

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation the Navan Road Community Council monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday 1st April is cancelled. We will review further meetings as events unfold. If you wish to renew your subscription or join our Text Alert Scheme you can do so through PayPal on our webpage navanroad.com

Dublin City Council have also cancelled the Navan Road/Pelletstown Community Policing Forum meeting that was scheduled for 24th March. If you have any queries/problems relating to Dublin City Council services you can email our local Cabra Office at cabraoffice@dublincity.ie or telephone 01 2227400.

BusConnects Core Bus Corridor second round consultation was launched on Wednesday 4th March. This deals with the proposed bus routes. All proposed public information events have been postponed. You can view the updated proposals at www.busconnects.ie If you do not have online access you can telephone 1800 303 653 to request a copy by post.

Submissions are still being accepted until Friday 17th April 2020 by email to cbc@busconnects.ie or by post to Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20.

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IT IS AT THIS EXACT MOMENT

OUR FAITH IS MOST NEEDED
Read the 'Word of God' pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist-the source and summit of our Catholic faith-by making an act of spiritual communion. "I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility & devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints"

Archbishop Gomez

Reading References:
22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent : 1Sm:16-1,6-7,10-13. Ps 22: R/ v I. Eph 5:8-14. Jn 9:1-41 "It was your eyes he opened"

Reading References:
29th March 5th Sunday of Lent : Ez37:1-14.Ps 129 R/ v 7. Rm 8:8-11. Jn 11:1-45 "I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you"

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



Our Parish

The Fourth Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2020 Laetare Sunday

ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mass will take place behind closed doors each morning at 9a.m. including weekends and 6.30p.m Vigil Mass on Saturdays & broadcast on the Parish Radio.

Funeral Masses will take place at 10a.m. - Funerals are private to restrict numbers- out of respect for the families wishes we will not share funeral details with the public.

The Church is open from 9.30a.m to 6.00p.m for Prayer Daily.

There are no confession times scheduled.

House visits can be arranged by contacting Fr. John O'Brien or the Parish Office.

Family Offering envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or the Sacristy or 211 Navan Road.

Easter Dues envelopes will be available from the Church tables.

Sunday Mass leaflets will be available on the tables from Fridays.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND REFER TO THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE PORCH OF THE CHURCH FOR ALL INFORMATION & UPDATES.



THE POPE, THE WORD & THE WORLD

Postponed-hopefully can be rescheduled at a later date.

CHURCH SHOP

All items from in the Church shop can be purchased through the Parish Office during office hours 9a.m. to 1p.m. Monday to Friday. Signed Mass cards are available also from the Parish Office.

ALL PARISH GROUP ACTIVITY CANCELLED FOR THE PRESENT.

ALL USE OF THE PARISH CENTRE, PASTORAL CENTRE & THE SCHOOL/PARISH HALL SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS Dominican Convent

We wish to advise the cancellation of the Thursday Evening Holy Eucharistic Hour as well as the Monthly Devotions held in St. Mary's Dominican Convent. It is hoped that both of these devotions will resume when the Corona Virus ends.

SAFETY NOTICE
In the interest of safety we ask that people do not use the school car park or the Church car park to play/ congregate/ ride bicycles/scooters etc. These are not public spaces.

THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME

- *Through the Parish Radio*
- *On television or the internet*
- *Mcnmedia website* <https://www.mcnmedia.tv> (this lists the churches in Ireland that are streaming Masses Daily. The list of Dublin Churches <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/dublin>

Broadcaster	Mass Times	Location
EWTN	Daily 12 noon	Channel 815 UPC/ virgin tv /588 sky
Radio Maria	Daily 10a.m. Sun. 10 & 11a.m	CH: 210 saorview/ www.radiomaria.ie
Pro-Cathedral	Daily 10.30a.m. Sun.9.30a.m. & 6p.m.	www.procathedral.ie www.dublindiocese.ie

THE CROSS AND THE BEATITUDES-WEEK FOURTH

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5:3), now at the end of life Jesus now practices that Spirit when he speaks his fourth word from the cross, **"My God , my God, why have you forsaken me"** (Mt.27:46)

Today our world can be classed as an acquisitive society, its primary concern is to acquire, to own, to possess. It judges worth not by righteousness but in terms of possessions. The world finds security in wealth, but Pope Francis warns, "Once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, or for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life."

Blessed are those not possessed by their own possessions; blessed are they whether or not they are materially poor but are poor in their inmost spirit. Jesus not only preached poverty of spirit but he lived it. He lived it in order to conquer pride, which impedes a person from being humble or admitting a mistake and asking for forgiveness.

Jesus "invites us to live a plain and austere life" and "to share in the life of those most in need". During his life Jesus was poor in many senses: He was economically poor. Mary the mother of Jesus was from the poorer classes who could only afford to offer doves in the Temple and his birthplace in a deserted shepherd's cave. He was poor in his public life "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (Mt 8:20), and he was buried in a stranger's grave. He became poor for our sake. When his friends abandoned him and when he wasn't accepted by his own people he was socially poor.

Sometimes when we at our lowest, we believe we have been abandoned by everyone, even God. But he never abandons us. Jesus teaches us when he speaks his fourth word from the cross **"My God , my God, why have you forsaken me"** (Mt 27:46), that being poor in spirit is an occasion of grace. Being poor in spirit is to be aware of our frailty, to accept our mistakes and be able to ask forgiveness We are given the right to be poor in spirit, because this is the way of the kingdom of God.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL– It is a difficult time for all at present but if we could set aside a little time to pray for the work of Trocaire helping mothers in Kenya to grow crops. **THEY NEED RAIN**– If we all pray together the power of prayer can help.

A Prayer For Rain– *God of life, all good gifts come from you: the breath of life that creates us, the fellow creatures that accompany us, the waters that renew and refresh us. Send us rain to heal the earth and quench the thirsty land. Let faith be born from our doubts, hope from our despair, compassion from our troubles. We look to you in our time of need. Give to the earth the water of life, water to bring forth food for your creatures. AMEN*