

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.

www.parihofdungannon.com

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

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please remember in your prayers:

Patrick Swift, Charlemont St
Virgilio Botas, Irish Street
Elish Skeffington, Union Place
Jim Heatherington, Rossmore Rd
Bridget Sherry, Dunlea Vale
Vera Kelly, Killyman
Sean McKearney, Edendork
Tony Singleton, Foxborough

FUNERALS

Only the immediate family should attend the church and burial.

Social distancing guidelines should be strictly followed.

PRIESTS & DEACONS SICK CALLS

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

PARISH ENVELOPES

We have had many kind requests to the parish regarding the parish envelopes for the new financial year. It is hoped that we will be able to hand out the new envelopes towards the middle of May or when restrictions have been lifted. 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. Payments can also be set up by direct debit – which means that a fixed amount can be taken from your bank account each month and go directly into the parish accounts. A direct debit form is available on the parish website (under – Parish Life – Parish Forms) **Please return any completed direct debit forms to the Parish Office.**

NEW METHOD OF PAYMENT

With the impact of COVID-19 on parish life the Archdiocese of Armagh has provided, on the diocesan website, an online facility to assist parishioners who may wish to support their parish in their Parish Sunday Envelope / Offertory Collection and Priest's Dues / Collection. To access this facility and for further details please visit www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button.

BAPTISMS

Baptism ceremonies have been postponed until further notice.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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.

A message from Trócaire.

Trócaire boxes from schools and homes all over Ireland are usually returned to us in the weeks following Easter.

This year is different.

As we all know, the Coronavirus crisis has closed down much of society. Most of what we considered to be normal day-to-day life has been paused.

One impact of this is that people will not be able to return their Trócaire boxes as they usually do.

We want you to hold onto the contents of your Trócaire box and return them at a later date when it is safe and possible to do so.

You might also consider other options:

1. You can donate online today. Online donations can be put to use straight away.

2. You can phone 0800 912 1200 (NI) to make a donation over the phone.

3. Many of our supporters send cheque donations through the post. You can continue to do this, but it will take a little longer than usual to reach us, and for our thanks to reach you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with people all over Ireland who have been affected by this crisis. It is devastating seeing friends or family fall ill, or seeing your business or livelihood disappear overnight.

In particular, our hearts go out to the families who have lost loved ones. We must all rally together as a global community to protect the most vulnerable. Trócaire will do just that in the difficult days that lie ahead. We are proud and grateful for your support.

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 them into your loving
care.*

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

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS WELCOME

The Sisters of Mercy, "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, continue to welcome any person who may wish to request "A Prayer by Telephone", especially during these very difficult times. One of the Sisters will be happy to pray with you. Telephone: **0035342-9331602**
9.00am – 9.00pm daily.

ACCORD - New Free Helpline

Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The telephone numbers are:

**- Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or
00353 1 531 3331.**