

**LENT IN ST. TERESA'S in 2021**

The Government will review the current level of restrictions on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, but it is expected that they will extend them and that there may be **no public mass foreseeable until Easter!**

This is very hard on all of us. As faith community we continue to walk united using the means available to us.

**Mass:** All masses will be celebrated online. While the church is closed there is no additional evening mass except the usual Monday evening mass.

**Stations of the Cross:** We will pray the Stations via webcam on Fridays, 9.45am and will upload the short videos from last year on the *facebook* and website page.

**Holy Hour (3-4pm)** will continue as long as the church is closed. Readings from: *Treasures of Irish Christianity*, Dublin, 2021.

**Trocaire:** Boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Displays:** We continually try to highlight the different liturgical days.

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, and FUNERALS:** Please contact the parish house for questions.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

The children in Scoil Treasa as well as the children in the parish based program continue preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is done on-line and in contact with the parish team. Celebration of these sacraments will hopefully be during the school year or the summer months.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

+Austin McDonald, Sandford Gardens

**CHILDREN'S CORNER:** Please feel free to hand in questions for the next pastoral parcel!

**ACCORD – Catholic Marriage Care Services**

The annual collection for ACCORD is being taken up at present. There are envelopes at the back of the church for donations. Donations can also be made directly on their website or given to the parish and we will forward them on to ACCORD.

**CHRISTMAS DUES 2020: 3230 Euro**

A big thank you to all the donors in the name of the diocese!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- **1 March** meeting of Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Zoom at 7.30pm
- **8 March**, Meeting Liturgy committee via Zoom at 7pm.
- **March – date yet undecided** – meeting on Zoom of parish Finance Committee.

**ST PATRICKS DAY**

This year we are delighted to celebrate our national feastday with a mass in Irish with Martin Daly SM. As of now I think we can presume it will be on-line through the webcam only but you never know!

**19 MARCH FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH 2020-2021**

**Year of St. Joseph – Patron of the Universal Church:** You find more in this Pastoral Parcel.

**25 MARCH ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD –**

First anniversary of the first lockdown. It was this day last year when churches were closed for public mass.

**PASTORAL PARCEL 12** covers the time up to 13

March and includes the mass leaflet for each week, readings and reflections, so please keep the respective pages for the three weeks.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES** are the **main source of income** for the parish. The boxes of envelopes for 2021 have arrived and are available from the parish house. Give us a ring and we will deliver them to your house. Please consider taking a box if you have not done so already.

**READING AND HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy.

**Pope Francis: THE DOUBLE DIRECTION OF LENT**

We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to **our relationship with God**, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is **what we have done for others**. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

**PARISH WEBCAM**

There is live streaming of church services in this church. It can be accessed on our website: [www.donoreavenueparish.ie](http://www.donoreavenueparish.ie) or through <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>