



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEBCAM ONLY

Monday to Friday 10am

(Saturday Vigil) 6.00 pm

Sunday 11.00 am



ST. MARY'S

Saturday 13th June 6pm

Frank O'Reilly RD

Philip Tinley RD

Mrs Hynes RD

Special Intention: Pauline

Special Intention: Ailbhe

Sunday 14th June, 11am

Olga Galligan MM

Derek Campbell (5th Anni)

William & Joan Kelly (Anni)

Angela Mowlds RD

Darran Noonan RD

Special Birthday Blessings: George

Special Intention: Andrew

Act Of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



PARISH UPDATES



Our annual **Cemetery Mass in Glencullen** has been postponed until further notice.

Please advise anyone you know who usually attends this Mass.

The **Blessing of Graves at Kilgobbin Cemetery** has been postponed also.



Funeral Masses, Weddings and Baptisms will go ahead but within the current Government guidelines.



The **Parish Office** will continue to be staffed from 9.30 to 12 noon Monday to Friday. Whilst the office will not be open to the public, please feel free to ring or email if you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card or have a query in relation to any other matter.

Just for your information, we now have a number of options in terms of payment or donations including card payment over the phone in addition to the normal methods of cheque and cash.



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body of Christ.

And traditionally the focal point of this feast is two pronged.

First, of course, a reaffirmation of our belief in the reality of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, physically, bodily. But also a time for reaffirming our belief in the fact that we are that body as well.

The Church the People of God, bound together, by a Divine call.

So really this feast is an appropriate setting in which to reflect on the quality of love, the life force of the Body of Christ at its most radical, its most Christian. And that is Christ's insistence that if we are truly his followers, we must love our enemies.

Just what is an enemy really? There is a way, I think, to come to an appreciation of something at least of the impact of Christ's teaching to love ones enemies.

Think of someone whom you know who doesn't like you. Make it a real person, maybe more than one. . . Someone whom you know thinks very poorly of you and who doesn't hesitate to say so any chance that comes along. . . Someone who perhaps has even done you some real damage... and is pretty likely to do the same again in the future.

And then try to become aware of the sort of response that that image conjures up in you: Anger, perhaps resentment, inferiority, jealousy fear the painfully corrosive suspicion that just maybe that person is, after all, right. And when your awareness of those emotions is clear then just put them aside. Resolve not to use those feelings not to let them dictate the way you act toward the person you are picturing.

And once we have done that, I think we have come about as close as we ever will to a definition of what God means by "love". Our willingness to act in the best interest of someone whom we know perfectly well would not be willing to do so for us.

So this feast of the Body of Christ calls us to some radical reflection indeed. From now on the extent to which we damage our relationship with another human being to that extent we damage our relationship with God as well.

That truth and our acceptance of it in faith is the core of Christian morality. And so it is hardly surprising that it is also the core of Christian Worship. Every week, every day in fact, the Church celebrates the mystery of our intimacy with God. It is because of the Eucharist that Christian morality is what it is.

Christ's words, given in two different places in the scripture, when he speaks of relationality and says "Love one another as I have loved you" and later when in reference to the Eucharist says "Do with one another what I have done with you" These are not two different commands.

They call from us a faith in the same intersecting truth.

Fr Andrew



WE HAVE REACHED THE MAXIMUM JACKPOT €8,000
Somebody's going to win, it might as well be you!

Tickets cost €2 each with a minimum spend of €10.

Why not buy an annual ticket for €100 and be in the draw every week for 52 weeks?

We have a card payment machine in the office so now its easier than ever to pay and play. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S LUCKY DIP WINNERS WHO EACH WIN €50:

CATHAL FLEMING AND NOREEN BARRON & LIZ ROCHE

For more information on how to sign up, play and support the parish, visit our dedicated lotto page at

www.sandyfordparish.org. This week's winning numbers: 4, 7, 13, 28.

(No winner this week).

TAP AND GO DONATIONS

A Tap and Go facility is now available in St Mary's Church and it is located beside the Sacred Heart Altar. You tap your bank card as instructed, to make a €5 donation directly to the Parish. Thank you for your support.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Protect me in the midst of danger.

Comfort me in my afflictions.

Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Amen.