

MASS

There will be no public Masses in the parish until further notice.

Mass will be broadcast from St Patrick's Church on the Webcam each weekday at 10.00am and on Saturday evening at 6.15pm (Vigil Mass) and on Sunday at 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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Following Government instructions all churches and cemeteries in the parish will remain closed to the public.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please remember in your prayers:

Gerry McGahan, Springfield Park

Virgilo Botas, Irish St

Patrick Swift, Charlemont St

FUNERALS

Only the immediate family should attend the church and burial.

Social distancing guidelines should be strictly followed.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Due to the continuing risk from the Corona Virus all First Friday and Thursday calls by the Priests and Deacons have been suspended.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms have been placed on hold for the next few weeks. For those who have already booked - new dates can be arranged.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass - 6.15pm

Easter Sunday - Masses - 10.30am & 12.30pm

All will be broadcast via the webcam. There are no public Masses or ceremonies in the parish over Easter.

PARISH ENVELOPES

We have had many enquires about the parish envelopes for the new financial year.

It is hoped that the new parish envelopes will be ready for collection/distribution at the end of April or early in May.

In the meantime can we ask that you hold on to your donations and consider making a one off donation to the parish when Masses resume. Payment can also be set up by direct debit - which means that a set amount can be taken from your bank account each month and go directly into the parish accounts. A form for setting up direct debit payments is available on the parish website. (*Under - Parish Life - Parish Forms*). *Please return completed forms to the Parish Office.*

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION

Please hold on to any money which you have collected for Trócaire. The funds will be collected at a later date. Your ongoing support and generosity is greatly appreciated. If, possible, in the meantime, please convert coins to notes or cheques.

EASTER SATURDAY

“Shine a Light”



Parishioners are urged to 'shine a light' in their windows on Easter Saturday for the sick and frontline workers. EVERYONE AROUND THE country is being urged to take part in a national initiative to honour all the sick, those who have lost their lives, frontline staff and healthcare workers.

On Easter Saturday at 9pm, the Shine Your Light call invites the country to shine a light – be it a light or candle – in the window to pay tribute to those “keeping us going through these dark times”.

Everyone, especially children, are invited to get involved and to create their own way of shining a light from their homes.

St Patrick's Church Dungannon will be lit up from 9.00pm on Easter Saturday to show our support. Please shine a light, if you can, from your home too at this time. You can use a lamp, a torch, or a candle, but please be careful with naked flames and do not leave any candle unattended.

EASTER SUNDAY CHURCH BELLS



Archbishop Eamon Martin invites all parishes to sound their church bells this **Easter Sunday at 12.00 noon** as a sign of solidarity and hope in the resurrection of Our Lord.

May the bells ring out as a call to joy despite the difficult times we are all going through.

May the Blessings of the Risen Lord be with you and your people this Easter time.

EASTER SEASON CHURCH MUSIC

Beginning on Good Friday – local musicians and singers will contribute a musical piece which will be transmitted via the parish facebook page and on our website over the Easter week.

We thank the following – Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin, Plunkett McGartland, Kathy McLernon, Kelly Loughran, Sinead Willox, Rory Madden, Grainne Maxwell, Suzanne Toal, Lia O'Neill, Joanne O'Neill, and Brian Mills for sharing their talents.

PARISH CEMETERIES

Following Government restrictions ALL Cemeteries are currently closed to the public. Please respect this rule and refrain from visiting the Cemeteries until this ban has been lifted.

Below is a short prayer which can be said to remember any of our deceased relatives and friends at this time.

Prayer For Those Who Have Died

God of consolation.

We remember those who have died.

*For those who passed away quietly,
we ask for a joyful passage into your
spacious heart.*

*For those who suffered great pain,
we ask for respite and the comfort of
your compassionate embrace.*

*For those who died too soon, in
sudden and unexpected ways,
we ask for peace and surrender into
your loving care.*

*Grant all of those who have died the
grace of your eternal light and life.*

Amen.

THE RESURRECTION GARDEN



The resurrection garden has become a feature in many of our churches over the years, from the Easter Vigil until the end of the Easter season. The garden is a visual aid for us to meditate on the glorious mystery of the resurrection. We see the stone rolled back for the entrance to the empty tomb. We see the neatly folded cloth that covered the face of Jesus. The beautiful flowers and butterflies are a symbol of new life. This Easter we cannot enter our churches due to Covid 19. I would like to invite you to make your own Easter garden, if you have children, this is an ideal opportunity as a family to reflect on Gods presence in your life, family and home this Easter. Once you have completed your garden, I invite you to pray the 1st Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary, the Resurrection of Our Lord from the dead.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that all Confirmation and First Holy Communion ceremonies are currently postponed. We will advise parents and local schools of the alternative dates as soon as we can.