



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK
 10TH MAY 2020
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



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LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP EAMON MARTIN

Dear Leaving Cert and A-Level students,
 I want to let you know that you are especially in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. In recent weeks I have been speaking with some of you over the phone and I have received letters and emails asking me to remember you in my Masses and rosaries. I know that, for many of you, the uncertainty of this year has been hard to cope with. The Covid-19 emergency has turned our world upside down and everywhere it has brought feelings of isolation, anxiety and helplessness. It has interrupted so many plans - for weddings, First Communion and Confirmations, travel and holidays. For you, it has gate-crashed what is such an important and special year in your lives, and it has left you wondering: what happens next? At the same time the virus has not destroyed goodness and love. It has actually brought out the very best in so many people. I have seen first hand the amazing voluntary efforts that you and many others have been making to reach out to the elderly and marginalized, and to spread a message of hope for a better and brighter future. And that is my message for you today: Hold on to Hope! As Pope Francis likes to put it: "Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope!"

One of my favourite lines in the Bible is "Every day, as long as this today lasts, keep encouraging one another" (Heb3:13). Thank you for keeping in touch with each other and for encouraging each other. Thank you to your teachers for being there for you online and for helping to keep your spirits up. Thank you to your parents and families and good friends who have been rallying around you and who will always be there for you - no matter what. Some day you will look back on 2020 and tell your children and grandchildren about the way the coronavirus tried to spoil your dreams. I hope you will go on to describe how the opposite happened - it actually led to a strengthening of your character, your belief in yourself, your empathy for others, and your faith in God.

I promise to keep you in my prayers and I offer you my blessing and support for the days ahead.

Don't forget - Hold on to hope!
 God bless you.

Yours sincerely,
Eamon Martin
 Archbishop of Armagh

ANNIVERSARY MASSES All Anniversary Masses which have been booked are still being celebrated by Fr. Sheehan and Fr. Shajan in private.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

Anniversary and remembrance Masses

Saturday	9th May	6.00pm	Av's	Dermot Murphy. Patrick & Annie Malone, Son Packie Malone, Daughters Sheila & Ellen Malone. Dessie Gorman. Florence Callan.
Sunday	10th May	10.00am	Av's	Michael & Agnes Kirke.
Sunday	17th May	10.00am	Av's	Danny Dawe & Mary & Tom Woolsey.
		6.00pm	Av's	Mary Donnelly. Kevin, Josephine & Ciaran McKeever & Seamus Hearty.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Monica Cardwell, Beechmount Drive. Miceál MacArtain, Mount Avenue. Elizabeth Roddy, Ard Easmuinn. Gay Nicholson, Ard Easmuinn. Doreen Rogers, Cedarwood Park. Marie Collins (née Larkin) Mount Avenue. Joan Kinney (née Hughes) Ard Easmuinn. Jack (Jackie) Coburn, Blackrock. Paul Maddy, Marian Park.



Reflection for Sunday's Gospel - I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Way that guides our steps, another name for the Lord Jesus. Like a path guides us through a forest in the mist, the Lord guides our way in life. He has walked our ways before: knowing bereavement and failure, knowing rejection and poverty, knowing loneliness and loss of faith. He is the Truth that enlightens our mind; like a glimpse of light in the fog; he gives meaning in times of emptiness, some experiences of peace in confusion, and certainty that we can find the truth of Life in the gospel of His Father. And He is the Life. He gives hope and comfort in our yearnings for fullness, He gives a confidence that the biggest gift of all is life, and that in emptiness and in pain, in doubt and confusion, He offers a new surge of life, the life that comes from knowing that we are loved intensely and called to love as best we can in life. Thus we live in the way, the truth, and the life of God, in Jesus Christ, for He says, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer against the Coronavirus

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven & Mother of God, You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's Creation. I place myself & all my loved ones under the power, protection & sovereignty of your Crown. Under the protection of your crown & through your immense intercessory power, I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the coronavirus. Dearest Mother & Queen, more Mother than Queen, we, your children in Christ Jesus, ask you to obtain for us an end to the spread of the virus. **Amen.**

A Prayer for our Healthcare workers during the Coronavirus

Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus. God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh to present Celebration of Gratitude and Hope

In response to the Covid - 19 Pandemic, Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a special Celebration of Gratitude and Hope in St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh, on Sunday 10th May at 7.30pm. He will be joined on the evening by well known and talented singers Karl McGuckin and Malachi Cush. It promises to be a very special celebration which will be streamed live on St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam which can be accessed at www.armaghparish.net and also on the Archdiocese of Armagh Facebook Page.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT: The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Thomas Fox 042-93-34259.



