



Parish News

Sunday 21st MARCH

Sir, we would like to see Jesus ...

I knew a man who fought cancer to the end. And he took to every type of possible healing. We all had been told it wouldn't work. I know another who just opened himself to it all and wouldn't even take chemo. These are different approaches to suffering. One fought it and the other accepted. I admired both of them.

Many people go into hospital wondering about their illness, and that death might be close. That's part of life. As for Jesus, it's a fearful time, confusing and sometimes draws us into more faith. We can transform our pain into suffering, and find some great graces in it. There is the challenge to find new life in it. Pain becomes suffering. Jesus doesn't want the chalice of the garden, but he allows it become fully part of him so that his inner strength is big! It doesn't mean a simplistic approach. But it means an acceptance of darkness in life.

Jesus found in his passion that God the Father is near. This can be our way, and we can find that through helping each other. We can help people at times of suffering – listening, being present. We find this in our hearts, not in books - that we can grow through suffering and we realise on a bad day that peace invades the soul, or that there is a bright light in the darkness.

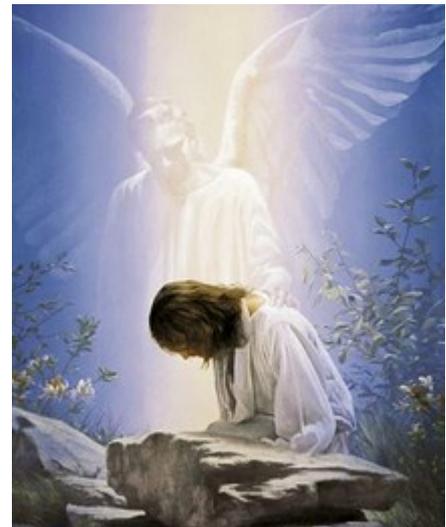
In any suffering in our lives, when we think of God, or say his name, or question him, maybe we can just imagine a light around us,. Saying nothing, just being open to the light.

Prayer Reflection

Lord, we remember today all those who know that the hour has come for them:

- couples about to commit themselves to each other for life;
- people, secure in their jobs, who know you are calling them to move into some new field;
- parents who must now let go of their children;
- friends who have decided to break off a relationship which is harmful to them;
- families facing a drop in their standard of living.

Help them to feel Jesus making the journey with them. Remind them of his pain and how he had to tell himself that unless the grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.



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Churches will be open for worship on Friday 26th March

Bishops in the North have announced a cautious return to public worship for the faithful from 26th March, in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches.

Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, via live-streaming.

Bishops, together with other Church leaders, encourage all on Easter Sunday to pray and reflect in a spirit of remembering, solidarity and hope in the context of the current pandemic.

The weekly mass schedule for our parish will resume as detailed below

Weekday schedule

09.15am	Immaculate Conception
10:00am	St Columb's,
11:00am	St Oliver Plunkett
07:30pm	St Columb's

Saturday Morning 10:00am	St Columb's
11:00am	Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils	06:00pm Immaculate Conception
	06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
	07:00pm St Columb's
	08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)	09:30am Immaculate Conception
	10:00am St Columb's
	11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
	12 noon Immaculate Conception
	12:30pm St Columb's



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All-Night Vigil for those who have died in our parishes

I am very conscious that for all those who have died in your parish(es) in the last twelve months, funerals have been far from 'normal', with all the COVID-19 restrictions that have been – and are – in place. The pain of loss has, in many cases, been compounded by the paucity of support which would normally be there through attendance at wake and funeral.

To begin to acknowledge all of this and to remember in prayer all those who have died in our diocese since the start of the pandemic, I intend to lead an all-night Vigil in St Eugene's Cathedral on the night of Friday 26th March, as we prepare for Holy Week.

1. The Vigil will be built round the Stations of the Cross and the names will be read out of those who have died since 14 March 2020 – the date of the first lockdown in the Republic.
2. As the names from each parish are read out, a rose plant will be brought forward to the sanctuary in the name of each parish. These roses will, at a later stage, be planted in a planned Garden of Remembrance at the Cathedral.

I do, of course, appreciate that restrictions on funeral numbers will continue after this all-night Vigil, but it seems appropriate to mark the anniversary.

Ceremony will be available on St Eugene's Webcam

Sincerely

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The Vatican has published the message of Pope Francis for Vocations Sunday (25 April 2021) on the theme 'Saint Joseph: [The Dream of Vocation](#)'.

[Pope Francis sends video message](#) marking the elevation of Knock Shrine as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine

Following the apparitions 142 years ago, Knock has become one of Ireland's popular religious sites, welcoming thousands of pilgrims annually.

In 1979, Pope St. John Paul II visited the Shrine. Pope Francis also visited Knock in August 2018 during his Apostolic Visit to the country as part of the World Meeting of Families.

Catholic Bishops - the March issue of '[Sharing the Good News](#)', the newsletter for parishes and dioceses is now available by clicking on the link above .

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world.

Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box at the back of the church.
2. Online at www.trocaire.org
3. By phone: 0800 912 1200 (NI) or 1850 408 408 (ROI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Streamed Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigils 7:00pm Vigil
8:00pm (Hospital Mass)
Sundays : 10:00am 11:15am and 12:00pm

Weekdays 09:15am 10:00am and 11:00am
Saturday 10:00am 11:00am



Our online masses can be accessed here [ONLINE](#)



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Donal Ramsey, Virginia Court, **Margaret Wood**,
Eskaheen View, **Benny O'Donnell**, Campion Court

Anniversaries:

Lil McLaughlin, Pat Deery, Mary Bradley, Susan Coyle, Phyllis and Bert Manchini, Matt Morrison, Jimmy Gallagher, Mary Murphy

A 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.



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