

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday 12th April 2020 **Easter Sunday**

Parish Office: Closed to the public until further notice

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Giving online to the First and Second Collections and Easter Dues

There have been some queries in recent weeks about the contributions that are kindly given to the Parish each week through the 1st and 2nd collections and the Family Offering. With no public Masses being celebrated since March 13th and until further notice this income has now ceased. From this week, it is now possible to contribute to the 1st and 2nd Collections and also the Easter Dues online. It is hoped that it will also be possible to donate to the Family Offering online in the very near future.

Simply go to our parish website at www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie and click on the donate button. You will be asked to enter your details and the parish will have a record of all contributions that you kindly made.

In the absence of Public Masses this is the only way at the moment to support the Priests of the Parish and Diocese via the First Collection and Easter Dues and the Developing Parishes and the Diocesan Administration via the Second Collection. (SHARE). Further details on the Family offering will follow shortly.

This initiative is now being used by an increasing amount of Parishes online and through the main diocesan website. Many thanks for your ongoing and continued generosity.

Local Food Bank / Crosscare

The Local Branch is in the Methodist Church, beside Wesley College. They will accept any non-perishable foodstuffs like: canned soups/meats, beans/peas, pasta, cereals, tea, coffee, meal kits etc. A Basket will be left on Mondays at the door of the Methodist Church from 5pm to 7pm ONLY, if you wish to donate.

Thank You.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

All Masses on Webcam Only

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12 Noon The Intentions of the People of the Parish

Tuesday 14th April 2020

10am Special Intention

Wednesday 15th April 2020

10am Jimmy Wright R.I.P.
Brendan O'Loughlin (8th Anniversary)

Thursday 16th April

10am Special Intention

Friday 17th April

10am Mary Brien (2nd Anniversary)

Saturday 18th April 2020

10am Special Intention

Sunday 19th April 2020

12noon Christy Myrray (A)
Sarah Carney (Month's Mind)
Alex & Linda Stapleton (A)
Edward & Jane Byrne (A)
Jimmy Wright and deceased members of the Wright Family

Please phone 298 4642 or email info@goodshepherdchurchtown.ie if you wish to book a Mass for the days or weeks ahead.

A list of many support services for people during these times is available on our Parish website:
www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Michael O'Toole, Maura Moriarty, Caitlin Fletcher and Ray Ruane all who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace.

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.

SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year. The corona virus is a particular threat to older people and subsequently SeniorLine has put in place a number of protocols to support our many older callers from all over Ireland.

Any caller, concerned about Covid 19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800804591.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Knock Pilgrimage

Following the Government's decision/guidance on COV-19 it has been decided that this year's annual Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage 2020 will be postponed until further notice. At the heart of this difficult decision is the welfare of our pilgrims. Instead we are inviting people to make a virtual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 25th April by joining in the Masses broadcast from Knock and visit the Apparition Chapel all online at: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live/>

Accord Dublin has announced a new help line for people struggling with relationship issues.

ACCORD Dublin has setup a helpline to provide support for people struggling with relationship issues during this time of self-isolation. The contact number is 01 9059555. The line is open from 10 until 1 pm every Monday to Friday.

More details from their new website www.accorddublin.ie

We in the Parish of Good Shepherd wish you, and all your families a very happy, safe and blessed Easter.