



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

ST. MARY'S Webcam Only

Saturday 20th March, 6pm
Elizabeth and Denis McKennedy, Anniv

Sunday 21st March, 9am

Sunday 21st March, 11am

Elizabeth Carty, Anniv
Tony Gill, Anniv
Health Intention
Thomas & Agnes Bradshawm, Anniv

Monday 22nd March, 10am

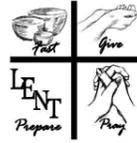
Health Intention
Health Intention for Oisín

Wednesday 24th March, 10am

Evelyn Fox, Anniv

Friday 26th March, 10am

Peter O'Brien, RD



LENTEN PROGRAMME ON THE PARISH WEBCAM:

Wednesdays 8pm

Holy Hour. Gospel, Homily, Songs, Rosary & Benediction.



Thursdays 7.30pm LAST IN SERIES

Breaking open the scriptures. Making Sense of the Word in Today's World. Praying with the Word

Fridays 8pm LAST IN SERIES

Sung Night Prayer.

A Short Reflective Service for the Close of Day. Chants, Songs, Readings, Reflection.



Confessions Saturdays at Noon

(Please note change of day from Friday)

Confessions in person in St Mary's at the Sacred Heart Shrine. (Open Confessional area is separated and will be sanitised after each use.)

Daily 10.30am - 6pm

All Churches open for private prayer.



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.



PALM SUNDAY 28TH MARCH

Beginning of Holy Week
Palm Crosses available in all Churches from noon next Sunday March

Fifth Sunday in Lent Reflection

Stephen Roche was one of Ireland's greatest cyclists. His finest hour came on the day he won the tour de France in 1987. However, when we think of his finest hour we think of it in very worldly terms. We see it as a time of triumph and glory. We remember the day he won. But many forget the many other hours that made that hour of glory possible, hours of practice, loneliness determination and commitment. The glory cannot be separated from the effort pain and cost. In a way all of that is part of the success now.

Jesus spoke about 'his hour'. He spoke about it several times during his public ministry. But he always spoke of it as not having yet come. However, in today's Gospel message he speaks of it as having come at last. The hour was the hour of his death. It was an hour of supreme self-giving in which he made the supreme sacrifice for us. What seemed to all as the hour of failure was the hour of triumph for Jesus for it was the hour of grace for us.

It can be the same for ourselves. Our lowest moments can be turning points in our lives. Moments of great success can often fade away, while on the other hand moments of darkness, weakness, and failure can be times of great change and growth. When for example an addict hits rock bottom and then by the grace of God he manages to turn his life around. The death of Jesus which to everyone looking on seemed a failure. But His death brought about new life and resurrection. When we look into our lives we can realise that many incidents of great failure and loss were the incidents which shaped the lives we have now. Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as the grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to indifference. Thus the false self gives way to the true self made in God's image. The life of Jesus wasn't taken from him. He gave it freely out of his love for God and his for us. The way of the cross became the way of love. The way of the cross is the way to the resurrection. As we continue our journey through the days of Lent, may we, like the grain of wheat die to what is what is selfish in our lives and grow into the way of God's love.

THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL RESOURCE CENTRE

Resources for Lent, can be found on the Diocesan website www.dublindiocese.ie.

YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together

The Young Church Dublin meet online every Wednesday, from 8 - 9pm for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Parish office is open online and by phone but closed to the public

Phone messages and emails will be checked on a daily basis and will be answered as soon as is possible. If you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card or have a query in relation to any other matter, please leave a message and one of the parish team will be in contact with you. The Priests of the Parish continue to be contactable by telephone and the Parish Website will be updated with any ongoing developments. If we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Fr John 01 295 6317. Fr Paul 01 295 8933.



All Family Offering envelopes and donations to the Diocesan Collections can be left into the post box at St Mary's, which is checked daily.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Family Offering Envelopes Total Feb 2021: €1,415

Standing Order Total Feb 2021: € 4,413

Online Donations Total Feb 2021: €591

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

Donations can be done by using the dedicated envelopes in Church Porches, Card Payment to the Parish Office, or the Donate Button on the home page of the Parish Website. Clicking on this button leads to a Payzone connection where donations can be made securely.

Online Donations to the Collections

Total Feb 2021: €461

Please note that donations made online to the Collections can also be included in the total of donations to the Parish for Tax Claim purposes.

First Collection Envelopes Total Jan 2021: €525

Share Collection Envelopes Total Jan 2021: 315



Temporary Suspension of Sandyford Lotto

The Sandyford Parish lotto remains suspended. We wish to reassure you that the current entries will be rolled over and honoured when the Draw resumes. We wish to apologise for any inconvenience and we will notify you as soon as we are able to continue with this very vital source of fundraising for the Parish. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.