



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK
2ND MAY 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



Pope Francis is inviting the entire Catholic World to join him through the Marian Sanctuaries across the globe during the month of May, to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The date 10th May 2021 has been assigned to Ireland for the leading of prayers at the International Marian Shrine at Knock. On that date we are especially asked to remember in our intentions all the people with disabilities.

Armagh Diocesan Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage 7th-12th May 2021. As we will not be travelling to

Lourdes this year due to the pandemic, a virtual pilgrimage following the Pilgrimage programme will be broadcast from around the diocese on our Pilgrimage Facebook Page **Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**. As part of this, Mass will be broadcast from our own Church on Sunday 9th May at 12 noon. Bishop Michael Router will be the celebrant. A dedicated email account has been set up if anyone wishes to send in petitions which will be printed and placed in front of the Altar where Masses are celebrated during the pilgrimage. The address is armagh Lourdes petitions 2021@gmail.com. The account will be deleted after the 12th May 2021. The full programme of the virtual pilgrimage can be found on our notice boards.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES from 10th May, Churches will be re-open for the faithful to participate in the liturgies. We look forward to seeing you all back.

MINISTRY OF THE ACOLYTE. We offer our congratulations to :- Francesco Campiello, Gabriel Neal, Jacek Tuszkiwicz, seminarians of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, who were conferred with the Ministry of the Acolyte by Bishop Michael Router last Wednesday 28th April. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Speak to your local priest, or contact your Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr. Peter: pmcanenly21@gmail.com; 028 (048) 37522802) or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Weekly envelope collection:- Week ending 25/04/21:- €643.50. We thank we for your generosity.

REFLECTION

I am the vine, you are the branches

I am the river, you are the water,
I am the mountain, you are the soil,
I am the love, you are the touch,
I am the mother, you are the child,
I am the fragrance, you are the rose;
we belong with Him, and in Him.

There is no river without water,
no mountain without soil,
no love without touch,
no mother without child,
no fragrance without a flower:

The Risen Lord,
faithful promise of God to all of us,
is the source of all life.

May we be grateful for the gift of life.

The Risen Lord is the source of all love;
may we be grateful for th gift of love.

It is a continuous gift:
the vine gives life to the branches,
the river gives direction to the water,
the touch gives the comfort of love,
the soil is enriched by the mountain,
the rose is made sweet by the fragrance.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

**I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5**



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	1st May	6.00pm	Av's	Marie Hynes. Sean & Peggy Forde.
Sunday	2nd May	12.00pm	MM	Eilish McNally
Thursday	6th May	10.00am	RIP	Sean Bennett
Friday	7th May	10.00am	RIP	Parish List of The Dead
Saturday	8th May	10.00am	Av's	Molly & Dominic McKeivitt, Katie Boyle, Johnny Boyle, Charlie Mostyn, Karen Clarke.
		6.00pm	Av's	Mickey, Michael & Agnes Kirke.
Sunday	9th May	10.00am	MM	Kevin O'Brien.
			Av's	Danny Dawe & Mary Woolsey. Jack Gray.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Eilish McNally (née Callan) Beechmount Drive. Kevin O'Brien, Woodview Park. Maurice Harrison Snr. Cedarwood Park. Kathleen Duffy (née Tuite) formerly Marian Park. Joe McCabe, Beechmount Drive. Maire Whelan (née Quigley) Ard Easmuinn.



Our Lady Queen of the May
May is well known as Mary's Month, a specific month in the year when special devotions are performed to honour Mary as the Mother of Christ. This practice was adopted from ancient Greek and Roman times, when they honoured the most important women in their religions during May. Then during the 18th century the Catholic Church started to honour Mary as the most important woman in our Faith during the month of May. This practice was started in Rome by a Jesuit priest and then very quickly spread. There are 5 reasons why we honour Mary:-

1. Mary is the Mother of Jesus.
2. Mary is the first and most perfect disciple.
3. Mary is our Mother.
4. Mary loves us more than we can ever imagine.
5. Mary is our advocate and helper.

There is a long standing tradition in Churches and homes to erect a May Altar with a statue or picture of Mary and in many Churches there was also the tradition of choosing a day in May to crown Mary - a custom known as May Crowning. Often the crown was made of blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It is also a reminder to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtues in our own lives. This May, to honour Mary, why not erect your own May Altar at home with a statue or picture of Mary adorned with flowers. The Altar stands from May 1st - 31st, as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. Additionally, why not then hold your own "May Crowning", presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms, or any other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ and as you do so, place yourself under Mary's protection during this time of Pandemic.

"Mary, my dearest Mother, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility, that I may receive Jesus as you did- and go in haste to give Him to others".
St. Teresa of Calcutta.

In keeping with tradition, why not also pray the Rosary together as a family.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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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.

