

4. Our Parish Sunday 19th April 2020

DIOCESAN KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2020

will be postponed until further notice. At the heart of this difficult decision is the welfare of our pilgrims. Instead we are inviting people to make a virtual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 25th April by joining in the Masses broadcast from Knock and visit the Apparition Chapel all online at: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live/>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire Boxes: This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Please do hold onto your boxes until further notice and we will be in contact about how to return them when it will be safe for people to do so. Donations can be made online if you wish: <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>

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

Mass 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

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter will only be available on our website www.navanroadparish.com for the next few weeks. Please print one for a neighbour or family member who doesn't have access to a computer or smart phone.

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/>

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

Jesus said to Thomas *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

God of life, source of all faith, through the waters of baptism you have raised us up in Christ and given us life that endures. Day by day, refine our faith that we who have not seen the Christ, may truly confess him as our Lord and God, and share the blessedness of those who believe. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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



Our Parish

Second Sunday of Easter 19th April 2020-Divine Mercy Sunday



'He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20: 20-23

Family Offering envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or the Sacristy letterboxes or 211 Navan Road. FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE PHONE: 0871186474

ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line will be open **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**

CROSSCARE FOODBANK -

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

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Lord, let us continue to cherish each one in our home and do for one another whatever we can, with generosity, kindness, patience & tolerance. O Lord, help us to continue to love one another. AMEN

ACCORD – IMPORTANT NEW SUPPORT LINE

ACCORD Dublin has setup a helpline to provide support for people struggling with relationship issues during this time of self-isolation. The contact number is **01 9059555**. The line is open from 10a.m. until 1 p.m. every Monday to Friday. More details are on their new website: www.accorddublin.ie

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

ACCORD DUBLIN has unfortunately had to cancel all their sacramental marriage preparation courses from now up to the end of July of this year. The decision was not easy but as time passed we were left with little option. We have gone out to couples who had booked and asked those who could to reschedule for later in the year. In the coming weeks we will put on extra courses in the autumn.

We are aware that this will not cover all couples and that couples will be contacting their priests looking for advice. We are working on putting a team together of ACCORD Dublin facilitators who would be able to work with you over the phone if there was anything we could do to help you prepare a couple for the sacrament. We are working on the practicalities of this at the moment and we will come back to you shortly. In the meantime, if we you have any ideas as to how we could help please let

Linda Chambers know by emailing: lchambers@accorddublin.ie

Prayer For All Our Parishioners

God our Father, we ask you to bless our parish during this time of great difficulty. Help us to know Jesus in a new and deeper way. Help us to listen sincerely to your word. Open our hearts to your grace, that we may be more faithful in following your way. Guide our footsteps with the light of Easter hope. Bless all families in our parish, especially those families that are experiencing special difficulties. Bless the old, the young, the lonely, the poor, the sick, those doing essential work, the unemployed, those

in sorrow, the bereaved, those in despair, those who have lost their way. May your love be upon us, O Lord at this Easter time and always, as we place our hope in you.

AMEN

Childline

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Call: 1800 66 66 66

Text: 50101

www.childline.ie

TALKING MAKES US STRONGER.

POEM BY

JOHN O' DONOHUE

This is the time to be slow,

Lie low to the wall

Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let

The wire brush of doubt Scrape from your heart

All sense of yourself And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,

Time will come good; And you will find your feet

Again on fresh pastures of promise,

Where the air will be kind And blushed with beginning.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time

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. Amen.

Reading References:

26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 2: 14,22-33 Ps 15: 1-2,5, 7-11, R/ v 11. 1Peter 1:17-21. Lk. 24:13-35
“Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us“

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, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there and

I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. AMEN

Psalm 117: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia