

**THE
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& BOLTS**

WEBCAM in our parish churches can be accessed by WWW.CELSTRA.IE or MCN Media then choose the Church

Weekend Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

11am Mass on the webcam will be for Fr. Eugene Kennedy Christy Maughan, Frank Fogarty, Michale Donneley, Kevin Doogan, Noreen O' Sullivan, Fr. Eugene Kennedy, John Lynch, Tom McGahan, Mary & John O' Connor, Ellen & Jack Hunt, Special intention, Mary Mahony, Eamon Noonan & Patricia Noonan, Andy O' Connell, Sadie Kinane.

Planned Giving-amount was 1888.04.

Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving. Thanks also to the collectors & counters.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Mass on the webcam from St. Patrick's Church 11am

Weekdays; St. Brigid's Church

Mon 16 Mar 9.15am: Holy Souls

Mass on Parish webcam

Wed 18 Mar 9.15am: Owen O' Regan

Thur 19 Mar 9.15am: Special intention

SPECIAL NOTICE

Whilst this Church remains open every day from 9.30 am - 7.30 pm for prayer, devotion and sacred silence we regret to announce:

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID, CELBRIDGE AND STRAFFAN THIS WEEKEND

NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
NO VIGIL MASS ON MONDAY MARCH 16TH

NO MASS ON SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
NO MASS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MASS ON PARISH WEBCAM

PLEASE NOTE MASS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 11AM BOTH ON SUNDAY AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE, WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT celstra.ie
Please check website, and notice boards for updates.

Let us continue to pray for each and to go the extra mile in our care for one another.

St.Patrick, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

THE PARISH LOTTO

The prize fund is now at €3700.

You pick four numbers between 1 - 30.

One line just €2, 3 lines €5.

This week **1st draw:** 18, 19, 16,5 **2nd draw:** 21, 16, 17, 25.

3 consolation prize winners: Karl Hannan, Con Quinlan, Jacqueline Hayes

THE PARISH LOTTO IS SUSPENDED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Winners can collect their money when the Church reopens for Sunday Masses and envelopes already put in the safe will be in the next

CORONAVIRUS! IN THE NAME OF JESUS BEGONE!

AN INVITATION

AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE CHALLENGE THAT THIS VIRUS PRESENTS TO ALL OF US, WE THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. PATRICK AND ST. BRIGID UNDERTAKE TO INCREASE OUR PRAYER LIFE AND DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

OUR PLEDGE

TO THIS END WE RESOLVE TO GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD EVERY DAY AT 3PM IN ST. PATRICK'S, FOR PRAYER.

THIS WILL TAKE VARIOUS FORMATS.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, PEOPLE OF ALL FAITH, AND MOST ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO PROFESS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD BECAUSE OF COURSE HE BELIEVES IN YOU AND HE LOVES YOU TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY.

FRATERNALLY, FR JOE MC DONALD

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THE GIFT OF THE CORONAVIRUS

The arrival of the coronavirus may well mean we have our best Lent yet!

Now before we begin a trip down a wacky road let's be clear I did not say God sent the coronavirus. Whatever about debating God's allowing it, let's state at the outset sickness suffering and disease are not from God. God is Love. Jesus is the Great Healer. He is Lord. He is the Lord of Life. You and I as sisters and brothers of Jesus are children of the Light. The Lord's desire and dream for us is rooted in love, joy and freedom. He takes no delight in seeing us stuck, bound, miserable and unhappy.

These are challenging difficult days. There is the challenge of new hygiene practices, the challenge of a new awareness of health and a renewed consciousness around our human fragility. We are learning a new language. A language we would prefer not to be acquainted with. The language of virus, contamination, symptoms and isolation. Who would have thought we would be bumping elbows or trying to measure a metre between each other!

Today as I write, the news is dominated by closures, postponements and cancellations. The immediate implication of this is that most of us are going to find ourselves with big chunks of time on our hands. So more time to train the dog, to catch up on a movie, to get a serious amount of reading done, to do press ups!

But hey it's Lent! Imagine if we used a little of this time to feed our soul! To become spiritually fitter! To prepare to celebrate Easter this year in a way that has not been previously possible.

The Coronavirus is bad news. It is not good. It is a serious threat. We are morally obliged to take care of ourselves and each other by listening carefully and implementing the advice we are getting from our wonderful health professionals. To accompany all this, here is a possible mini spiritual work out:

Read about or google your patron or favourite saint.

Pray a rosary for all who are sick.

Go on a prayer walk carrying with you your favourite piece of Scripture

Spend thirty minutes in total and sacred silence listening deeply for the whisper of the Holy Spirit.

Pray the Stations of the Cross walking in the company of the suffering Jesus.

Spend thirty minutes listening to sacred music it's balm for the soul.

Spend an hour in the presence of the Lord in the most profound prayer of Eucharistic Adoration.

Write a letter to Jesus including the words thank you, I am sorry and I love you!

Make a list of those you have loved and those who have loved you. Now add the names of those who did not show you love, or indeed those who hurt you. Slowly whisper their names asking the Lord to give them his peace.

P.S A word of warning. There is a very beautiful concept called HOLY RESIGNATION.

This is where we hand over our future, our lives to the Lord. We do this knowing he loves us and responds to a contrite heart with his great mercy. However this does not allow us to abdicate our responsibility to be good citizens. It certainly does not allow us to be sloppy or indifferent to the important things we are being asked to do regarding hygiene, respiratory etiquette and social distancing.

So do we trust in God at all? Of course we do and holy resignation is a beautiful act of love for the Lord AFTER we have done absolutely everything to show our love of God, others and ourselves. Fraternally, JoeMcD

SEVEN PETITIONS TO THE HOLY CROSS

Lord Jesus Christ, for the sake of thy holy Cross, be with me to shield me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the memory of thy blessed Cross, be within me to strengthen me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for thy holy Cross, be ever round about me to protect me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for thy glorious Cross, go before me to direct my steps. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for thy adorable Cross, come thou after me to guard me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for thy Cross, worthy of all praise, overshadow me and bless me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for thy noble Cross, be thou in me to lead me to thy Kingdom. Amen.

“Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!”

