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Donore Avenue Parish

ST. TERESA'S
PASTORAL PARCEL 3

APRIL 2020

THE THIRD ONE.....

In this third Pastoral Parcel since the Covid 19 restrictions on public gatherings came into place, you will find a parish newsletter which covers the next two weeks or so with information on parish life that is continuing, that is paused or that is being adapted to the new circumstances. You will also find some prayers and reflections on faith, life & scripture and novena to the saints of our church. Along with this there is a short quiz on parish street names; another colouring page to add to the decoration of Church or Home; a prayer cube to be assembled for home prayers. We have also included a picture gallery especially for those not on social media, showing your parish church over the Holy Week and Easter time. There is further information on local supports; and also the Rainbows for Railings initiative – where anyone can submit a rainbow to be attached to the railings as a sign of HOPE. Amongst other things. Let us know what you think and especially if there is anything you need, want or think would be a good idea for the parish to do during these times.

Fr. David.

WE ARE THE LIVING CHURCH

As Christians, we have just come out of the 40-day season of Lent and celebrated the Easter Triduum. Lent recalls other periods of 40 days or years that appear in the Bible. The 40 years that the Israelites spent in the wilderness after fleeing from Egypt. The 40 days, Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by Satan. All these are periods of uncertainty which we could relate to Lent and Easter season 2020 plagued with fear and anxiety around COVID-19.

People persisted by trusting in God. These stories give us people who we can relate to during this time of physical distancing. These stories also give me hope in the way that each group made it through. Hope, in the way that the Israelites leaned on each other as a community, something that we have been invited to do as we learn to support each other. Hope in Jesus whose' beginning of ministry was marked by trial and isolation. Physical distancing and self-quarantine offer challenges: working from home and homeschooling children; loneliness, practicing patience while spending more time than usual in small spaces with family.

When our "social distancing" prompted the suspension of all church activities and masses, we started hearing the Eucharistic Celebration online or through various media. Many people continued to link in with our own parish on Facebook, Twitter and the website to celebrate our own prayer moments. Indeed we were physically deprived to go to Church but we were never deprived to share the presence of each other and to celebrate our faith together. In the Bible, church is always a reference to people, not a building. The church is at its best when people inside the building take Jesus' message outside the building and serve those they meet. I have seen people taking the dogs of cocooning or quarantined neighbours on walks, embracing new hobbies that involve creativity, calling and writing letters to loved ones, by people using chalk to write encouraging messages on the pavements, painting, drawing and crocheting rainbows for our railings. At home parents are sharing ideas of how to fill their children's time; people are dropping off food and shopping to neighbours in need; landlords who have stopped collecting rent aware that their tenants maybe struggling without wages; housing companies who are offering free apartments to healthcare and frontline workers.

So let us wake up every day with the knowledge that while we may be doing nothing, we are doing exactly what is needed. We are doing this for ourselves and for other people. Be proud of yourself. The isolation will not last forever. There is so much good in the world. We have not been abandoned. God was with the Israelites, and Jesus, and he continues to be with us each and every day.

Sam Byrne

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RAINBOWS FOR RAILINGS

St. Teresa's Church are displaying rainbows created by local parishioners and friends to cheer up those who pass by during the Covid19 restrictions.

The Rainbow is a sign of the beauty and peace that comes after a storm, it also reminds us of the story of Noah and the Ark, and how God made a promise to protect his people, always.

Please feel free to add your own **Rainbow to the Railings** by leaving it in the Church, dropping it into the parish house or hanging it up yourself as you pass by.

SUPPORTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Dublin Centre City Partnership

Dublin South City Partnership is a local development company that offers a range of supports for the local community.

In response to COVID 19, and if you are in need of support, are self-isolating, or finding things difficult, we can help you access support services for: Deliveries; Transport; Collections for Prescriptions, Post Offices and shopping; information about services in your area; someone to talk to.

CONTACT: 01 473 2196

In the last newsletter we distributed a list of other support services with contact details.

Quiz - Street names in our parish.

1. Who is Mhaigréad Ní Chinnéide? What does the person have to do with our parish?
2. Petrie Road, O Donovan Road, O Curry Road are named after three men who are famous for a common project in Ireland. Which one?
3. Donore Avenue was called differently years ago. What was its name? Where in Dublin is this still a street name?
4. Which street in our parish is named after the "Blind Bard"?

Answers in the Church Guide, or from Fr. Alois, or ask around.



EASTER HOLY WATER

Holy water can be collected from the church sacristy by arrangement. Bring a bottle or we have a supply of small bottles that can be used.

A "Time Capsule"

These are indeed very strange times we are living in. We will never see the like of them again. Diaries, scrapbooks, journals, and notes from these days will be treasured items in the future. We are very conscious of that on the Parish Team and are holding on to copies of everything and keeping them for the archives.

One specific suggestion for treasuring this time is to put together a "Time Capsule". It could be called "My Covid-19 Time Capsule". The full details and page templates can be found on our Facebook and Website, but the main headings are the following:

Photographs from this time; a daily journal; some local newspaper cutouts; artwork; family reflections; special memories. Personal details could be included like: my favourite...toy, colour, animal, food, show, movie, book, activity, place, song.....my best friends...my age, height, weight and shoe size. How I have felt at times...what I have learnt...what I am thankful for...things I am looking forward to doing when this is over.

What is happening in the local area? What am I doing to keep myself busy at home? Include a set of hand prints....and maybe foot prints. What special occasions occurred during this time..Birthdays...St Patrick's day...Anniversaries...Easter..etc. You could write a letter to yourself, to be read in the future. What about interviewing your parents and recording their answers, and also asking them to write a letter to you. These are just some ideas for what could be included in your time capsule. I'm sure you can think of many other items that could be included. Finally place all these items in a box or tin.

Novena to the Saints in our Church

Novena in time of pandemic.... Light a candle from saint to saint as many of you like to do coming to this church for mass and even now, when possible. We take the light from the newly blessed Easter Candle – the sign of our hope and confidence . A full text is available at the parish house.

The Sacred Heart (Third Friday after Pentecost)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me today. Through the intercession of the Sacred Heart, I place in your care those I come to remember, especially.....I cannot stay long here with you.

In leaving this candle, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue my prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.

St. Anthony of Padua (13 June)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me today. Through the intercession of the St. Anthony, I place in your care those I come to remember, especially.....I cannot stay long here with you.

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St. Patrick – principal patron of Ireland (17 March)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me today. Through the intercession of St. Patrick, I place in your care those I come to remember, especially.....I cannot stay long here with you.

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St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1 October)

St. Teresa, Little Flower of Jesus Pray for us

St. Teresa, true child of God Pray for us

St. Teresa, friend of all who call on you Pray for us

O Little Therese of the child Jesus. Please pick a rose for me from the heavenly gardens, And send it to me as a message of love. O little flower of Jesus, ask God today to grant the favours. I now place with confidence in your hands. (Mention your specific requests)

St. Therese of the child Jesus, help me to always believe as you did. In God's great love for me so that I might imitate your Little Way each day. Amen.

St. Laurence O'Toole, Patron saint of our diocese (14 November)

St. Laurence O'Toole, man of peace, You were in the middle of family and political conflict from your earliest days. Give the gift of peace and hope to all who experience the trauma of division in families, in communities and among nations. St. Laurence O'Toole, man of faith, you had the openness to accept a position of leadership in your community at an early age. Bless our young people with a spirit of generosity to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel. Amen.

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St. Jude (28 October)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me today. Through the intercession of the St. Jude, I place in your care those I come to remember, especially.....I cannot stay long here with you.

In leaving this candle, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue my prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.

St. Peter Chanel (28 April)

St Peter Chanel, you left your homeland to proclaim Jesus to the peoples of Oceania. Guided by the spirit of God, who is the strength of the gentle, you bore witness to love, even laying down your life. Grant that like you we may live our daily life in peace, joy, and love. May your prayer and example call forth from our midst many workers for the Gospel so that God's Kingdom may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen.

St. Marcellin Champagnat (6 June)

Scoil Treasa Naofa School Prayer

God Our Father, we come to say, Thank you for our school today. Help us God and keep us safe. Keep our school a happy place. Bless us all in every way, For our mams and dads we also pray. We love our school so very much because it has that loving touch. Amen.

St. Joseph (19th March)

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride and selfishness. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me today. Through the intercession of the St. Joseph, I place in your care those I come to remember, especially.....I cannot stay long here with you.

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Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)

Prayer Diocese of Dublin, World Day of the Sick:

Take my hand, o Blessed Mother, Hold it firm, lest I fall. I am nervous when I'm walking, So today I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, Watch me when I'm on the stairs. Help me with my undertaking, Lessen many of my cares. When the evening falls upon me, And I fear to be alone, Take my hand O Blessed Mother, Once again please lead me home. Amen.

Thank you to all the children (and adults) who have returned the coloured pages for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Resurrection, that now decorate our church.

Thank you also for the rainbows and their messages and also the knitted and crochet rainbows that now decorate the church railings. We notice that passers-by admire, take note of and in some cases take pictures. Truly an inspiration in a public space.

You are welcome to add to the display, to be creative with the rainbow theme and to contribute.