

### 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

**McKenzie Moloney**

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR

**Dekin Families**

### FINANCIAL MATTERS PARISH INCOME - Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Gift Aid **£175.35**

Non-Gift Aid **£156.60**

Total **£331.95**

Second Collection - **£123.26**

for Cathedral Maintenance

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 SVP !**

### 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 MARCH 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

Saturday	20	6:00 p.m.	Patrick O'Rourke RIP	Brendan Byrne RIP
Sunday	21	9:00 a.m.	Fr Seamus Hetherton RIP	Michael Byers RIP
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday	22	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	David Woolley RIP	
Tuesday	23	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	Hughie Anderson	
Wednesday	24	---	No Public Mass	
Thursday	25	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	George Rice RIP	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Friday	26	6:00 p.m.	<b>Station of the Cross</b>	
		6:30 p.m.	Helen McCourt	
Saturday	27	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	Private Intention (M.P)	

### 28TH MARCH 2021 – PALM SUNDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION – YEAR B

Saturday	27	6:00 p.m.	Bridie Kinsella	Charlie McBride
Sunday	28	9:00 a.m.	Esther McGovern	Mary O'Connor
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	

### Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parish:

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

**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: **Theresa Mary South** who died on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, aged 52. Her Funeral Service will take place in Church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.

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

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**REMINDER:** IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID19 PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH. SANITISE YOUR HANDS. FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN OVER MOUTH AND NOSE AT ALL TIMES. OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIME.

**PLEASE NO TALKING TO OTHER PARISHIONERS WHILST IN CHURCH.**

### BOOKING FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please use this link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/our-lady-of-fatima-catholic-church-31667790599>

**\*Booking by phone if no internet available.**

**Please note:** If you have booked tickets & then can't go, please cancel them in good time so that they can be redistributed to those without. Initially, until we are sure of demand, there will be a limit of one Easter Vigil/Easter Day Mass per person/family. Thank you for your cooperation!

### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES 2021

#### PALM SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> March

6.00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass  
9.00 a.m. The Passion of the Lord  
11.00 a.m. The Passion of the Lord

#### HOLY THURSDAY - 1<sup>st</sup> April

*N.B. No Morning Mass & Morning Prayer*  
**7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
with watching until 10.00 p.m.**  
9.45 p.m. Night Prayer

#### GOOD FRIDAY - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

10.00 a.m. Office Readings  
& Morning Prayer  
**3.00 p.m. The Lord's Passion**  
**6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

#### HOLY SATURDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10.00 a.m. Office Reading  
& Morning Prayer  
10.30 a.m. Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries  
**8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil**

#### EASTER SUNDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> April

9.00 a.m. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord  
11.00 a.m. Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** - Please note that the collection at each of the Easter Masses is your traditional offering for your Parish Priest. Envelopes for this are available in the porch.

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY AND THE SACRED HEART** - If you would like to have one of these candles burning for a week for your intentions or for your loved ones. It is £5 for the week. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. Lots of dates are available.

**FINANCE - GIFT AID ENVELOPES for the coming Tax Year are available at the porch, please take your Box of Envelopes.** A huge thank you to everyone who is supporting us financially at this time. We know this is a challenging time for all. So very grateful to many of you who have made up contributions over the last weeks and 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! + you could sign up to a Standing Order rather than using cash?**

#### THIS WEEK THERE IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SVP

Lent is a key time to raise awareness of those in our community who are in need. Fund raising has been impossible this year and so many are in need. If you can, please support us with a donation, large or small on this weekend. Thank you.

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH** is a National Day of Reflection for Covid19. Our Bishops write: We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make the 23<sup>rd</sup> March truly a day of prayer. We have a Holy Hour at 9am, followed by a Mass at 10am for these intentions.

**CONFESSION IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER** - During Lent Fr Long will be available for Confession before weekday Masses from 9am. It is also available by appointment!

**BAPTISMS** - 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.

**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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & ENROLMENT SERVICE (YEAR 3)** Will take place on Saturdays 24<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10am. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions we can only invite a maximum of 2 parents/carers or adults, along with the communicant.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - FHC will take place on Saturdays 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. As we are still unsure on which restriction will be in place at this time, we will provide further information on the running of this day after the Easter holidays. Please keep all children wishing to prepare for these sacraments in your daily prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** - Please keep the children in year 7 (*the children who were to receive their confirmations last year*) and year 6 in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in July. We look forward to welcoming Bishop David Evans this year. Confirmation Celebration dates: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 at 12 noon for year 7 and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm for year 6.

**PALM SUNDAY** - Next weekend we will begin Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at all the Masses and will be distributed as you leave the church.

**And Finally...** On this Fifth Sunday in Lent we enter into Passiontide. As you can see, the crucifix and images in the church have now been veiled and this gesture focuses our attention on the next stage in our Lenten journey which is taking us toward Our Lord's suffering and death and the glory of Easter that follows. It is a call from the Church to all of us, whether we are attending church or not, to make the most of these last two weeks of Lent. Let us seek the Lord with renewed hearts and minds and continue to pray for each other. Remember I am here to support you and pray for you. Please do keep in touch. Have a blessed week!