

MASS IN ST TERESA'S

Given the growing concern about movement of people, the Dublin Archdiocese has decided that it will not be possible to continue with public Sunday or Weekday Masses in the Archdiocese of Dublin from Wednesday 25th March until further notice. This decision was confirmed by the government announcements of further social restrictions on Tuesday 24th March.

Some additional consequences of this for us are:

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS ON 3RD OF APRIL!

We are unable to make the usual communion calls this month due to the concerns about movement and health. We will however endeavour to make a phone call.

FUNERALS

Because of the current restrictions, attendance at funerals in the parish will be much reduced, and may be limited to family and very close friends.

BAPTISMS

We will be in touch with the families concerned to rearrange future dates for the Baptisms that have been arranged for April and possible May, depending on how things go.

HOLY WEEK

As with public masses, there will be no public Holy Week ceremonies this year in the church. We will however take some initiative locally to mark this most holy time of the church's year, so rich in symbolism, meaning and reflection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Recommended for private prayer in Lent!

TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire boxes remain available in the church and at some future date we will arrange for a method of return to Trocaire.

DATES FOR THE DIARY is paused for now, as we are not aware yet when events can recommence.

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). The line is open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday at 0818 222024

WEEKLY PARISH ENVELOPES a number of people have asked about these. We fully understand that you have many other pressing concerns at this time. If by chance you are in a position to do so, please consider storing your Parish Weekly Envelopes for future delivery or putting them through the door of the parish house at any time convenient to you.

FAITH IN THE MIDST OF CORONAVIRUS:

The church will remain open during the day for private prayer and reflection from 9am to 5pm, with prayer resources available. The furniture will regularly be disinfected.

Weekday mass is available on RTE News Now at 10.30am. RTE News Now can be accessed on Saorview (Channel 21), SKY (521), Virgin (200), EIR (517). RTE also continue to broadcast a diverse range of Christian worship every Sunday at 11am on RTE One TV. EWTN also broadcast mass SKY (559) Virgin Media (815)

RADIO MARIA

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Radio Station. Listen via TV on Saorview Channel 210 and Freeview Channel 826

FOLLOW MASS VIA A WEBCAM Our parish website (www.donoreavenueparish.ie) offers links to churches with a webcam like Dublin Pro-Cathedral.

BUILDING THE FAITH COMMUNITY FROM A DISTANCE

We hope to find as many ways as possible for our faith community of St Teresa's to stay in touch. We will use: texting; Facebook; leaflet drop to houses; website; emails, Whatsapp; twitter etc. If you have any other suggestions, please let us know. Mass will continue to be said in private in your intentions.

PARISH NEWSLETTER We will continue to produce a parish newsletter that will be available at the back of the church to take home. It will also be available on the Parish Website and Facebook page.

'PASTORAL PARCEL' / NEW!!

In addition to the weekly newsletter, we prepared a special newsletter with prayer resources and information. This is being distributed to as many addresses as possible of parishioners and friends of St Teresa's Parish.

This special edition "Pastoral Parcel" newsletter (25th March 2020) also contains information on:

*CHURCH GUIDE ST TERESA - ring the parish house to arrange for a copy. We will deliver it.

*PRAYER SPACE with special emphasis on intercession for all those affected by the new Coronavirus Covid 19.

*TEXT-A-PARISHIONER service (if you wish to be included in the service, please ring the parish house and leave your name and mobile phone number.