isolation. May we remain joyful in the certain knowledge of God's great mercy that has made us his children.

### Trócaire

The Trócaire Lenten campaign is over but Angela and Madris still need our help, now more than ever. The Covid 19 pandemic threatens to add to their struggles. As most of us will not be able to bring our boxes to Trócaire, why not consider making a

donation now to help Madris grow crops, bring medicine to help with all the medical problems and bring chickens and eggs to help alleviate the hunger being experienced.

Donate on the Trócaire website [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by phone **1850-408-408**.

#### An 'Isolation Retreat' for All at Home

Priests from Manresa have written a 14-day 'Isolation' retreat. Each day has a specific theme, a preparatory prayer, an introduction to the themes, three scripture quotes, questions for reflection and a closing prayer. People can use this resource in a number of ways:

- follow the programme for the 14 days;
- dip into the themes that speak to you, for example the meditation on fear;
- or use the meditations as daily prayer.

It can be used to get reassurance that God is with you during this difficult time, to deepen your prayer life or provide a safe space away from anxiety. See [https:// www.sacredspace.ie/covid-19-isolation-retreat](https://www.sacredspace.ie/covid-19-isolation-retreat)

#### 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. Amen.

#### Support Services Available during Pandemic

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

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

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

**Age Action and the Irish Red Cross** provide additional assistance to older and vulnerable people experiencing hardship as a result of the pandemic by making once-off grants, up to a maximum of €500, per person/household affected.

**Lo Call: 1890 369369** Phone: **01 642 4600** or **(01) 475 6989** Email: [hardship2020@redcross.ie](mailto:hardship2020@redcross.ie).

**Women's Aid** Freephone Helpline offers confidential information, support and understanding to women being abused by current or former boyfriends, partners or husbands. **Tel: 1800 341 900** or **+353 1 678 8858**; [email\\_info@womensaid.ie](mailto: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](mailto:hello@mensaid.ie)**

**ISPCD Dublin** is Ireland's national child protection charity. **Call: 01 676 7960** **Email: [ispcc@ispcc.ie](mailto:ispcc@ispcc.ie)**

**The Samaritans** 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, call Freephone. **116 123**.

**Pieta House** gives 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 going through a hard time, or for those worried about a young person in your life. [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie) <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing>

#### Knock Virtual Pilgrimage

This year's annual Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage 2020 will be postponed until further notice. Instead people are invited to join in the Masses in Knock and visit the Apparition Chapel all online next **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**. See [www.dublindiocese/knockpilgrimage.ie](http://www.dublindiocese/knockpilgrimage.ie).

#### A Thought for this Time

"Generosity and creativity are being combined by so many to respond to what is above all a call to solidarity, a call to care for one another. Our faith and trust in God can give us an added strength to respond with Christian care to the needs and anxieties of others." - **Archbishop Diarmuid Martin**

#### When

And when this ends we will emerge, shyly and then all at once, dazed, longhaired as we embrace loved ones the shadow spared, and weep for those it gathered in its shroud. A kind of rapture, this longed-for laying on of hands, high cries as we nuzzle, leaning in to kiss, and whisper that now things will be different, although a time will come when we'll forget the curve's approaching wave, the hiss and sigh of ventilators, the crowded, makeshift morgues; a time when we may even miss the old-world arm's-length courtesy, small kindnesses left on doorsteps, the drifting, idle days, and nights when we flung open all the windows to arias in the darkness, our voices reaching out, holding each other till this passes.

**John O'Donnell**

#### Impact

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So, don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

#### Thoughts for the Week

**Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. - Thomas Merton**

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**Every great good ever accomplished  
happened first in the heart and mind  
of someone who cared –  
someone with imagination and passion  
for making the world a better place . . .**

