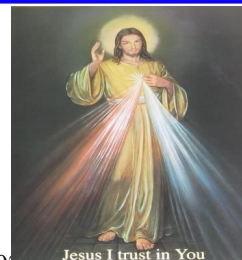


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The phrase "do not be afraid" is written in the bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year A - 19th April 2020

Mass Intentions

Because celebration of public Masses is prohibited for the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak, Mass will be offered privately (*with no congregation*) for the intentions which have been booked already. The Mass intentions will be published each week on the parish Newsletter. You can access the Parish Newsletter on the Parish Web at www.drumlishparish.ie. If you wish to cancel or defer the Mass to a later date, please contact or text me at 0868213422. The following will be remembered in Masses this week.

- Sat 18th April: Stephen/Mary Ellen Colreavy
Tom Keogh, Cloonaugh
- Sun 19th April: Brigid Donnelly, Shanmullagh
Margaret Doris
Margaret Donnelly & dfm, Dromod
- Mon 20th April: Misa pro Populo (All Parishioners)
- Fri 24th April: John/Maura Whitney & dfm
- Sun 26th April: Sonnie/Rosetta/Chris/Geraldine
Courtney

Note: You may wish to visit the church at some time during the day of the intention and unite your prayers and intentions to the Mass which is celebrated privately.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Tomlinson, s/o Brigid Tomlinson (nee Connor Gaigue) who died in the UK. May he rest in peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion



"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"



COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Invitation from Galilee Spirituality Centre:

Although our doors are currently closed, our prayer community extends far beyond our walls. We invite you to join us (virtually) on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30pm for prayer for all affected by the COVID19 outbreak and for all who care for them. Please let us know you are with us in spirit by getting in touch info@galilee.ie or 071-966-4101 and let us know any particular prayer needs.

Finance Arrangements

- * Money received since the 7th April included: Offertory €1350, Easter Dues €1395, Shrine €165, Lenten Alms €250, Trócaire €615. Thank you for your continued support.
- * For those who don't use the envelope system, you can still contribute using an ordinary envelope.
- * In relation to the Trócaire Lenten Boxes, again I ask you to hold on for the time being or alternatively you can send directly to Trócaire using their envelope which is enclosed with their kit. If paying directly, I ask you to enclose a note naming our parish and diocese. Thank you.

Easter Holy Water



One of the negative effects of the coronavirus is that we will not be blessing holy water this Easter. This is in order to reduce possible infection by many people dipping into the water. Thank you.

Lockdown by Fr. Richard Hendrick OFM

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in
a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing."

Divine Mercy: History and Devotion

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. However, it is important to remember that this message of The Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning. This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us, His creatures, and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible.

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mark	finger	Messiah