



## Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Second 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.

**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](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for details.

**Some Good News from St Teresa's GAC.** Mr Liam McGoldrick, Chairman of the Club, contacted the parish offering help to those who are living alone or isolated at this time. GAA Volunteers are ready to do some practical work for those in need, or who find it difficult to leave their homes. If you need some essential groceries, or a prescription collected, club members are willing to help you. Please call the parish phone number **028 9061 2855** or email [stteresas@downandconnor.org](mailto:stteresas@downandconnor.org)

**Trócaire** We are urging people to please keep hold of their Trócaire boxes and return them to your local church or school when it is safe and possible to do so.

**Get the Digital Edition of The Messenger for free:** A combination of 'cocooning' and the travel restrictions currently in place around the country mean that many readers of The Sacred Heart Messenger cannot access their monthly 'little red book'. Therefore, during this corona virus crisis we are delighted to make the digital edition of The Messenger available free of charge until we return to normal delivery. Please send your email request to: [c.henry@messenger.ie](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie) and we will send you a link to view the Messenger on your laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

### **Rest In Peace**

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Recently Deceased: Daniel Morris, Hugh Carlin, Fr Felix McGuckin, Fr John Stewart

Anniversaries: Maura Hill, Sheila Rafferty, Deirdre Dunne (1st)  
Hannah Teresa Mc Manus & Patricia Harbinson

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## **From the Holy Father's message for Easter 2020**

This is the Easter message, a message of hope. It contains a second part, the sending forth. “Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee” (*Mt 28:10*), Jesus says. “He is going before you to Galilee” (v. 7), the angel says. The Lord goes before us; he goes before us always. It is encouraging to know that he walks ahead of us in life and in death; he goes before us to Galilee, that is, to the place which for him and his disciples evoked the idea of daily life, family and work. Jesus wants us to bring hope there, to our everyday life. For the disciples, Galilee was also the place of remembrance, for it was the place where they were first called. Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God. Each one of us has their own Galilee. We need to resume the journey, reminding ourselves that we are born and reborn thanks to an invitation given gratuitously to us out of love, there in our respective Galilees. This is always the point from which we can set out anew, especially in times of crisis and trial, remembering our Galilee.

But there is more. Galilee was the farthest region from where they were: from Jerusalem. And not only geographically. Galilee was also the farthest place from the sacredness of the Holy City. It was an area where people of different religions lived: it was the “Galilee of the Gentiles” (*Mt 4:15*). Jesus sends them there and asks them to start again from there. What does this tell us? That the message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places, but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched “the Word of life” (*1 Jn 1:1*) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part

of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread, not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Those women, in the end, “took hold” of Jesus’ feet (*Mt 28:9*); feet that had travelled so far to meet us, to the point of entering and emerging from the tomb. The women embraced the feet that had trampled death and opened the way of hope. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.