



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 27th June 6pm

Margaret Kelly RD

Sunday 28th June, 11am

Margaret Campbell- Delaney Month's Mind

Bill O Regan Month's Mind

Jim McGowan & Johnny McPartland (A)

PK Ryan (A)

Kathleen Mulvey (A)

Monday 29th June 10am

Samuel Gaine Rec Dec

Patrick Lloyd Rec Dec

Tuesday 30th June 10am

Kathleen Quill Mass Bouquet

Agnes Meethan Anniv

Patrick Norton Anniv

Wednesday 1st July 10am

Rose Farrell 1st Anniv

Friday 3rd July 10am

First Friday Altar List Of The Dead

Paddy Kelly Anniv

Brigid Dunn Anniv



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.

Parish Office Reopening to the public.



The **Parish Office** will reopen to the public on this coming Monday the 29th of June.

Opening hours are 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

For anyone who needs help in booking to attend Masses please call between **9.30am and 12 noon strictly.**

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.

Masses reopening to the public

Parishioners

must register to attend a mass

either through the booking reservation system on the Parish website or by phone or email to the Parish Office.

So please book beforehand.

Booking is for weekdays as well as weekends!!

Numbers strictly limited in accordance with Government guidelines!!

Dear Parishioners,

Life certainly seems to be returning to the 'new normal', as we prepare to open up for Public Mass on next Monday the 29th of June.

If you haven't already done so, then please read the information on our website about the protocols for attending Mass.

I am particularly grateful to the members of the Parish Council and the Parishioners who have volunteered to form a Covid committee, as well as a group of stewards who will assist you in attending Mass.

We have taken delivery of signage which will indicate clearly what people are to do. We have also taken delivery of over 60 litres of sanitiser, so that should keep us going for some time! Just on that, please note that in using the sanitiser, people should take care that their hands are dry when lighting candles.

The opening line in this weekend's Gospel sounds very harsh!

"Anyone who loves Father or Mother, Son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me". It's a Gospel that at first a preacher might want to skip. It almost sounds as though Christ were proposing some sort of conflict or opposition between our relationship with God and our human relationships, even those closest and most significant in our lives.

But certainly there is no necessary conflict between our human relationships and our relationships with God. In fact, the quality that marks our relationships with other people is, in fact, the quality that marks our relationship with God.

There is a very sacred nature to the bonds of family and friendship, and we must very carefully nurture the strength and intimacy of those bonds.

Catholicism is not a fundamentalist religion. We do not take out texts and let them stand alone. They must be weighed against the totality of Christ's teaching – a teaching which is incontrovertibly "relationship centred".

Christ is urging us on here... as he does so in many other places in the Gospel, to a true sense of proportion, the ability to distinguish accurately between what matters and what does not. For any number of reasons, perhaps even quite unconsciously we can find ourselves attaching tremendous weight to really very unimportant things.

Part of the process, I think, of avoiding such distortion is learning to recognise the difference between one's needs and one's wants. Needs must be metThat is every human beings natural right and for anyone to refuse to even try to meet the real needs of another human being is of course seriously immoral. (That is so, not only toward relatives and friends, but toward anyone!)

Wants are a different matter. Wants don't have to be met. Most of the timelife would be more pleasant if they were..... more enjoyable and it is a good thing, a noble and loving thing to meet the wants of other people. But if they are not met, nothing really terrible happens.

Ultimately there is only one real need in life: Salvation! It is the only thing that can ever really last. Everything else, even our deepest and most satisfying relationships, by comparison, become less important... not unimportant but... less important. This gospel asks us to weigh the sacrifices needed to follow the way of salvation.....

So, by no means at all, is Christ calling us to leave behind or turn our back on family and friends. Christ is calling us to a right view of our lives, a balanced view, an honest perspective. He is calling us to the realisation that nothing is more important than our relationship with Him... Simply because it is on that, that everything else that is good ultimately depends.

And anything, a thing, a person, a relationship that endangers that is simply not worth doing.

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:

SHIRLEY BLOOMER AND EDWARD BUCKLEY

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: 3, 13, 16, 26.** (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.



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.