

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday May 3rd 2020 **4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday**

Parish Office: Closed to the public until further notice

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Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

All Masses on Webcam Only

Sunday 3rd May 2020

12 Noon Christy Boylan 8th anniversary
Martin Power R.I.P
Gerard Mahon R.I.P
Eileen McDermott R.I.P

Monday 4th May 2020

10am Mass from Ballyroan/Rathfarnham

Tuesday 5th May 2020

10am Mary Moran (A)

Wednesday 6th May 2020

10am Special Intention

Thursday 7th May 2020

10am Special Intention

Friday 8th May 2020

10am Teresa Edwards R.I.P.

Saturday 9th May 2020

10am Special Intention

Sunday 10th May 2020

12noon Geraldine Quinless (A)
Eilish Cogan (A)
Gay Anderson (A)
Eileen Byrne (A)
Phil Mangan (A)
Mary Mollohan (A)
Sean Lemass (A)
Anthony Bolter (A)
Laurie Burdge (A)
Kitty & Michael Mulvihill (A)
Mary McCarthy (A)
Richard Sweet (A)

Please email
info@goodshepherdchurchtown.ie if you wish
to book a Mass for the days or weeks ahead.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The celebration of 1st Holy Communion/Confirmation

As we have begun the month of May on Friday, it is a time under normal circumstances, when so many children, their families, teachers and all in our Parish look forward to the celebration of 1st Holy Communion. As we know we are now living in unprecedented times where we are unable to gather in large numbers to celebrate very important and key moments in all of our lives.

These include sacramental gatherings in our Parish, such as the celebration of daily and weekend Mass, the sacraments of marriage, baptism, confirmation and 1st Holy Communion. I know that so many of our young people and their families are disappointed that the celebration of Confirmation which was due to be held in the Parish on March 26th and 1st Holy Communion which was due to take place this coming Saturday May 9th have had to be postponed until further notice.

As social distancing is going to be part of life for many months to come and possibly longer, new ways will have to be found to celebrate these very important and key sacramental moments in the lives of our children, young people, their families and all in our school and parish communities. We will be in touch with families and with our schools to find the best way to do this over the coming months so that these very important celebrations will take place when it is safe and when we are allowed to do so.

Thank you for your understanding at this very difficult time for so many people. Be assured that we are thinking of you all and remembering you as we journey through this together. Stay safe and take care. Fr. Brian

Volunteers

Over recent weeks a number of people from the parish have been in touch with us and offered to volunteer and offer assistance to any parishioners who may be in need of help at this time. They will do shopping, collect prescriptions, tidy gardens etc. Please ring or email the parish office at 01-298 4642 if you would like assistance with any of the above and we will put you in touch with the volunteers.

Local Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul

During these difficult times our local parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society continue to provide support and assistance for needy families within our community. As they cannot hold their usual monthly outdoor collection for the foreseeable future, they have sent on their bank details if people wish to donate to support families from our community who are in need during these times. As always they thank you for your ongoing support and generosity on behalf of the people whom they support and serve.

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Mass is broadcast everyday (except Monday) on the parish webcam. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 5pm. For the month of May, the Rosary will be recited each day at 5pm. All are welcome to join us online.

The Month of May

Pope Francis has asked that, during the Month of May, the Rosary should be recited Churches right across the World in the context of the coronavirus and its effects. Pope Francis also composed two special prayers for the occasion. Parishes might consider, in so far as possible, transmitting the recitation of the Rosary on line each day, at a convenient time and to conclude with one of the Pope's Prayers.

Here in our Parish the Rosary will be recited each afternoon at 5pm and broadcast on our webcam.

Financial Corner Online Donations received for the month of April

1st Collection for the support of the priests of the parish and diocese amounted to €1148

2nd Collection SHARE amounted to €45

Easter Dues €1786

Donations received by post for the month of April

Easter Dues €6,075

Family Offering & Donations for the upkeep of the Church €700

Donations received after Friday May 1st will be included in next week's newsletter.

Sincere thanks for your generosity during these very difficult times for everyone. It is very much appreciated.