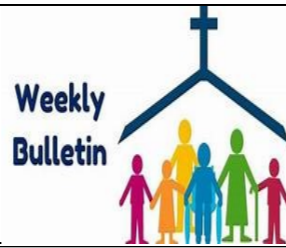




PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK
 26TH APRIL 2020
 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



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 our 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.

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.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



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	25th April	6.00pm	Av's	Mc Crave & Gorman families. Patrick Carroll Snr & Patrick Carroll Jnr.
Sunday	26th April	6.00pm	Av's	Bridie McMahon, John, Anne & Anthony Ashmore. Bernadette Murray & Mary Donnelly. Angela Callan
Monday	27th April	10.00am	Av	Fiona Larrissey.
Tuesday	28th April	10.00am	Av's	Martin & Mollie Gallagher.
Thursday	30th April	10.00am	Av	Andrew Maxi McAlester -Kavanagh.
Saturday	2nd May	10.00am	Av's	Dessie Murphy. Sean Ford. Patrick (Pat) Foley. Marie Hynes.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Peggy Murphy, Carrick Road. Monica Cardwell, Beechmount Drive. Miceál MacArtain, Mount Avenue. Elizabeth Roddy, Ard Easmuinn. Gay Nicholson, Ard Easmuinn. Doreen Rogers, Cedarwood Park.



OUR CHURCH Will remain open for solitary personal prayer each morning from 9.30am-12.30pm. Please respect social distancing.

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

EASTER DUES 2020 We would be most grateful if you would kindly return your Easter Dues to the Sacristy or Parochial House. Thank you.

PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION In light of the current situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) there have been a lot of enquiries from parishioners wishing to continue to support our parish financially during these testing times. To facilitate this, parishioners are advised to leave their weekly envelope in the Parish Office letterbox. This will be checked and emptied regularly.

EASY PAYMENTS PLUS With the impact of COVID -19 on parish life the Archdiocese of Armagh has provided, on the diocesan website, an online facility to assist parishioners who may wish to support their parish in their Parish Sunday Envelope/Offertory Collection and Priest's Dues/Collection. To access this facility and for further details please visit www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button.

ACCORD Covid-19, Couples & Relationships Support Line. If you need to speak to an experienced couples and relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life. Contact (01) 531333. 9.00am – 8.00pm, Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

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.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Amen.