

Church of the Resurrection, Bayside

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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension

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Anniversaries

Each week we bring those whose anniversaries occur, to mind and Masses will be offered for them when the Church is fully open again.

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.mcncmedia.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=WXRjdWEyWNIQVoxWmYxN0JnSjdZUT09> is the link if you can make it.
Meeting ID: 348 473 186 Password: 000697.

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>

Easter Dues, Family Offerings and Collections

We have had many queries re **Dues** and **Family Offerings** envelopes. These may be dropped into 1 Bayside Square Nth or the letter box in the back door of the Church. **As this is a very difficult time in the financial affairs of the Diocese we would very much appreciate receiving these donations.**

Reflection for the Feast of the Ascension

After the Ascension the disciples returned to Jerusalem comforted and joyful to await the power and strength of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus Christ.

Today when some of our leaders die or retire, their influence dies away, because they do not leave behind a helping hand to propel their mission and vision.

This did not happen to the disciples. Jesus' mission was well-communicated and the Holy Spirit is the helper, who continues to give us the strength to proclaim the Good News.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, giver of life and strength, come and dwell in us. Always give us the strength to combat the evil one. Help us to overcome sin and evil temptations. Give us courage to overcome persecutions as we proclaim the Good News to the world. **Amen.**

LAUDATO SI' Week – on Care for our Common Home

This week the Catholic World celebrates the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' on the care of our common home. In Laudato Si 8-9, Pope Francis quotes Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew who spoke of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet. His words have been put into a prayer:

Where there is consumption - let there be sacrifice.

Where there is greed - let there be generosity.

Where there is wastefulness - let there be a spirit of sharing.

Grant that we may give - rather than simply give up.

May we move gradually away from what we want - to what God's world needs.

Free us from fear, greed and compulsion.

Help us to appreciate that the divine and human

meet in the slightest detail in the seamless

garment of God's creation,

in the last speck of dust on the planet. Amen.

Sacraments in our Parish

On Friday last, the children from 6th class in Bayside school were to be confirmed. This had to be cancelled because of Covid 19 which was very disappointing for the children and their families. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament with them some time in the future and assure them of our good wishes and prayers.

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**.

Pope Francis – Public Audience 20th May

We are not insignificant, but each the child of a great King. Prayer assures us that things do not exist by chance, and that our relationship with God is the source of our nobility.

On line Retreat Days Lough Derg

See www.loughderg.live for retreats 10.30am-2.40pm Sat 16th, Tues 19th, Sun 24th and Wed 27th May. Phone 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

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; **ISPC 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>.

If you feel inspired to submit poems or stories, we would be delighted to get them.

'Then I'll Drop the Coins' from Living Word - Fr Séamus

One day when I was six, knowing my mother was saving coins in a costly vase, I decided to put my hand into it to steal money for sweets. To my horror all my efforts to get my hand out were to no avail. Caught in the act, when my mother returned, she noticed what was happening and came to help. But, she too failed to free my hand. Eventually my father, not impressed, came on the scene. He tried unsuccessfully to retrieve my hand. The only solution was to break the vase. Just before

breaking it my father suggested one last attempt – “Get your fingers together and pull your hand out straight.” My parents could not believe my response – “But then I'll drop the coins.”

The temptation of money can make not only a child, but even the wise and the learned act foolishly. It is said that money is the purchaser of anything except death and happiness is a passport to anywhere except heaven. Jesus says “Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth but store up treasures for yourselves in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”

Where is my heart? Where is your heart?

My Wish For You

This is my wish for you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, Love to complete your life.” — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Thank You, Lord, for the Air We Breathe

After a 93-year-old man in Italy recovered from Coronavirus, he was told he must pay for the ventilator for one day. The old man started to cry. What the old man said made the doctor cry – “I don't cry because of the amount I have to pay. I have the money. I cry because I have been breathing God's air for 93 years but I never had to pay a penny for it. But for using a ventilator for one day I have to pay €5,000. I realise now how much I owe God. I never thanked God for it before”.

A Butterfly's Struggle

One day, a man finds a butterfly emerging from its cocoon. He watches the butterfly struggle to come out through the tiny opening. After a while, he decides to help the butterfly when he sees it is not moving.

Using a pair of scissors, the man snips off the cocoon and opens it fully. The butterfly emerges out easily but it has a swollen body and undeveloped wings. The man waits patiently to see the wings grow and tries to nurse the butterfly but in vain.

The butterfly spends the rest of her short life, struggling to fly and crawling around. The man tried to do a good deed without realizing that some struggles are important in life. Nature has designed the butterfly's body to struggle before it can fly.

Moral of the Story: The struggles and hardships in life shape our personality. They make us courageous and independent.

Thought for the Week

“Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead.”

— **Charles Bukowski**