

THE PARISH TEAM:

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Altar List of the Dead

Mass for the Sick

Frances Lynch (Rec. Dec.)

Sean Whelan (A)

Friday 17th**Saturday 18th**Sheila Armstrong (1st)**MASS INTENTIONS 19th APRIL**Eddie Byrne (BDR): Lilly (6th A) and Aengus (45th A) Dunphy

In relation to MASS INTENTIONS – The priests of the parish will continue to offer mass privately for all booked intentions. Public celebrations will be re-arranged for a future date. If you have any questions, please feel free to ring us about it.

Sacramental Bonds in the Time of Virus

We have our bonds with our family in its up's and down's and normally we gather every now and then in the house of our parents or grandparents to explicitly and visibly live and celebrate and strengthen these bonds. The parents or grandparents are then given the role to preside in a way over the gathering. This is not so now. We cannot gather. All family members need to preside themselves in finding ways to keep these bonds alive.

Let me take it from here to reflect on being Church in these times, living our sacramental bonds. Normally we gather and give it to priests and lay people with a mandate to preside. This is not possible now. It is the time of the laity. Each one needs to preside in forms of living the sacramental family of Church. This brings us back to a broader understanding of each sacrament, not narrowing it down to the one action in the church building.

All baptized are now called to live their baptismal promises more fully. I am called to an honest confession of my sins, a commitment to change and a prayer for forgiveness. Communion is not restricted to the one bread shared but widened to the deep and sincere desire to spiritually take part and receive and be the body of Christ in this world. As families spend more time together the sacrament of marriage gains new importance. The care for the sick is an urgent call in this time and we look for ways of prayer and charity to reach out to them. Those who passed away may not be surrounded by a big crowd for a funeral but hopefully be able to pass from this world to the next on a multitude of prayers.

That may not be easy for lay people to take on this more active role of presiding and of keeping the sacramental bonds of being church alive. And it may not be easy for priests to let go. However, the circumstances help us as they force us to overcome such obstacles. This way, God's promise and closeness to us as expressed in each sacrament continues to nourish us. We all hope that it will be over rather sooner than later. Families will gather again and with even more appreciation and joy. And as Church we will gather again, having matured facing the virus.

Fr. Alois

NOTICES: All notices for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin should be submitted in writing no later than *Thursday 1pm* to the Parish House or Sacristy. *The newsletter can be read on line at www.donoreavenueparish.ie*