

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th April 2020

Wicklow & Rathnew,

BARDARRIS, BRITTAS BAG & KILBRIDE



Easter 2020

Dear parishioners,

As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year in a way that we could never have imagined only a few weeks ago, I want to thank you for all the words of encouragement you have given to Fr Pat and myself during this time. Celebrating Mass in an empty church is a strange and surreal experience but it is greatly encouraging to know that huge numbers of people are joining us every day by means of the internet and the parish radio.

More importantly, I want to thank all who continue to keep the parish alive and vibrant by the outreach and care to those who are 'cocooned' and housebound. While we cannot come together physically, the need for human contact is more important than ever, so keep making those phone calls and sending the text messages. The parish office is still operating limited hours but the phone line is available at all times, so please get in touch if you are in need of anything. There are plenty of willing volunteers available to help.

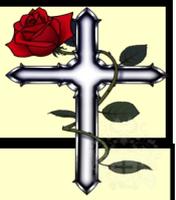
Two weeks ago, as Italy was in the height of the Coronavirus crisis, Pope Francis walked through an empty St Peter's Square to give his special 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing - to the city and to the world. And he reflected on the story in St Mark's Gospel about the calming of the storm at sea. Jesus asked his disciples why are you afraid? They thought he didn't care about them: 'Master, do you not care? We are going down'. The Pope's message was a reminder that Jesus invites us to trust in him in this most difficult time and not to be afraid.

Our Easter ceremonies this year are stripped back and simple: sadly no choir to bring joy to the celebration, no processions or banners. But the message of Easter still shines through the power of the words. There is no need to be afraid: Christ has conquered sin and death. He will be with us at this difficult time too.

Happy Easter to you all. May you and your loved ones be blessed with the joy of this season of new life.

Fr Donal

Mass Intention List



Sunday 12th April

Patrick Delaney - 1st Anniversary, Jimmy Gallagher, Mel McCann, Lily Hayman, James & Catherine Murphy, Bill Scott, Sylvester Delahunt, Thomas & Bridget Cregg & deceased members of the Murphy & Cregg families.

Due to Mass cancellations all of the weekend intentions will be remembered at the one Mass on Sunday, which will be broadcast live on the webcam at 11.30am

Weekly Daily Masses-10am -Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April
Broadcast live

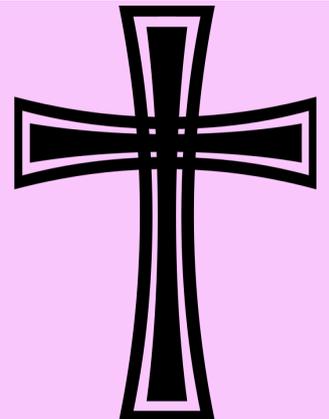
Monday - Sean Kelly, Kathleen Brennan
Tuesday - Alice, Paddy, Mary & Michael Sexton
Wednesday - Conor Teevan
Thursday - Tom Porter
Friday - John Byrne

Next Weekend 19th April

Betty Fitzpatrick & Carmel Culbert - 1st Anniversaries,
John Curley - Months Mind, Philomena & Harry Briscoe,
Johnny & Paul Murphy, Johnny Aherne, Kit & Ron Hagan,
Ned Jameson

Sincere sympathy to the family of -

Aileen Cussen, late of St Patrick's Avenue
Nancy Gill, late of Keatingstown



Dear Parishioner,

During these particularly difficult times - spiritually, emotionally, physically and economically, everyone is facing into a very uncertain period. We as a Church and a charity are in the same situation. We understand that there may be changes in peoples financial situations, but if at all possible we are asking people to continue to support our Priests and Parish.

Due to the reduction of Masses, there is also a reduction of financial support for the Parish.

Like some other Churches in the Dublin Diocese, we are introducing cashless donations with the addition of the GOOD BOX, which is situated at the main door of the church.

This is a very simple addition to our Parish and can be used as a TAP & GO. There is a €3 pre-set option on the box but this can be changed by swiping the screen. It may take a couple of days to leave your account and these donations do stay in our Parish.

Alternatively, you can drop your weekly envelope into the parish office any week-day morning or into the letterbox beside the porch door of the office. Please mark other normal donations as Common Fund - Priests Salaries or Share - Diocesan Administration. If any Parishioner would prefer to change to Direct Debit at this time, please get in touch with the office and we would be happy to send you out the form.

MASS TIMES - From Monday 13th April, Mass will resume live on the Webcam at 10am Monday to Friday. Church doors will be closed for the Mass, but will re-open after Mass until 7.30pm/8pm. This allows parishioner's to visit for private prayer or to light a candle, but please be aware of social distancing while in the church and if you are over 70, please adhere to government guidelines and continue to cocoon. Stay safe everyone.

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Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

**Congratulations to
AIDAN EARLS**



**Who won the weekly lotto raffle prize
of €25 in the Parish Lotto
Next weeks jackpot will be €2,300**



**OUR PARISH LOTTO
Winning numbers for this week
10, 11, 16, 29**

VOLUNTEERS..... We have a number of very kind and willing Parishioners who are volunteering to help out people who may need to socially isolate themselves or are worried about leaving their homes at the moment. These people are prepared to shop, collect prescriptions, walk dogs etc. If anyone needs any form of help please contact the Parish Office any morning and we will be happy to put someone in touch with you.

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.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number

087 123 8054

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**Deadline for receipt of
items for newsletter is
Tuesday at 3pm.**

There are some Apps/ Websites available online that may be of benefit to Parishioner's in providing Daily Prayer & other resources while we are in the current situation:

Pray as you Go; The Magnificat; Catholic Ireland; Radio Maria, along with our own local website & webcam.

ONLINE MASSES

During these times, 10am Mass will be broadcast online, Monday to Friday, and also the Sunday Mass at 11.30am. Unfortunately they will be closed to the public, as directed by the government.

Daily Mass is also on RTE News Now (channel 200 or Sky 521) at 10.30am, for those who wouldn't have access to the internet in their homes.

A prayer for the world

*God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.*

*The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.*

Be with them and help them to find peace.

*We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.*

*Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.*

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

