

FIFTH PASTORAL PARCEL

Thank you for your feedback on the parcels! The fifth parcel comes with this newsletter / information, reflection, prayer, quiz, and experiences of fellow parishioners in this challenging time...If you know someone who also would like to receive it, please pass it on to us and we will deliver it! Thank you

PARISH COMMITTEES

The parish team and the committees (PPC, Liturgy, & Finance) are continuing their work via e-mail, phone and other social media.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The roadmap points to church services beginning in July and schools not returning until September. Any First Holy Communion celebrations will need to fit into this timetable. We continue to pray for and with the children preparing for First Holy Communion.

BAPTISMS: It is possible to have small group baptisms for one child, with up to ten people present if families wish. Please contact us about this, we would be delighted to facilitate this.

However it is just not possible to have large group celebrations of Baptism at the moment due to the current health safeguards and so such baptisms are postponed until further notice. Families have been contacted.

FUNERALS:

Funerals are and will continue to take place in St Teresa's parish, however, the attendance is limited to ten members of close family. These are the guidelines agreed between Funeral Directors, the Graveyards, and the Diocese. People standing outside the church before and after funerals honouring the deceased are asked to keep the social distance of two meters between each other.

RAINBOWS FOR RAILINGS:

This became quite a success and found echo in Dublin media. Thank you! Returned **Mandalas** from the last newsletter and other art work are exhibited inside the church.

Over the next week or so, the rainbows for the railings will be wound down. The high winds of last weekend precipitated the rescue of some before they took off! All rainbows will be displayed indoors for a while and then will be stored in folders in the archives. They are available on the parish website and have also been installed in a powerpoint slide presentation.

MONTH OF MARY:

During the Month of May, we have displayed two banners on the main door of the church as an external visible symbol of the significance of this month. On *facebook* we have presented short videos on the eight Marian shrines of our parish for prayer in this Month of May.

BUILDING THE FAITH COMMUNITY FROM A DISTANCE.

Stay in touch with your parish and invite others to do so: newsletters, Facebook; website; emails, WhatsApp; twitter, Phone calls, knock on the door etc.

THANK YOU! The Parish Team & Marist Community would like to thank everyone who contacted us to wish us well and to ask how we are doing. That is great support.

THANK YOU! For all donations (Envelopes, shrines, diocese, Easter Dues, Trocaire, St Vincent de Paul, once-off donations).

THANK YOU! We here about much mutual help in the neighbourhoods of the parish area. Support being offered in so many different ways. Great! Please pick up the phone if you are in need.

Coronavirus HELPLINE for older people 0818 222 024. If you have concerns or queries about COVID 19 call ALONE's dedicated Helpline everyday 8am – 8pm.

DOCUMENTATION PANDEMIC 2020

Dublin City Council began a collection of remarkable events and expressions during this pandemic in Dublin. Our Rainbows for Railings and Easter Candle as 'light of hope' are part of this. If you would like to have all the videos on the Stations of the Cross or the Novena to our Saints, please contact us. You are welcome to download images from the website or *facebook* and to pass them on.

MARIST PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

The pilgrimage is cancelled for this year: It would require 2 weeks confinement when we would get back. People are not allowed to travel more than 100 km. Hotels are still closed. The pilgrimage is postponed to next year. All those who registered will be officially informed. Vouchers will be offered of course. Refunds are much more difficult to obtain. The legal position at present is still unclear as regards refunds. If they do come about it will take a long time.

LEAVING CERT EXPERIENCE

Catherine Clarke, Exams and Beyond Exams, in *The Sacred Heart Messenger* June 2020, 44-45, helpful to deal with Leaving Cert!

CHURCH GUIDE ST. TERESA

Copies are available. Ring the parish house to arrange for a copy. 1 copy for 10 Euro/2 copies for 15 Euro.

ANSWERS TO 'QUIZ' IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

75 people on the Stations of the Cross; 313 in the pews; 89 windows; altar server to be found in the Holy Communion window (cf. Church Guide).