



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 Year A

Saturday	17 Oct	5.00pm	Ray Todd (RIP); Jimmy Brennan
Sunday (1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5) Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21)	18 Oct	10.30am	Mary McCormack; Pat Sugrue Thanksgiving; Norma Fundan; Dante Banan; Ramil Reyes
Tuesday	20 Oct	9.30am	Jim Byrne (RIP); Michael Lee
Thursday	22 Oct	9.30am	Mary McCormack; Frank Vaughan (RIP)
Saturday	24 Oct	5.00pm	Ray Todd (RIP)
Sunday	25 Oct	10.30am	Christine Sugrue (RIP)
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<b>Sacred Heart:</b>		<b>Our Lady:</b>	
<b>St Joseph:</b> Special Intention (BK); Elena Reyes		<b>St Anthony:</b> Niamh and Roisin	

### COLLECTIONS 11/10/2020

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection:</b>	<b>£419.28</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (CAFOD):</b> (Including online donations)	<b>£110.64</b>

### THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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

<b>Tom Ruddy</b>	<b>Rosemary Doherty</b>
<b>Eileen Connolly</b>	<b>Annie Neville</b>
<b>Veronica Griffin</b>	<b>Maureen Noone</b>
<b>Maureen Bird</b>	<b>Theresa Smith</b>
<b>Noreen Hegarty</b>	<b>Rita Keogh</b>
<b>Bridie Guilfoyle</b>	<b>Hazel Hancock</b>

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

### FR HUDSON'S CARE

There will be a collection box outside the church as you leave today for Fr Hudson's Care. Envelopes are available for your donations.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We especially remember all those who have died from Covid-19. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### READERS

We now have four new wireless microphones which allows us to have different readers at Mass, as we always used to. The microphones are clearly marked for a different day of the week so that there is no chance of cross infection of Covid between readers. It would be lovely in this time, as we rebuild our parish post-Covid, to have some new readers take on this role. Anybody from Year 6 upwards can become a reader and it would be great to involve some of our younger members. Some people worry about their local accent when reading in public, but all voices are welcome - from north, south, east or west. The parish belongs to us all. If you feel that you would like to try while the numbers at Mass are tending to be lower, or even to make enquiries about what it would entail, please speak to one of the sisters or email Jessica on [secretary.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:secretary.stpatricks.covty@rcaob.org.uk).

**Prayer 2020:** Tuesday this week is 20<sup>th</sup> October. Let's join with Prayer 2020 and pray for 20 minutes on 20<sup>th</sup> at 2020 for the needs of our world.

**Responses to Reflective Questions:** In August we put out a short questionnaire about our experience of lockdown and how we would like to move forward as a parish. Thank you to everybody who took time to respond to these. We have now collated the responses and give a summary below

**1. What has been your experience of lockdown?**

The replies to this question reflected how different the experience was for people. For some it was easy and for others extremely difficult. The joys included such things as more time and space to do the things I enjoy. The difficulties included loneliness and isolation.

**2. What have you learned about yourself and what is important to you?**

Several people said they coped with change better than they expected. Many people said that the extra family time afforded by lockdown was very appreciated as was getting to know their children better. There were also expressions of frustration and loneliness.

**3. What have been our greatest challenges?**

Challenges expressed included: Isolation, missing Mass and the church community, a sense of uncertainty, home education and knowing what day it was. Fear was expressed by several people, especially those working in or having relatives working in NHS or care settings.

**4. What blessings or new opportunities have arisen?**

Nature having time to renew itself. A slower pace of life allowing more time and space for awareness and hence an appreciation of life. Appreciation of all key workers who kept us going from NHS to delivery drivers, cleaners, shop workers etc.

**5. a. What is your greatest concern?**

The concern expressed by most people was that we go back to how life was before the pandemic. There is a desire for change. There are many concerns about poverty and unemployment and that we do not learn from the experience of Covid.

**b. Greatest hope?**

That we develop a greater awareness of our effect on our world by the way we were living before Covid and how simple it was to change it just by changing our behaviour for 4 months. What if we changed permanently? That we continue to care for each other as we have during lockdown.

**6. What would we like to change in our parish and church?**

There were many varied answers to this ranging from "very little" to some big changes. There was a call to improve our pastoral outreach and try to get more volunteers from among our parishioners to help. Several commented on how we celebrate Mass and would like a more active, engaged, and participative liturgy. That we have less frequent Masses so that it does not become habitual and therefore more meaningful. There was a call for a deeper appreciation that Eucharist makes no sense unless it includes service of others.

**7. What would I like to keep?**

On-line streaming of Mass for those who are unable to join the community for any reason. Some want to return to a familiar church setting while others want change.

**We will be returning to your ideas and opinions as we prepare for our Jubilee and will try to implement as much as we can. If you have other ideas or suggestions you want to make to our parish, you are always welcome to speak with Fr George or one of the sisters.**