

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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.

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this
time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing
to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and
art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR

Togher Family

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR

Kinsella Family**FINANCIAL MATTERS - 25th April 2021**Gift Aid **£118.85**Second Collection **£142.27**Non-Gift Aid **£150.70**

for the Clergy Training Fund

Total **£269.55**

Thank you for your generous offerings!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - There are baskets at the Entrance and Exit of church for your
weekly offering and for second collections. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR THE PARISH MAINTENANCE!**Useful Information**

◊ **Sick List** - If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must
complete a consent form, you can find them in the porch, and return it to the office.

◊ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be
contacted to book a date.

◊ **Parish Hall**: See website – there is an enquiry form that you can fill out and send to the
parish office website, or telephone 0121 422 4865 to make an enquiry.

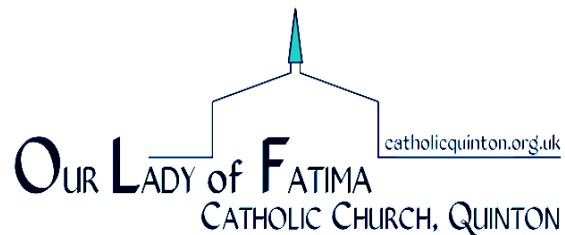
◊ **Hospital Chaplaincy**: If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local
hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know as the Hospital staff will not
automatically let us know.

Parish Administrator: Mrs Collette Keegan

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 08:30 am - 12:30 pm

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Irene Byrne - contact via Parish Office.

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2ND MAY 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Saturday	01	6:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	02	9:00 a.m.	Chris McGovern Prince Philip RIP
		11:00 a.m.	Margaret Davis RIP (1 st Anniv) Kitty Cahalane RIP
Monday	03	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Souls Feast of Ss Philip & James
Tuesday	04	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary
		10:00 a.m.	John Peeney RIP Feast of the English Martyrs
Wednesday	05	---	No Public Mass
Thursday	06	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary
		10:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of SVP
Friday	07	6:00 p.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary
		6.30 p.m.	Sean McGahern
Saturday	08	10:00 a.m.	Enrolment Mass & Reconciliation (Year 6)

9TH MAY 2021 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Saturday	08	6:00 p.m.	Mary Manning RIP 2 nd Anniv Brendan Byrne RIP
Sunday	09	9:00 a.m.	May Conlon RIP Anthony Murray RIP
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Kirby, Janet Jones, Diana Peeney, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Kitty Sugrue, Mary
Basterfield, John McCallion, Michelle Cronin, Mary Davitt, Jophin George, Margaret
O'Connor, John Lynch, Des Ponsonby, Donna Walsh, Alfred Austin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time. We pray also for those
whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Please note the change of Mass times this week – **There will be No Public Mass at
10 a.m. on Saturday 8th, 15th and 22nd May.**

WEEKEND BOOKINGS - Please use this link below: www.eventbrite.com

WELCOME TO MASS

We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due to illness or because they are isolating. **Whilst at Mass...** please take note of the following guidance to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible: Do not attend church if you have any symptoms of covid19. Sanitise your hands. Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this. Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church. No talking to other parishioners whilst in church.



SHRINE OF OUR LADY AND THE SACRED HEART - These lamps burn perpetually at the statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Fatima. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? If so, we are asking for a donation of £5 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy: candles, hosts, wine and other necessities for the celebration of Mass. Please fill out an envelope at the back of Church and hand it to Fr Long. The intentions will be placed in the order they are received and published in the weekly newsletter. The candles are lit from Monday to Sunday and there are lots of dates available.

FINANCE –A huge thank you to everyone who is supporting us financially at this time. We know this is a challenging time for all. We are so very grateful to many of you who have made up contributions over the last 12 months, our parish finances have taken a significant hit this past year. With significant financial outlay in the months ahead, we are grateful for your continued support. **I would like to encourage you to consider if: + you might be able to Gift Aid your donations? If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you! + could you sign up to a Standing Order rather than using cash?**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - We are now making tentative arrangements for Baptisms in the hope that restrictions will change in the months ahead. Please contact Fr Long if you need to arrange your child's Baptism.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on Saturday 22nd May. Please keep all the children in your daily prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will take place on Saturday 3rd July at 12 noon for year 7 & Thursday 8th July at 7.00 pm for year 6. We look forward to welcoming Bishop David Evans this year. Please keep our children in your prayers!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - As soon as we are legally able to gather together we will recommence preparation for the children. We look forward to them receiving the Sacraments in the months ahead.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH HALL

Under the current government guidelines the Parish Hall will hopefully be able to open again from 17th May. Anyone wishing to make an advance booking, please contact the Parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Please be aware there is a waiting list for Mass intentions on a Sunday. If you want a specific date e.g. an anniversary, please request this well in advance.

PRAYER & LITURGY IN MAY

Pope Francis' International Prayer Marathon - The Holy Father has asked the whole Church to pray throughout the month of May for an end to the Pandemic through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the prayer of the rosary. It would be wonderful if as many parishioners as possible could commit to this. A great idea would be to unite with family members especially children and grandchildren in offering a decade of the rosary for this intention. This prayer is something that we could all commit to.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Pray the Rosary will take place in our Church during Month of May on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (29th).** **Times: 9 - 10 a.m. and followed by Holy Mass at 10 a.m.** Consider making some time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament interceding for an end to the Pandemic, family life, health to the sick and vocations.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This coming Thursday (13th May) is our Parish Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This year we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. There will be Masses at 10am and 7pm. **We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday 14th May at 6.30pm.**

STATUE OF OUR LADY

Please sign up to host the statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Saturday 1st May for a week and welcome Our Lady into your home. Sign – up sheet in the porch.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (YEAR 3)

Congratulations to all the children of our school who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on last two Saturdays. They encountered God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers!

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS AND RECONCILIATION (YEAR 6)

On Saturdays 8th & 15th May at 10am, our Year Six Candidates for Confirmation will be participating in a commitment ceremony in part of the Mass and followed by Reconciliation. Please keep our young children, their families and those preparing them in your prayers.

Gifts and Cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available from the piety shop.

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S HOSPITALS AND ST MARY'S HOSPICE

- If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is important to have confession with anointing of the sick before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not presently readily available during your stay. There is a cover rota provided by priests around the area. This is for emergency use only. Such visits are arranged via the hospital so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.

APF RED MISSION BOXES - In 2020, our parish raised a fantastic £1,291.39! Thank You!