



**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** **(Corpus Christi)**

*Please consider printing this bulletin and giving a copy to those who don't have internet access.*

**Daily Mass:** Mass is offered each day for your intentions, especially for parishioners who are sick and those who feel isolated. We remember those who care for others, especially health care workers.

Preparations are being made for the celebration of Mass, information will be posted on the newssheet.

### **Rest In Peace**

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Months Mind: Gary Agnew, Pat Hill, Irene O'Neill, Denis Keatings

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Anniversaries: Phil Maguire, Gene & Paddy Reilly, Gerald Velente, Bernie Glennon, Ciss Carabine.

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**Funerals:** If you have to arrange a funeral, please contact your Funeral Undertaker and arrangements for interments will be made. Funeral Masses are restricted to a congregation of 10 people.



**Parish Draw:** The draw has been suspended. If you pay by direct debit you will receive a refund, those who have paid for recent months will be credited and a balance will be kept to be used when the draw begins again. Thanks to all the committee, collectors and supporters.

**Thank you:** A word of thanks to those who have left Offertory Promise envelopes at the parochial house. If you would like to contribute to parish funds by standing order/direct debit, please call the parish office phone number or email [stteresas@downandconnor.org](mailto:stteresas@downandconnor.org) and the forms will be sent to you.

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus** Following the Angelus last Sunday, the Pope recalled that the month of June is dedicated in a special way to the Heart of Christ. He said, it is “a devotion that unites the great spiritual teachers and the simple among the people of God.” Indeed, he continued, “the human and divine Heart of Jesus is the wellspring where we can always draw upon God’s mercy, forgiveness and tenderness. We can do so by focusing on a passage from the Gospel, feeling that at the centre of every gesture, of every word of Jesus there is love, the love of the Father.” We can also do so, Pope Francis said, “by adoring the Eucharist, where this love is present in the Sacrament. Then our heart too, little by little, will become more patient, more generous, more merciful.” *Copies of the novena prayer are in the churches.*

*‘Anyone who eats this bread will live forever’ At the last supper Jesus gathered his disciples around a table, it was a gathering of people who had all sorts of strengths and weaknesses. They followed him from Galilee to Jerusalem, they left everything and went with him, but along that path*



*they found his ways difficult to understand or to put into practice. They had many good and powerful experiences as well as some bad or difficult moments. Jesus both encouraged them and rebuked them for their lack of faith. Yet he gathered them around the Passover table and put new light on what they were about to do. Everyone around the table would have known the importance of the meal, it was a celebration of God's power over the enemy of his love. Jesus transformed the moment by making the promise that whoever eats this bread will live forever. He took away all fears, even the last fear- the of death. We pray today that we will allow the Eucharist to cast fear out and that we will live in the joy of God's love for us in our strengths and weakness, in our joy and sorrow.*

**Clonard Novena** the Irish Redemptorists have decided to do an all-Ireland, online Novena, which will be streamed live from Limerick [Mt St Alphonsus] and Belfast [Clonard]. The Novena will begin on Friday, 19 June and end on 27 June, the feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Sessions from Clonard 7am; 9.30am; 6.15pm; and 8.pm. The Redemptorist preachers are: Fr Peter Burns, Fr Johnny Doherty, Fr Brendan Keane and Fr Ciaran O'Callaghan. Rev Dr Janet Unsworth [Methodist] and Rev Jonathan Frazer [Presbyterian] will speak on the Ecumenical Day [Monday 22 June].

**Down and Connor Virtual Pilgrimage to Knock** – Sunday 14 June 2020. Ceremonies will be streamed live on the shrine website [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) and on Knock Shrine Facebook page. The programme will commence with Rosary at 2 30pm and Mass at 3 00pm will be celebrated by Fr Richard Gibbons, Rector of the Shrine. Bishop Treanor will give a short message of welcome to the people of our Diocese by means of a video, which will be shown at 2 55pm. You are invited to place a Petition by visiting the Knock Shrine Website. All the Petitions will



be before the Altar during the Mass. You may also request that a candle be lit for your intentions.

**News from Trocaire** This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, people have been unable to return their Trócaire boxes. Schools and parishes are closed, leaving tens of thousands of Trócaire boxes sitting in homes all over Ireland. Unless we receive the donations from those boxes we won't be able to carry out our life-saving work. Our programmes will be under-funded. Some will have to close for good. This will be devastating for people who rely on our programmes for their daily survival. That is why we are urgently appealing for your Trócaire box donation. Please count or estimate what is in your box and donate today. The easiest way to return your Trócaire box donation is to donate online. Or leave your box in any of the churches or at the parochial house door.



## Colouring In Page – Corpus Christi

