

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

Rita Elliott Family

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR

Paddy Hayes

FINANCIAL MATTERS PARISH INCOME - Weekend 14th & 21st March 2021

Gift Aid	£205.00	Second Collection - Flowers: £179.96
Non-Gift Aid	£213.26	- SVP: £231.23
Total	£418.26	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 THE 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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28TH MARCH 2021 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 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	
Monday	29	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	Justina Orton	
Tuesday	30	9:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Rosary	
		10:00 a.m.	Julia Bonner	
Wednesday	31	---	No Public Mass	



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 01 	----	N.B. <i>There is no morning Mass</i>	
	7.00 p.m.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (TICKET ONLY) John Peeney RIP Paul Hien	
	Followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.		
	9.45 p.m.	Night Prayer of the Church	
GOOD FRIDAY 02 	10.00 a.m.	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
	3.00 p.m.	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION (TICKETS ONLY)	
	6.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (TICKET ONLY)	
HOLY SATURDAY 03 	10.00 a.m.	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
	10.30 a.m.	Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries	
	8.00 p.m.	THE EASTER VIGIL (TICKET ONLY) People of the Parish Paddy Hayes	
	N.B. <i>There is no Mass at 6.00 p.m. this Saturday</i>		

4TH APRIL 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

SUNDAY 04 (TICKET ONLY)	9:00 a.m.	Grace Malabanan	Private Intention (M.P)
	11:00a.m.	Michael Leonard RIP	Holy Souls

As ALL Holy Week & Easter services will be entry by booked ticket only, please arrive early to help assist with safe seating.

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.

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 5th March 2021, aged 52. Her Funeral Service will take place in Church on Thursday 8th April at 12.30pm. *Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

BOOKING FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Please use this link below:

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

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. Booking by phone if no internet available.

REMINDER... to help protect others and yourself, please: **Do not attend church if you have any symptoms of covid19.** Sanitise your hands. Face coverings to be worn over mouth and nose at all times. Observe social distancing at all time. **No talking to other parishioners whilst in church.**

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.***

FINANCE – GIFT AID EVELOPES 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?**

SHRINE OF OUR LADY & 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.

Retiring collection on Good Friday will be taken for the Holy Places and Shrines in the Holy Land.

Why is next week called Holy?

I'm sure many of us ask the same question every year. What is Holy to you? Is it prayer, maybe good deeds or penances? Or is it the compassion we witness throughout next week? The compassion of Christ through love. As we walk with Christ throughout the events of his passion we witness no blame, even when Pilate washes his hands of him. We witness healing, even for the one who arrests him and has his ear cut off. We witness forgiveness for Judas who betrays him, Peter for denying him and the men beside him on the cross. We witness compassion to the end. "In truth this was the son of God" (Matthew 24). When we see and know compassion, we see and know God. Can we put compassion into action in how we deal with each other? We hope that with the shadow of the cross we find also the light of compassion especially for the elderly, the poor, and the people struggling silently.

***** EASTER OFFERINGS *****

Please note that the collections from all the Easter Masses are a gift for Fr Long's ministry amongst us. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 11TH APRIL**

There will be a Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS Fr Long will be available for Confession on Monday & Tuesday this week from 9- 10am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISMS - Baptisms are being celebrated by appointment - the restriction on numbers attending is 6 people. This number will increase to 30 people from 17th May, and from 21st June there will be no restriction on numbers. 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 24th April and 1st 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 22nd 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 3rd July at 12 noon for year 7 & Thursday 8th July at 7.00 pm for year 6.