



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 Year A

Saturday	04 Jul	10.30am	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	05 Jul	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	06 Jul	10.30am	Breda Somers (RIP)
Tuesday	07 Jul	10.30am	Andy McCullagh (RIP)
Wednesday	08 Jul	10.30am	Odila Takyombweine (RIP)
Thursday	09 Jul	10.30am	Canon Gerry Breen
Friday	10 Jul	10.30am	Fr Brian Doolan
Saturday	11 Jul	5.00pm	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	12 Jul	10.30am	People of the Parish
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<b>Sacred Heart:</b> Una Clark		<b>Our Lady:</b> Una Clark	
<b>Divine Mercy:</b>		<b>St Joseph:</b> Special Intention (BK)	
<b>St Anthony:</b> Una Clark			

### THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Your prayers are asked for the sick and lonely of the parish, those in hospital and the housebound, especially:

Tom Ruddy	Rosemary Doherty
Eileen Connolly	Annie Neville
Veronica Griffin	Maureen Noone
Breda Somers	Maureen Bird
Noreen Hegarty	Rita Keogh
Bridie Guilfoyle	Hazel Hancock
Theresa Smith	

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain. We remember also all those who are suffering with Covid-19.

### PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.

Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.

Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word.

Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.

Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.

Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.

We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:9,11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

### REFLECTION ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL FROM FR GEORGE

The image of the yoke is a disturbing one as it conjures up a vision of being harnessed and tied up to endure a hard task. It seems in contrast to that celebration of Christ's earlier words reminding us in thanksgiving that the mission is for everyone, not the 'learned and the clever', but revealed to us as mere children. It isn't to enslave, but to bring us the support we need to live out our lives of faith.

We are called to come with the burdens of our lives to rest and take solace from the cares of life, to be nurtured by that message of hope. Jesus calls us to not to lay a heavy burden with the yoke, but to simplify and support us. The task is to love God and each other as He loves us.

'Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

## GATHERING FOR MASS – MESSAGE FROM FR GEORGE

We have just had a deanery meeting by Zoom to discuss the final arrangements for how we can gather for Masses while keeping everybody safe. Sr Frances sent out a message during the week asking for volunteers to help at each Mass and these volunteers are essential. Without your help we will not be able to have Mass. I appeal again - if you are in good health and able to help please come forward.

When you enter you will see the benches are marked to allow 2-meter distancing between each person. Please sit only in a designated spot and follow the guidance of the stewards as to where you need to sit. Family groups can of course, sit together and benches marked for one or two people can be used for a whole group from a single household.

All the usual precautions of a one-way system, hand sanitizing, coming in the front door and out the side door will be in place and once again you will be guided, so don't worry that you will get it wrong. If you forget and are reminded by one of our volunteers please do not take offence. It is all there to protect each of us. In addition, there will be no toilet facilities at present so please remind your children of this before coming.

The church is recommending that we wear face coverings for attending Mass if possible and remove them only to receive communion. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide face masks for everybody and request that you come with your own. All volunteers, however, will have PPE provided.

The Masses will be short, just 30 minutes. There will be no singing, sign of peace, second reading, creed or bidding prayers. I will do all the readings, as we cannot share microphones. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass so you can leave immediately and not return to your seats. This prevents passing others in the aisles and breaking social distancing rules. Before you come up to receive the priest will say "the Body of Christ" and we all reply together "Amen". We do not then say it again when we receive. This is to protect both you and the Eucharistic Minister. Stewards will direct you bench by bench when to come up and we ask you to wait until you are called.

As a person in the "vulnerable health category" I am not allowed to give out communion so we will need two Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass and these have to be under 70 and not vulnerable or shielding. The hosts will be in a covered ciborium until communion time and nobody will have touched them until then. The Eucharistic Ministers will sanitize their hands before giving you communion and they will wear masks.

Because of social distancing, the capacity of our church is reduced to 90. As we usually have about 120 on Saturday evenings and 200 on Sunday mornings this leaves us short of places. To accommodate everyone there will be two Masses during the week which count as Sunday Masses and if you are able to come on either Tuesday or Thursday at 9.30 instead of at the weekend, please do so to allow those who are working or home educating to come at weekends.

Allow me to repeat that there is absolutely **NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS** if you do not feel ready to come into a confined space with other people. The letter we sent round last week from the Bishops makes that clear. If you decide to come, and many have already booked their places, we will keep you as safe as is possible.

Let us hope and pray that these measures will not be needed for too long and that we can soon celebrate our liturgies with full freedom of movement. I find it hard writing these things and putting restrictions in place. We all dislike how we have had to cordon off areas of the church, but please do not be put off by any of these things. Jesus is still present and we come together as his people. Let us do what we need to do now so we do not face a further lockdown later in the year.

God bless you all Fr George

### Reminder

Mass times: from 11<sup>th</sup> July until further notice

**Saturday 5.00pm**

**Sunday 10.30 am**

**Tuesday 9.30am**

**Thursday 9.30am**

Please try to come at least 10 minutes early as it will take time to seat everybody and we would like to start Mass on time.

To book your place **phone Jessica on 07706400871**. This is a designated number for Mass bookings only. Please use the parish landline for all other purposes.

**Pope Francis says:** "May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel."