

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.

AN 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
Maria Groves & Jeff Groves

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR
Maria Groves & Jeff Groves

FINANCIAL MATTERS PARISH INCOME - Weekend 31st January 2021

Gift Aid £ 283.00 **Second Collection - £114.30**
Non-Gift Aid £ 125.16
Total £ 408.16 **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 WEEKEND FOR OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND

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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21ST FEBRUARY 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – PSALTER I

Saturday	20	6:00 p.m.	George Rice RIP	Brendan Byrne RIP
Sunday	21	9:00 a.m.	Patrick McDonnell RIP	Mary Corcoran RIP
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday	22	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Pray Rosary	LENT Pray + Fast + Give
		10:00 a.m.	David Wagg RIP	
Tuesday	23	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Pray Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	Private Intention (M.P)	
Wednesday	24	4:30 p.m.	Reception of the Body – Monica Mary Stark	
Thursday	25	10:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass – Monica Mary Stark (by invitation only)	
Friday	26	6:00 p.m.	Station of the Cross	
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday	27	10:00 a.m.	Maria & Jeff Groves RIP	

28TH FEBRUARY 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B – PSALTER II

Saturday	27	6:00 p.m.	Derek McKenna RIP	Monica Mary Stark RIP
Sunday	28	9:00 a.m.	Liberato Albanese	Mary O'Sullivan
		11:00 a.m.	Michael Rafferty RIP	Tony Goggins RIP

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish – John Kirby, Janet Jones, Diana Peeney, Veronica McKernan, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Kitty Sugrue, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Michelle Cronin, Mary Davitt, Jophin George, Margaret O'Connor

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. We pray especially for:

- **Monica Mary Stark** who will be received into Church on Wednesday 24th Feb at 4.30pm followed by the Funeral Mass on Thursday, 25th Feb at 10am.
- **Brendan Byrne** who died on 5th February aged 59. His Funeral Mass will take place in Church on Monday 15th March at 10a.m.
- **George Rice** who died on 4th February aged 78. His Funeral Service will take place at Lodge Hill Crematorium on Tuesday 16th March at 12.15 p.m.
- **Michael Rafferty** who died on 11th February aged 86. His Funeral Mass will take place in Church on Wednesday 17th March at 9.30 a.m.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

LENT 2021

Now that Lent has begun, it is an opportunity to reflect upon the things that we have decided to do; particularly thinking about the call to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer - Like I said at Mass on Ash Wednesday, one habit to develop is to find that quiet, lonely place and time to pray each day. Prayer to help us focus on our relationship with God, turning back again to His love and forgiveness. You might want to consider coming back to church each week, on Sunday or weekday Mass, if it is safe for you to do so.

Fasting - Fasting to share in the sacrifice of Jesus for us. Many people give up something like chocolate, alcohol, cakes and biscuits or smoking. Maybe think of other things which would clear our lives and even help others; listening to less 'bad news', walking to the shop which reduces our impact on the environment, limiting our time spent on TV or internet and spending it with our partner or family.

Almsgiving - Almsgiving to help those less fortunate. There are many groups and charities who rely on our financial generosity, but again maybe there are other ways of giving of ourselves, our talents and our time. Maybe think of volunteering in some project, practically and virtually. I heard of someone who has decided to call, text, WhatsApp one family member or friend each day of Lent, to show concern and share a little joy. If you have any creative ideas for Lent which you would like to share with the parish to inspire others, I would be happy to include them in the newsletter; just email me. Happy Lent!

Some thing for Lent...

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Pray the Rosary During Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Pray the Rosary take place in our Church during Lent on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Times: 9 - 10 a.m. and followed by Holy Mass at 10 a.m. (as long as it is not a Requiem Mass).** We invite you to join us as we gather to spend time to pray with the Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession will be available during Holy Hour from 9 - 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and by appointment.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening at 6.00 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Walk With Me Booklets & Calendars

They are available today to help you to journey through this season.

A contribution of £1 towards the cost of these.



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 order as they are received and published in the weekly newsletter. The candles are lit from Monday to Sunday.

PARISH OFFICE - Collette Keegan is now on furlough. Fr Long is around in the morning except Wednesday. If you need to speak to Fr Long or see him urgently, please do contact by email or phone and please leave a message if there is no immediate reply.

SECOND COLLECTION - The second collection this weekend for our Parish Maintenance Fund. The second collection next weekend is for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Extra envelopes for this collection are available in the porch.

FINANCE - I am very grateful to so many of you for continuing to provide your weekly offerings and all those who are supporting by standing order and gift aid. These are such difficult times for so many people. Thank you to so many of you who are making up your contributions over the weeks of lockdown. The income you provide continues to help us offer as much as we can for the parish and keep our building and resources running. Please continue to support our parish. Fr Long.

BAPTISM - Under the current lockdown we are advised that baptism should be celebrated only in danger of death.

SACRAMENTS IN EMERGENCY - For those who are suffering serious illness and those who require the Sacraments of the dying please do not hesitate to call Fr Long. He is unable to make routine sick calls at this time but will of course come to those in urgent situations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP - then please do get in touch!

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS - We are seeking to elect two parents of children currently attending the school. The appointment will be for a four year term. If you believe you are able to support the school in this most important role, please contact the school office for a nomination form. The nomination form should be completed and returned to the school office by Friday 26th February 2021. Please contact Mr Simmons for more information on the role of Parent Governor.

RIGHT TO LIFE - The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP - please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion.

Reminder

- Those who are suffering from the coronavirus or who show likely symptoms should not come to the Church until they are well in the clear.
- You must observe social distancing at all times and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble during or after worship.
- Face coverings are required by law to wear a face covering immediately before entering and it must be kept on until you leave.
- Sanitise your hands before entering and leaving the church.
- Please remember to book each week using the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-tickets-126241743453?ref=estw>. Booking by phone if no internet available. If you book seats via the above link but can't come for whatever reason it is vital that you cancel your reservation in good time. You need to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the celebration of Mass.

Important: Please take this Newsletter and Mass Sheet away with you!