

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 2nd April**

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

**Austin & Sheila Carey**

R.I.P. (A)

**Dermot Fitzharris**

R.I.P. (A)

**Stephen Byrne R.I.P. (A)**

9.00 a.m.

**For The People**

**Of The Parish**

10.30a.m.

**Kay Collins R.I.P.**

Months Mind

12 Noon

**Brendan McNamara**

R.I.P. (A)



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Marian is retiring as Parish Secretary after twenty two years of dedicated service to the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Marian will be greatly missed as part of the Parish Team and by our parishioners, with whom she has built great friendships over the years. We thank Marian for her kindness and for being cheerful and helpful always, for the constant support she has been to all the priests and all who have ministered here over the past twenty two years. Thank you to Marian for being so generous with her knowledge by passing it on to ensure the efficient running of the parish office. We wish Marian and her family every blessing for the future. We hope Marian enjoys many happy years of retirement and enjoys a well deserved rest.

*Go Raibh Míle Maith Agat, Marian*

*Reading References for Sunday 9th April: Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection: Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/v 24. Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8. Jn 20:1-19. Easter Vigil Mt 28: 1-10.*

*'Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!'*

**COLLECTION PRO TERRA SANCTA**

Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Farrell has this year again asked that we take up a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta.

*Please support*

**Parish Contact Details**

Fr. Liam Ó Cuív P.P. 211 Navan Rd. 8681436

Fr. Paddy O' Byrne C.C. 194 Navan Rd. 8386900

Fr. John Moran 192 Navan Rd. 8380265

Rev. Eamonn Murray 01 8380265

Parish Office: 01 8380265 Sacristy: 01 8684322

Emergency number: 087 1186474

Email: [info@navanroadparish.com](mailto:info@navanroadparish.com)

[www.navanroadparish.com](http://www.navanroadparish.com) & follow on Facebook:

Navan Road Parish-Our Lady Help of Christians



**PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION 2nd APRIL 2023**

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS-THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS**

*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.

**"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.

**CHURCH NOTICES****FIRST COLLECTION**

26th March €1,115

**SECOND COLLECTION**

26th March €705

**FAMILY OFFERING**

26th March €670

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat) 9.00am,  
10.30am, 12.00noon.**WEEKDAY MASSES****Monday-Friday**

9.00am &amp; 10.00am

**Saturday**

9.00am &amp; 10.00 am, 6.30pm.vigil.

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION****Saturday:** 10.30am and 6.00pm.

**The Parish Reconciliation  
Service will take place in the  
church at 7.30p.m  
Monday 3rd April.**

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME****ADORATION****Saturdays:** 6.00pm to 6.20pm**THE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY**Are recited every weekday after  
9.00a.m. Mass.**FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH**Devotions at **5p.m this Saturday**  
**1st April** with Exposition and  
Confession**BAPTISMS- Please book-018380265**First three Saturdays each month  
at 12.30p.m.**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.****2023 DAFFODIL DAY  
TABLE QUIZ**

**St. Oliver Plunketts  
Eoghan Ruadh G.A.A. Club  
would like to thank all  
who helped raise €4,000 for  
Irish Cancer.  
Míle Buíochas**

**NIFTY FIFTIES**

Next Coffee Morning  
**Wednesday 5th April at  
10.30a.m.** in St. Oliver  
Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh  
G.A.A. Club.

**Junior Nifty Fifties** meeting at  
**8.30 p.m.** in St. Oliver Plunketts  
G.A.A. Club  
Reminder Membership is now  
due.

**EASTER PARTY:** will take place  
on **Monday 24th April.****DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK  
SATURDAY 29th APRIL-IMPORTANT UPDATE**

Our original plan to stop for a meal on the way home  
from Knock was leaving the time very short to spend in  
Knock and it was very probable that the bus would  
have to leave before the end of the Mass.

**THE PLAN AND COST HAS CHANGED.****We will have a 30min stop on the way to Knock and  
on the way home for a cup of tea.****Pick up at 8:00a.m. Cabra; 8:10a.m. Cabra West;  
8:25a.m. Navan Road.****We will arrive in Knock at 12:00noon in time for the  
Workshops on Parish Partnerships and Laudato Si'  
with prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation.****There will be time for lunch. You can bring a packed  
lunch or avail of the CAFÉ LE CHÉILE restaurant at  
the Knock Museum where you can buy hot food.****You will be able to avail of confessions if you wish.  
Mass will begin at 3p.m.****We will leave Knock after the Mass at 4:30pm and  
be back in Dublin for 8:00pm.****The revised cost is €35 per person****The bus is now full. If you have already booked a  
seat and are happy to go with this new arrangement  
you can pay in the Parish Office. 018380265****BLESSED PALM WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE  
CHURCH AFTER MASSES TODAY, PALM SUNDAY  
DETAILS OF CEREMONIES FOR:**

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday &  
Easter Sunday are in the Easter Card on the Church  
tables together with the Easter Dues envelope. Leaflets for  
the Easter Triduum will also be available.

**FROM NAVAN ROAD  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**ROADWORKS** on the Navan  
Road, Ashtown to Baggot Road,  
up to 30th March which were in  
fact repairs/renewals to foot-  
paths, appear to be completed  
early. A further electronic  
display last week, informed -  
"Roadworks from Baggot Road  
to Cabra Road up to  
25th April". On enquiry to DCC  
Cabra Office, we are now  
informed: "Roadworks Control  
ceased the works on Navan  
Road a number of weeks ago as  
they wanted the contractor to  
amend the traffic management  
plans and also were not happy  
for the works to continue until  
the schools took their Easter  
break, due to the high footfall  
from the local schools. Hopefully  
the works will be completed over  
the Easter holidays, weather  
permitting."

[www.navanroad.com](http://www.navanroad.com)

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS  
GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL  
AT 12noon- through the  
Phoenix Park- led by  
Archbishop Dermot Farrell.  
The precession will proceed  
from the Wellington Monu-  
ment to the Papal Cross**