

#### 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.”

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.

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



# Our Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 Communion 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.

## CROSSCARE FOODBANK -

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

**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.**

### **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 Communications Day—World Day For Prayer For The Church in China*

## MORE HELPLINES

Dublin City Council  
Helpline 01-2228555 Email: [covidsupport@dublincity.ie](mailto: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](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie).

## **Childline** Call . Chat . Text

Call: 1800 66 66 66  
Text: 50101  
[www.childline.ie](http://www.childline.ie)  
**TALKING MAKES US STRONGER.**

**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)  
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## 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 including 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 opposition to capital punishment. A charismatic figure, John Paul used his influence to bring about political change and is credited with the fall of communism in his native Poland. The announcement of Pope John Paul II's canonization came after the Vatican revealed that two miracles were attributed to Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis declared Pope John Paul II a Saint on 27th April 2014

## CARRY ON

Music & Songs have new meaning at the moment during this time of confinement & most things cancelled 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>

(Listen on above link)

## 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 devotion 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 devotion 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 disappointment that the Dublin Diocese have had to postpone the 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes until 2021, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We pray especially for our sick pilgrims at this difficult time and those Pilgrimage volunteers who are working on the front line. Let us trust in our loving God, seeking our Blessed Lady's help and protection and the intercession of St. Bernadette.