

4. Our Parish Sunday 31st 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 Feast of Pentecost.

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

“Come Spirit, Holy Spirit into every crevice of my heart.
Leave no narrowest defile for pride to walk”

Mother Mary Francis

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**

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Office Opening times—Closed to the public at present - Contact by Phone & email only

Monday to Friday 9a.m. to 1p.m.

FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE

PHONE: 0871186474

Psalm 103:

“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.”

Mass will take place behind closed doors, 9a.m. daily & 6.30p.m. Sat. broadcast on the parish radio & on our webcam:

www.churchservices.tv/navanroad

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY 31st MAY 2020



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11
“When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Many people have experienced a loss of income during the pandemic. 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 are continuing to accept donations to Easter Dues. 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL– Please remember to support our local St. Vincent de Paul as their monthly collection is not able to take place at present. Donations can be dropped into the Parish Office.

**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

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

*Reading References:
7th June Feast of The Most Holy Trinity: Ex 34: 4-6,8-9
Ps Canticle of Daniel 3 R 52.
2Cor. 13:11-13. Jn:3:16-18
“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son”*

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People 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). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Young Adults Faith Experience During the Pandemic

The Leadership Team for the Foundational Leadership Programme (FLP) invite young adults and youth leaders to take a four minute survey on their Faith Experience during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Take the Survey <https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/05/11/survey-young-adults-and-their-faith-experience-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-may-2020/> Please circulate on line.

DOWNLOAD THE 2020 SACRED HEART NOVENA FOR FREE!

"God's boundless and passionate love for humanity".
For nine days before the Feast Day: 19th June.
[Simply click here](https://www.messenger.ie/sacred-heart-novena-2020/)
<https://www.messenger.ie/sacred-heart-novena-2020/>

Research Scholarships Application Deadline Extended

As the lockdown continues, we are conscious that candidates may not have had a chance to apply for our PhD scholarships in St. Patricks College, Maynooth. With this in mind, we have extended the deadlines for both the [Eriugena Research Scholarship for Theology](#) and the [Coffey Research Scholarship for Philosophy](#) to Friday 29th May at 4pm. More information about each of the scholarships is available below. Application forms may be found on our website. <https://maynoothcollege.ie/> For any questions about either of the scholarships, please contact our Admissions Team at admissions@spcm.ie

CORONAVIRUS, CHURCH AND YOU

DCU's Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (Director, Dr. Gareth Byrne) has made an important survey available. The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously had a profound effect on Church. As we pass the most severe period of lockdown, it seems a good time to assess how clergy and churchgoers have responded to the experience, and what they think the future might hold. The views of priests, religious and lay people are all welcome. To have your say go to: <https://www.dcu.ie/materdei-centre-for-catholic-education/news/2020/May/Coronavirus-Church-You-Survey.shtml>

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OPW announces Social Distancing Plan for the Phoenix Park– full details on Gov.ie <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/691f78-opw-announces-social-distancing-plan-for-the-phoenix-park/>
These temporary measures include the following: -

- Provide cocooning space at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre Walled Garden from 10am to 1pm, daily.
- Provide priority cocooning car parking at the Phoenix Park Visitor Centre for those cocooning and using the walled garden.
- Repurpose a portion of the North Road from the Cabra Gate to GHQ as a 2m wide footpath
- Instillation of one-way cycle lanes on the hard shoulder of Chesterfield Avenue to facilitate 2m social distancing.
- Convert the current cycle lanes adjacent to Chesterfield Avenue into pedestrian footpaths. For further information contact pressoffice@opw.ie

PEACE BE WITH YOU

The word for peace in the Gospel today, Shalom, is more than a wish for a good evening. It is a deeper peace, a peace of mind, body and spirit. A peace that comes from a deep spiritual relationship with Christ. It is a peace that says, no matter what we face, we can remain rooted in something deeper. Over the past number months our lives have changed dramatically.

At the beginning of 2020 one could scarcely imagine the historical events that were about to unfold across the world. A staggering death toll, half of the globe on lock down, airlines grounded, businesses closed, major sporting events cancelled. Many of us in that first week of social isolation were in shock, which turned to anxiety and fear. We experienced a collective grief as a human race as this new reality unfolded.

One can imagine that same fear and disbelief that Jesus' followers endured during those days in Jerusalem following the crucifixion, their lives utterly changed forever. Yet our faith shows us that the tomb does not have the last word.

The Easter story is a message of hope. It shows us that darkness will not always prevail, there will be a turning point, there will be light and renewal. Things will be different, yes. One does not emerge from a crisis unchanged. We have witnessed so many acts of that light during this crisis from the heroes on the front line, in good neighbours, in friends and family reaching out to one another. These rays of light remind us of Christ at work in this world, offering peace and love when everything seems hopeless. May we experience this deep peace Christ offers us in the Gospel today and may we carry that peace to others. (Jane Mellett -Intercom)