



Sunday, 26th April 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

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

Daily 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. Praying especially for the parishioners who are resident in Louisville and Colinvale Care Homes and for the staff who work there.

For the children of the Parish: To the children who were to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As soon as the restrictions are lifted new dates will be organised right away.

For the children who were to receive their First Holy Communion this weekend: You will be remembered at Mass on Sunday; another date for their First Holy Communion will be arranged as soon as possible.

Baptism and Weddings: Please note that Baptisms and Wedding Ceremonies are postponed. If you have to arrange a funeral, please contact your Funeral Undertaker and arrangements for interments will be made.

Vatican Television: During these days, Pope Francis has arranged for his celebration of Mass to be televised from the Vatican. The broadcast is simultaneously translated into the English language. For access please link to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Knock Shrine: Mass is broadcast online on the Knock Shrine website at 12.00 noon and 7.30pm (commencing with Rosary at 7pm) daily. See www.knockshrine.ie for details.

RTÉ is broadcasting daily Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Eunan and Saint Columba, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, in the Diocese of Raphoe. The Mass is live at 10.30am each morning on RTÉ News Now.

Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased: Fr Fernando CP, Michael McKenna

Anniversaries: John Devlin (1st)

22 April 2020 Part of a letter sent to MLAs from Archbishop Eamon Martin regarding laws on (procured) abortion:

As the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland, we have a responsibility to do all we can to promote a culture of care and respect for life in our society. This includes a responsibility to inform the conscience of all members of the Catholic Church and people of good will regarding the fundamental moral values at stake in the issue of abortion.

Our opposition to the new abortion Regulations brought into effect here by the Westminster Parliament is rooted in the Catholic Church's teaching concerning the dignity of every human life, regardless of age, ability, gender or background. This teaching prohibits the direct and deliberate intention to end the life of an unborn baby at any stage of his or her development. This right to life of the child is inextricably linked to the right to life and well-being of the mother.

At the same time, we recognise that the legislation passed into law by the Westminster Parliament stands now to be implemented. While we regard this to be an unjust law, which was imposed without the consent of the people of Northern Ireland, we are morally obliged, wherever possible, to do all we can to save the lives of unborn children, which could be lost

through abortion, and to protect mothers from the pressures they might experience at the time of an unplanned pregnancy. We trust that you recognise this to be an obligation we all share as concerned citizens and public representatives.

Read the letter at www.irishbishops.ie

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel Reading

The journey to and from Emmaus. Once the meal was over and the disciples had recognised Jesus, they left the table and went back to Jerusalem. That means they walked 14 miles in one day, half a marathon! Of course, the two journeys were very different. As they left Jerusalem, their journey would have been long and hard, full of disappointment and loss. On their way back to the other disciples it would have been a journey full of joy and excitement. Jesus appeared among them and at the breaking of bread then they knew what the Resurrection meant, death had been destroyed and Jesus, as Risen Saviour, promises new and everlasting life to those who follow in his ways. We make many journeys in our lives, some that are good, others that are hard and unrewarding. In life we go towards certain experiences and other times we walk away from them. Yet into what happens in our lives, our joys and our sorrows, it is good to remember that Jesus is walking with us, and even if we don't recognise him, he is there. We pray that we may come to know the presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives and that we will have the same joy as the first disciples.

Colouring In Picture from Sunday's Gospel



“They recognised him at the breaking of bread”

Luke 24:13-36

An Act of Spiritual Communion

At Your feet, O my Jesus,
I prostrate myself and I offer You
repentance of my contrite heart,
which is humbled in its nothingness
and in Your holy presence.

I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love,
the ineffable Eucharist.

I desire to receive You
into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You.

While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion,
I wish to possess You in spirit.

Come to me, O my Jesus,
since I, for my part, am coming to You!

May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death.

I believe in You,

I hope in You,

I love You. Amen.

(Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val)