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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 19™ APRIL Eddie Byrne (BDR): Lilly

(6th A) and Aengus (45th A) Dunphy

Monday 20th Bill Taylor (Rec.Dec.)

Tuesday 21st St. Anselm Intentions Easter Cards

Washington 22nd Mass for the Siely

Wednesday 22nd Mass for the Sick Thursday 23rd St. George Altar List of the Dead

Friday 24th Bridget Smyth (10th A)

Saturday 25th St. Mark Margaret Daly (1stA)

SUNDAY 26™ APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF

EASTER Tom Poole (A); Carmel + Michael

Connell (BDR), Kathleen Kelly (A)

Monday 27th Altar List of the Dead

Tuesday 28th St Peter Chanel sm

Wednesday 29th St. Catherine of Siena

Mass for the sick

Thursday 30th Intentions Easter Cards

Friday 1st of May St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday 2nd Intentions Easter Cards

SUNDAY 310 MAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Kathleen McKeady-Dunne (A)

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> – The priests continue to offer mass privately for all booked intentions. Public celebrations will be rearranged for a future date. If you have any questions, please feel free to ring us about it.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Our last celebration before the restriction on public masses was Confirmation. This is more than a coincidence. That is important now: to con-firm our faith. At the end of mass we were blessed and sent – sent to live what we believe in our daily life.

By now, we all have experience with managing things for ourselves and in how much we can help others. There are so many examples of charity. Holy Thursday says: Where there is charity and love, there is God. During our area meetings someone said: Many people are very good in living the second commandment – love of neighbour. And this is a great grace. For us as Christians we also appreciate the first commandment – love of God as our source for everything else. That is why we have the church open in the afternoon: a sign of togetherness, space for time with God.

Prayer otherwise happens in private: an opportunity to re-discover private space, everyday life, the people we live with as – holy. Yes, holy. The Rule of Saint Benedict says: Treat every object in the monastery like you would treat objects in the sacristy and church. Act in everything like you would act before God. See Christ in the person you meet. This makes our daily routine, our living space, the people we live with and care for so meaningful. I see it beautifully illustrated in our sanctuary windows depicting the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and St. Teresa and her parish included.

Jesus was asked: Give us a sign! I see so many signs: Much less noise, people have time at hand, children can play out in the streets, I hear the birds in the morning, air quality improves, we buy only what is really necessary, social media are used well, we care for our neighbour and take part in the fate of people in other countries. All this is telling me something for the time after.

Since the day of Confirmation in our church, we practice to love God and neighbour in our living space and everyday life. That is great!

Fr. Alois