

Mass Times

Vigil Saturday: 6pm
Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Saturday: 10 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased during the Covid Lockdown

11/04/2020 **Nora O'Regan.** Meadowgrove Estate.
15/04/2020 **Miriam O'Drisceoil.** Beaumont Drive.
18/04/2020 **Derry Hurley.** Clover Lawn.
20/04/2020 **Patrick (Paddy) O'Donnell.**
26/04/2020 **Kathleen Lenihan.** Dunlocha Cottages.
12/05/2020 **Mary Foley.** Meadowgrove Estate.
23/05/2020 **Rita Campion.** Ashleigh Drive.
09/06/2020 **Mary McLaughlin.** Barringtons Avenue.
13/06/2020 **Jerome (Jerry) Walsh.** Barringtons Avenue.
13/06/2020 **Ursula McCarthy (nee O'Leary).** Military Hill.
20/06/2020 **Pat Hannigan.** Marian Park.
23/06/2020 **Breda Cronin.** Dunlocha Cottages.



May the light of heaven surround them always.

A Message from Fr. Colin.

Welcome back everyone to the public celebration of Mass. It is great to see so many of you returning to the church and may you have continued strength and good health to do so.

The past four months have been unprecedented. It has been a very tough and challenging time for all of us, especially for those who have been cocooning. Many of our parishioners have found this time very lonely and one of great isolation.

Hopefully, better days are ahead but there is still a long way to go in the battle against Coronavirus. As we come back to Mass, there are Government/HSE guidelines in place in the church. We know that you will adhere to these as best as possible and we thank you for your cooperation and support. It is very much appreciated.

May God bless you and your families.
Fr. Colin.



Fishing Boat - Sea of Galilee, 1st Century

Welcome to the celebration of Sunday Mass

To maximise the number of people that can join us for the celebration of Mass, we have made a number of changes to both the church, and to how we celebrate Mass so that we comply with HSE guidelines and keep everyone safe.

- We have designated the back and front as two separate sections which has allowed us increase the numbers in the church to 100. It is **critical** that people do not move between these 2 sections.
- As you enter and exit the church, can you please use the hand sanitiser and wear a mask if possible.
- We have reduced the number of pews in the church so that there is now a metre between each row with every second row being utilised. We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.
- These are spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart and it is required you sit on these spots.
- Unfortunately, if there are no yellow spots available, it indicates that the church has reached the maximum allowed capacity.
- We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father". We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime as it compromises the distance between people.
- We also ask that the congregation not to join in the singing, as it facilitates the spreading of droplets.
- There will be no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken at the doors as you enter/exit the church and your support is very much appreciated.

Distribution of communion:

- Ministers of the Eucharist will be positioned at the top and centre of the church. The Ministers will wear face masks and we ask that you maintain 2 metres distance in the line.
- We ask that you come up the centre aisle and down the side aisles.
- Those seated in the centre seats should come for communion first (via the centre aisle) starting from the back row and then in sequence with the top row last.
- Once the centre seats are finished, those in the side seats should come up (via the centre aisle), starting with the front rows and then in sequence, with the bottom row last.

Exiting the church:

- Back Section:**
 - Side seats to Exit first – followed by centre seats.
 - 2 doors will be open.
- Front section – use side door - Exit as follows:**
 - Left Row (nearest exit)
 - Left Centre
 - Right Centre
 - Right Row.

Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

We would ask parishioners to be good enough to switch off mobile phones during Mass.
Thank you



History repeats itself.
Poem written in 1869 and reprinted during the 1919 pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

The number of Catholic publications available in St Michael's has reduced over the years but we still stock six papers/magazines. Two major changes took place during the lockdown: the Catholic Times is now a pull-out within the Universe with 48 pages between the two; the Catholic Herald is now monthly with 78 pages. Many thanks to those of you who have supported the Catholic press regularly over the years. It is difficult for the print media to survive but especially the religious press. We appeal to those who don't normally buy a paper/magazine to sample our selection over a few weeks. You will surely find one to suit you.

Articles in this week-end's publications include:

Irish Catholic (1) In failing to challenge Donald Trump on his moral inconsistencies, Catholics have also failed their Church. (2) Renewing parish life in the mode of Pope Francis. (3) Fr. Bernard Cotter: Some parish councils are magnificent Others just talk

Messenger. Letters of St. Paul: Paul's Theology of the Cross

Catholic Voice. (1) Deadlier than the Corona Virus. (2) Why Humana Vitae is still right

Universe/Catholic Times: (1). The only solution to racial prejudice. (2). Fr. Francis Marsden: Remembering the Reformation martyrs this week (3) America's freedom hinges on the Facebook debate

Tablet. Pope 'saddened' by decision to make Hagia Sophia a mosque

CHURCH SANITISING

Our Church is completely and thoroughly sanitised on a regular basis using a fogger. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this. It takes 30 mins to sanitise the church and all training instructions will be given. Please contact any one of the stewards if you are willing to help.

Thought for the day

Our conviction is that God loves us wholly, in the double sense that he loves us fully and completely and his desire is that grace should touch every dimension of our lives. Anyone who has made the discovery of faith, like the merchant in search of fine pearls, will know what is meant: it is so wonderful that it leads to a discipleship costing not less than everything. It can be daunting, of course, but it leads to life in abundance (Jn 10:10).

Prayer

God of the covenant, faithful and true, you offer us both love and a way of living. As we embrace your love for each of us, help us so to live that we may fully alive with your Good News.

K O'Mahony OSA

Some Reflection

1. Have you ever found yourself saying "that was worth it" after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The "kingdom of heaven" is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

Some Inspiration

On this Sunday, Matthew's central discourse on the Kingdom draws to a close. It might be no harm to cast an eye over the whole chapter to have a grasp of what is going on, both then for Matthew and now for us.

First of all, Matthew is a realist: the community of faith is mixed (parables of the sower, the dandel and the wheat, the dragnet), who recognises a tendency to judge and exclude (parable of the dandel and the wheat). At the same time, Matthew offers tremendous reassurance (the parables of growth) combined with a warning against complacency (the note of judgment throughout). In today's parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, Matthew reminds us of the joy, excitement and cost of Christian discipleship. In a word, the experience of the Kingdom is rich, complex and many-faceted.

For today, it is easy to see that the community faith is mixed — mixed in membership and, no doubt, mixed in each one of us. Complacency is unlikely to be a common reaction today, at least as regards Church. But you could have complacency in faith: with so much (needed) emphasis on the love, compassion, mercy and forgiveness of God, the cost of discipleship might slip below the radar. Long ago, Jock Dalrymple got it right in the title of his book on discipleship: "Costing not less than everything." The challenge stands and not simply because of the threat of judgement. Rather, God loves the whole person and desires a response from the whole person, from all that I am. That's the nature of love.

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