

4. Our Parish, Sunday 28th March 2021

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 28th March
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Bob Leonard R.I.P. (A)
Lily Penny R.I.P. (A)
10.30a.m.
Patrick Hurley R.I.P. (A)

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 10th April
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Jim Toner R.I.P. (A)
9.00 a.m.
Austin & Sheila Carey R.I.P. (A)
10.30 a.m.
Dorothy Francis R.I.P. (A)

PALM SUNDAY
Blessed palm will be available in the church when it opens for private prayer on Sunday. Please feel free to bring one home or bring to a housebound neighbour. Please continue to adhere to all safety procedures while visiting the church. Please sanitise your hands when entering & please wear a face covering
EASTER HOLY WATER will be available in small bottles in the church on Easter Sunday 4th April.

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection:
Acts 10:34,37-43. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v24. Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8.. Jn 20:1-9 or Gospel of the vigil Mk 16:1-7
Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
Your support is always appreciated and needed on an ongoing basis. Donations can be dropped into the Parish Office or Sacristy at any time.
THANK YOU

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Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians

THE HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE OF CEREMONIES is outlined in the Parish Easter Card available from the church tables & displayed on the banner at the back & can also be viewed on our website & Facebook page.

CHILDLINE: Free
Text: **50101**. Free
Phone: **1800 66 66 66**

Scan the QR codes with the camera on your phone to access readings & prayers

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**



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



Our Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 28th MARCH 2021

HOLY WEEK BEGINS
THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS
This is an excerpt from a book by James Martin SJ
"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" -Jesus understands the challenge of forgiveness-even if you don't have the desire to forgive, if you have the *desire for the desire*, that's enough. God can work with that. You may think, "Well I can't do it." And you're right. You can't. But God can.
"Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise" - Jesus understands doubts about the afterlife- ...one day we pray we will be with Jesus in paradise. We have Jesus's word on it. We have Easter as proof and we know that God would never destroy the loving relationship that God has with us. And one day, like the Good Thief, we will see that that is true.
"Women, here is your son...here is your mother" Jesus understands a parent's love.....Mary now helpless again, he helps her. We don't have to be strong to help other people. We don't have to have money. We don't have to have professional training. We don't have to have academic degrees. We don't even have to be healthy. We only have to love and want to help.
"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me." Jesus understands feelings of abandonment.....So when you struggle in the spiritual life, when you wonder where God is, when you pray in doubt and darkness and even when you are close to despair, you are praying to someone who is fully human and fully divine, to someone who understands you fully.
"I am thirsty" Jesus understands physical pain.....God wants you to pray to him. God desires a relationship with you. So much so that God came down to earth and suffered physically for you. That's one reason God comes to us- to help us to be in a relationship with him. God wants that so much. God, you could say, thirsts for it. **Continued....**

The Seven last words of Jesus *continued*
“It is finished!” Jesus understands disappointment-...We may feel that our dreams are ending but God has other dreams for us....We may feel that hope is dead but God is the source of all hope. ‘All will be well in the end. And if all is not well, then it is not the end.’
“Father into your hands I commend my spirit” Jesus understands self-offering.... Father we may not know what kind of new life will come from our offering. And he knows that the more we give ourselves to the Father, the more new life can come from whatever we give. The more we give of ourselves, the more we know who we are. The more we give of ourselves, the fuller lives we will lead. And so, into your hands, O God, we commend our spirits.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH 2021
 “Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of *mature* sacrifice (St. Joseph did just this). The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.” ...
 “In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the Heavenly Father... a shadow that follows his Son.” *Pope Francis*

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN
 Please support the Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Donate online or by phone: www.trocaire.org /
Ph: 1850408408 or drop your Trócaire box into the Parish Office or the Sacristy.
‘UNTIL LOVE CONQUERS FEAR!’

CABRA LIBRARY- EASTER ART WORKSHOP
Inspired by the Record Keepers Exhibition
April 7th: 11am - Wonder Club with Claire Halpin (VTS), ages 8-12
2pm - Art & Writing Workshop with Enda Wyley, ages 9-12
April 8th: 10.30am or 12.00pm Art workshop with Olivia Normile, ages 7-12
Booking: cabralibrary@dublincity.ie

THE PARISH OFFICE: Will be open from Monday 29th until Holy Thursday 1st April -9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.
The office will close for Easter Holidays from 1.00p.m. 1st April & re-open Monday 12th April at 9.00a.m.
 Please contact us if you wish to purchase a Mass Card (shared Masses)/ Easter Mass Bouquet cards/ Easter cards or need any other items or assistance of any kind.
Ph: 018380265 email: info@navanroadparish.com
 Easter Dues envelopes (*available in the church if you didn't receive one*)
 Family Offering / 1st & 2nd Collection envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or the Sacristy letterbox or 211 Navan Road.
 Donations can also be made online through the website.
 Mass intentions can still be booked (Mass online or on Parish Radio only)
 The Irish Catholic newspaper is available from the back of the church
 (*Please put €2.50 in one of the shrines to cover the cost, thank you*)
www.navanroadparish.com.
FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE PHONE: 087 1186474
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
‘LOOK’ Activity sheets are available in the church for children, please take as many as you wish for your family. Gospel of the week resources for children are available on the Parish website & updated weekly. Some Sacrament specific material is also available on the website & will be updated regularly.
Completed sheets can be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox.
 (*Please put your name on them*)

KNOCK YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, 24th April, 12noon -2pm, via Zoom. This will be a great interactive session for teenagers from across our Diocese to experience pilgrimage together through workshops, small group discussions, fun and prayer. To register for this youth group you will need to complete the online parental consent form with your parents. To register email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Bus Connects.: This project has not gone away! The 3rd stage - Blanchardstown to City route, through our area as usual, is now closed - and only on line. NRCC had many meetings on this issue and submitted a strong report and suggestions to the National Transport Authority (NTA). We would hope that this project will be subject to an Oral Hearing, where we can make submissions. Our main concern now is that we will not have a "live" hearing and we may be offered a ZOOM meeting instead. We do not want this as, we had a number of ZOOM meetings prior to the submission of our report - and to say the least, these meetings were not helpful and again, not available to all those people not on line. If you are talking to our Councillors, TD's and Senators, please impress on them the urgency of making contact with the NTA and to say that our community wants a public hearing and to have the date pushed back to facilitate this when - hopefully - the Covid19 situation is under control and consultations can take place properly in public. To call your T.D.s: Dáil Éireann 01 6183000.
 We are considering the placing of ribbons on the street trees (we estimate 150 trees to be removed along our section Navan Road). We will need volunteers! Think about it! This is your community! Your Quality of Life that is at stake! We will be in further contact about this. www.navanroad.com