

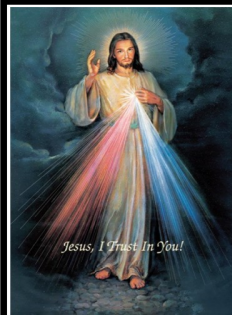
St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 19th April, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



To receive God's mercy, we need to completely trust in Jesus, the Person. But how do we do that when we feel like God has let us down or when we're experiencing difficulty?

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 19th April, 2020 will be celebrated in the Private Masses celebrated by the Priests at 10:00am each day

Sunday 19th	10:00 am: Stephen Mc Kenna <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Jerome Murphy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Brendan Rice; Annie & Elizabeth Aspel; Patrick Campbell
Monday 20th	10:00am
Tuesday 21st	10:00am Maureen McGinnity
Wednesday 22nd	10:00am Marc Smith <i>First Anniversary</i>
Thursday 23rd	10:00am
Friday 24th	10:00am
Saturday 25th	10:00am Joseph McDonnell.
Sunday 26th	10:00am Joe O Keeffe <i>Months Mind</i> . Alice Flood <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Sue Murphy



“While Masses are suspended, the voice of prayer should not be silent.”

Bishop Tom Deenihan

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.

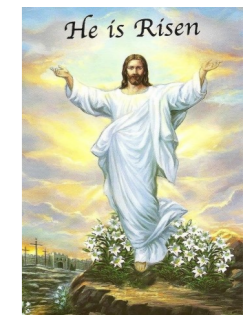
I embrace you as if you were already there

and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

(Pause for silent prayer)

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine! X3



Mass will be celebrated privately each day at **10:00am** and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream. **The Church will be open each day from 11.00am to 4.00pm** so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 12:00noon (as long as we are allowed).

Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

The Parish Office will be closed until further notice. For queries please phone 041.9834958.

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.

Third Age Ireland is a national organisation who take care of the elderly. **SeniorLine** is one of their programmes and could be very helpful to you at this time. 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. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

A prayer for those who died...

✠ **Georgie (Margaret) Tuite** (nee Kearney) Sunnyside
Frances Collins (nee Leonard), Halpin Terrace
Raouf Seán Malek, Meadowview
Noel Brennan, Rowan Heights & Marion Park
Jimmy Caraher, Tallonstown
Gerry Watson, Laytown & Dyer Street
Fr Phonsie Macken PE former PP Bohermeen.
Bridget Walsh, Empor Westmeath.
May they rest in peace.



Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

€1,760.00 Development, Priest's Offerings & Shrines.

Many thanks.

Keep safe and well.