

4. Our Parish Sunday 17th May 2020

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER

The Church is open for private prayer daily from 10.a.m. to 4.p.m. Please observe a social distance of two metres & use the hand sanitiser provided on entering & leaving the Church. Newsletters, Sunday Mass leaflets & Easter Dues Envelopes & LOOK SHEETS (for Children) will be available from the back of the Church.

**Click on the link below for the Mass text for the Sixth Sunday of Easter.
STAY AT HOME—PRAY AT HOME**

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings/?feature=sunday>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thought for the day

“The greatest things you’ll ever learn is to love and be loved in return.” The following words, attributed to Pedro Arrupe SJ, may uplift and inspire.

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love, in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything.”

Comprehensive list of churches in the Dublin Diocese with webcams: <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/list-of-churches-with-webcams-to-watch-listen-to-daily-mass/>

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Office Opening times-Closed to the public at present - Contact by Phone & email only
Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9a.m. to 1p.m.

**FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE
PHONE: 0871186474**

Mass will take place behind closed doors, 9a.m. daily & 6.30p.m. Sat. broadcast on the parish radio & on our Facebook page: Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians. Private Funeral services are continuing to take place in the Church but will not be announced publicly. The Parish Centre & The Parish /School Hall remain closed until further notice.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7



Our Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

1ST COLLECTION AT MASS AND THE EASTER DUES.

Many people have experienced a loss of income during the pandemic. As you may have read in the week-end newspapers, the income of the priests of the parish and the diocese has also been very affected. Priests income has been reduced by 25%. The 1st Collection at mass and the Dues Collections are the source of the priests’ income. As the churches have been closed for a period of time, there has been no 1st Collection and no opportunity to organise the Easter Dues Collection.

So, we want to take this opportunity to THANK those who, so far, have made such great efforts to get a contribution towards the 1st Collection and the Easter Dues Collection to us. It wasn’t easy to do this, so we appreciate this very much.

We also want to THANK all those who have through cards and phone calls contacted us to ask how we are and to pass on good wishes.

Fr. John, Fr. Paddy & Fr. John

DONATION OPTIONS

1st Collection donations, Family Offering & Easter Dues envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or the Sacristy letterboxes or 211 Navan Road at any time.

We now also have the facility to donate to any of these collections securely online through ‘Easy payments Plus’

**Click on the DONATE button on our website
www.navanroadparish.com.**

There is also an option to pay for Signed Mass cards online as we have had many requests for Mass Cards. Email the Parish Office: info@navanroadparish.com or Ph: 018380265 with your details, the name for the intention & type of card you require.

We will post the card(s) to you. Thank You

**ALONE COVID-19
Helpline**

Monday to Friday,
8am-8pm, Call
0818 222 024
These are lonely & difficult
times. Please call if you need
to talk.



**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR THE
MONTH OF MAY**

Consider setting up a simple May
Altar at home for the month. We can
all pray together for all those suffering
as a result of Covid-19; the sick, those
isolated, the vulnerable and lonely.

We remember all who have died, especially in our Parish.
We also remember all the boys and girls whose 1st Com-
munion Ceremony is postponed. We ask parents to pray
with the children at this time. Pope Francis has asked us to
pray the Rosary at this time and has issued two new prayers.

**CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. POPE JOHN
PAUL II –Monday 18th May 2020**

In 1978, John Paul made history by becoming the first non-
Italian Pope in more than four hundred years. As the leader of
the Catholic Church, he travelled the world, visiting more than
100 countries to spread his message of faith and peace includ-
ing Ireland in 1979. The Papal Cross was built in the Phoenix
Park especially for this visit. A vocal advocate for human
rights, John Paul often spoke out about suffering in the world.
He held strong positions on many topics, including his opposi-
tion to capital punishment. A charismatic figure, John Paul
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CARRY ON

Music & Songs have
new meaning at the
moment during this
time of confinement
& most things can-
celled for the coming
summer months. The
words of 'Carry On'
by JJ Cale seem very
relevant:

"If life's little downs
they keep coming
around
Carry on, carry on
With darkness all
about, you want to
scream and shout
Carry on, carry on
Don't cry baby, look
at where you've been
Everybody knows
you just need a
friend
Please, please,
please, if you're down
on your knees
Carry on, carry on
Your head is full of
doubt, you can't
figure it out
Carry on, carry on
.....[https://
www.youtube.com/
watch?
v=ON9Jh1NNdg8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON9Jh1NNdg8)
(Listen on above link)

**CROSSCARE
FOODBANK -**

Blanchardstown are
providing emergency
food parcels for those
who need them.
Contact 018219892 for
information

MORE HELPLINES
Dublin City Council
Helpline 01-2228555 Email:
covidsupport@dublincity.ie
Fingal County Council
Helpline 01-8905000 with
the lines open from 9am to
5p.m. five days a week
covidsupport@fingal.ie.

Psalm 65:
"Cry out with joy to
God all the earth, O
sing to the glory of His
name"

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All are welcome in
the Church for
private prayer.
Please respect others
in the Church by
observing quiet.
ONLY the bottom
half of the Church is
open for prayer as it
is very important
that it is cleaned
each evening. Please
do not pass the no
entry signs.

Childline
Call . Chat . Text
Call: 1800 66 66 66
Text: 50101
www.childline.ie
**TALKING MAKES US
STRONGER.**

THE SPANISH FLU OF 1918 AND SAINT ROCH

In 1918 and probably for some time before that there was
great devotion to St. Roch, centering around the Daughters
of Charity Convent of St. Vincent's on Navan Road. The
Sisters came from France and probably brought the devo-
tion to St. Roch with them. The statue of St. Roch in our
Church now and in their Church then, came with them in
the 19th Century to Navan Road. At that time the only
residents of the area lived on Blackhorse Avenue then
known as Blackhorse Lane. The Sisters promoted the devo-
tion to St. Roch and the local people responded to that
devotion. They attended the Church to participate in the
devotional ritual. It is believed that when the Spanish Flu
came in 1918 St. Roch protected the local people. No one
from Blackhorse Lane died from the flu even though many
from other areas did. According to local lore there were
queues of horse drawn hearses at Glasnevin
but not from here.

St. Roch Pray For Us

*The Statue of St. Roch is in the St. Pope John Paul II
shrine in the Church. Open for private prayer 10-4 daily.
Prayer cards are available from the Church.*

**"Do not be afraid to take a
chance on peace, to teach
peace, to live peace...Peace
will be the last word of
history." St. Pope John Paul II**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO LOURDES CANCELLED**

It is with regret and disappoint-
ment that the Dublin Diocese
have had to postpone the 2020
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
until 2021, due to the Corona-
virus Pandemic. We pray espe-
cially for our sick pilgrims at this
difficult time and those Pilgrim-
age volunteers who are working
on the front line. Let us trust in
our loving God, seeking our
Blessed Lady's help and protec-
tion and the intercession of
St. Bernadette.

Reading References:
24th May 7th Sunday of Easter:
Acts 1: 1-11, Ps 26: 1,4,7 R/v
13. Ep. 1:17-23. Mt. 28:16-20
THE ASCENSION OF OUR
LORD—World Communica-
tions Day—World Day For Prayer
For The Church in China

DCU – MA Theology 2020
Go to these links for all
the details & info on
Scholarships.
[https://www.dcu.ie/theology/philosophy_music/
index.shtml](https://www.dcu.ie/theology/philosophy_music/index.shtml)
<https://www.dcu.ie/dc693>
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