



# St Patrick's Catholic Church

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	5.00pm	Noreen Hegarty, Ursula Pearson, Margaret Mulligan (senior), Ray Todd R.I.P. Bernard Sheridan R.I.P. Breda Kiely
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	10.30am	O'Sullivan, Stuart Nelson R.I.P. Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	9.30am	Kathleen Durkan, Catherine and John Hegarty R.I.P.
		6 – 7pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9.30am	For all NHS and key workers, Elizabeth and Ned McElligott R.I.P.
<b>Thursday Annunciation</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9.30am	Maureen Billingham R.I.P. Elizabeth and Paddy Horan R.I.P.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9.30am	Kate and Thomas McElligott R.I.P.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	5.00pm	Sandra Ruddy, Terri Crowe R.I.P, Ray Todd R.I.P. Thomas, Christy, Bill and P.J. McElligott R.I.P.
<b>Sunday Palm Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	10.30am	Kay Igoe, Maria Stanford, Norma McElligott R.I.P.
<b>Devotional Candles:</b>			
<b>Sacred Heart:</b>		<b>Our Lady</b>	
<b>St Joseph</b>	Special Intention (BK) Una	<b>St Anthony:</b> M. Fletcher	

### 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**  
**Maureen Bird**      **Theresa Smith**  
**Noreen Hegarty**    **Rita Keogh**  
**Bridie Guilfoyle**   **Hazel Hancock**  
**Degaud Sahoure Gui**

May God grant them healing, comfort and ease of pain. We pray for those suffering from COVID

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently, those who mourn for them and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. We remember especially **Ann Jones and Robert Stewart** whose funerals take place here this week. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### 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.**

## Easter Celebrations 2021

**Palm Sunday:** Usual Sunday Mass times

**Maundy Thursday:** 7.00pm.

**Good Friday:** 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)** 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday:** 10.30am

Please don't forget to book in good time if you wish to attend the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday at 3.00pm

### COLLECTIONS:

28/02/21	£397.86
07/03/21	£309.54
CAFOD Lenten Fast	£222.19

Thank you all for your support which is badly needed at this time.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new offertory envelopes are now available for collection in the porch when you come to Mass. Our church finances are very low following a year of closure and restricted opening, so we appeal to all our parishioners to help support the upkeep and running of the church as much as is possible for you, as we know that families are also struggling.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

In response to requests from parishioners, we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament once a week, starting this Tuesday from 6-7pm. We will trial this for four weeks to see what the response is and then make a decision as to whether we continue or try something different. It will be a time for silent pray and meditation, so you can come and go as you wish during that hour. There is no need to stay for the whole time if you are not able.

We ask you to make a special effort this week as it is the day of reflection and prayer to mark one year since lockdown began.

### Readings at Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33



### Statement from the Presidency of the Bishops' Conference on the National Day of Reflection for COVID-19 Tuesday 23rd March 2021

We welcome the designation of **Tuesday 23rd March** as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a **minute's silence at midday** and **doorstep vigils of light at 8pm**.

We ask you all to make this not only a Day of Reflection but also a Day of Prayer. In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. **So let us make the 23rd March truly a day of prayer.**

**A copy of the full message from the Bishops' Conference is available as you leave for those who want to read it.**