

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 **Ellen Joyce (Anniversary)**
SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR **Monica Stark RIP**

FINANCIAL MATTERS - 18th April 2021

Gift Aid	£238.00	2nd Collection - £99.28
Non-Gift Aid	£148.50	for the Parish Maintenance
Total	£386.50	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 FOR OUR DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Useful Information

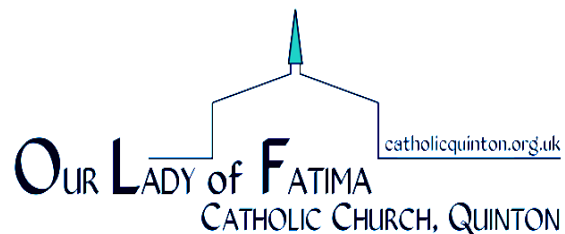
- ◊ **Sick List** - If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must complete a consent form, you can find them in the porch, and return it to the office.
- ◊ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be contacted to book a date.
- ◊ **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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25TH APRIL 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATION SUNDAY – YEAR B

Saturday	24	6:00 p.m.	John McLoughlin (Anniversary)	John Peeney RIP
Sunday	25	9:00 a.m.	Hermenegilda Binagug	Justina Orton
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Monday	26	10:00 a.m.	Private Intention (M.P)	
Tuesday	27	10:00 a.m.	Packy O'Donnell RIP	
Wednesday	28	---	<i>No Public Mass</i>	
Thursday	29	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (Francis Stark)	
Friday	30	6.30 p.m.	Nora Durkin (Anniversary)	
Saturday	01	10:00 a.m.	Mass & First Reconciliation (Year 3)	

2ND APRIL 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 Anniversary)	Kitty Cahalane RIP

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 1st May.**

We welcome into our parish community Minnie Cullen and Honey Cullen who were baptised last week. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

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.

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.

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. 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?**

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!! The missionaries and the communities they serve are living in such difficult circumstances and your very generous contributions will help make their lives a little easier. Missio has asked me to pass on their thanks and to tell you they pray for us all. Anyone who wishes to take a box or who would like to become a Promoter, please contact the parish office. Find out more about their work at missio.org.uk.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Sunday is a worldwide Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. It is also the day for the annual collection for the Clergy Training Fund which pays for the education and formation of our seminarians during their seven years of preparation for priestly ministry. The second collection this week is for our diocesan Clergy Training Fund. Please be generous in supporting this important cause within our Archdiocese.

MASS & FIRST RECONCILIATION (YEAR 3)

Will take place on this Saturday 24th April and Saturday 1st May at 10am. This sacrament is one of love, forgiveness and healing, marking a significant step in the spiritual journey of our children. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions, we can only invite a maximum of 2 parents/carers or adults, along with the communicant. This decision has been made following the guidance from the Archdiocese pertaining to restrictions in church settings. Please keep all the children in your prayers.

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.

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.

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 3rd July at 12 noon for year 7 & Thursday 8th July at 7.00 pm for year 6.

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.

Monica Mary Stark RIP – Francis Stark would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass intentions, sympathy cards, words of comfort and support. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Thursday 29th April.

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Administrator, Collette Keegan, will return to work for 5 hours per week, from Wednesday 28th April 9.30am – 12.30pm and Friday from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Fr Long is also around in the office each morning except Wednesday. If you need to speak or see him urgently, please do contact by email or phone and please leave a message if there is no immediate reply.

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.