Pastoral Area Newsletter

7th - 13th February 2021

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Website: www.pastoralareagnr.com

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ONLINE MASSES & INTENTIONS

On our website you can find the link to our online Mass which is streamed on our Facebook page www.pastoralareagnr.com

Sunday 7th February at 12 noon
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✠ Patrick Duff *(1st Anniv)*
- ✠ Josef Gryson *(2nd Anniv)*
- ✠ Laurence O'Connor (A)
- ✠ Mary Jane & Teresa O'Connor, & all the DFM
- ✠ Fergus Murray *(Rec Dec'd)*
- ✠ Kathleen Kiernan *(Rec Dec'd)*

Tuesday 9th February at 10.30am
Tuesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time

- ✠ Monica Norris, *RIP*

Thursday 11th February at 10.30am
Our Lady of Lourdes

- ✠ Missa pro populo

A list of other local & national online Masses is available on our website

Please contact the Pastoral Area Office by phone or email if you would like to request a Mass intention.

CHURCHES CLOSED AT THE MOMENT

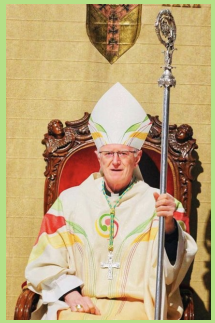
You may be aware that the Government has extended the current Level 5 restrictions until the 5th March at least.

Given how high the numbers associated with the pandemic currently are, we are, until further notice, temporarily suspending the opening of our churches for private prayer.

As well as the general safety aspect, this will help us to maintain the churches safely for any funerals, and will also give our dedicated team of sanitisers a much needed break from the wonderful work they have been doing consistently since last year's end of the first lockdown. We hope that you will at this time understand and support this decision.

Please keep in touch with us via phone and email and remember to keep checking our website and social media for further announcements and updates.

If you would like to receive a copy of our Newsletter by email then please contact the Pastoral Area Office



ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL

became the new Archbishop of our diocese on Tuesday 2 February.

To read his homily from his Installation Mass please visit: www.dublindiocese.ie/installation-of-dermot-farrell-as-archbishop-of-dublin/

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Catholic Church marks this annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes since its institution by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992. This year's theme is, **"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers and sisters"** *(Mt 23:8)*. Pope Francis reminds us of the need for "a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick":

> Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

If you know of someone who is ill at the moment perhaps you could find a way of reaching out to them, especially in prayer. Get Well & Bouquet Mass cards are available via Pastoral Area Office.

You can read the Pope's full message on the Vatican website - available on the Useful Links page of our website.

Sacred Space

If you need some help with prayer during lockdown there are lots of ideas on the Sacred Space page of our website. You'll also find the readings for Mass, daily prayer/retreat resources and suggestions for different ways to pray with children.

Fingal COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

If you are feeling isolated or lonely because of Covid-19, **WE ARE STILL HERE TO HELP YOU.**

Our helpline is open seven days a week, Monday to Sunday from 8am to 8pm.

Don't be on your own, give the helpline a call

1800 459 059

covidsupport@fingal.ie

COVID-19 and Church-21: New survey

The Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU invites all adult churchgoers in Ireland to take part in their new survey Covid-19 & Church-21. It aims to gather information on how churchgoing and faith have been impacted by the pandemic and to find out more about the different online and socially-distanced services that have taken place during the varying restrictions. For more, please search for "Covid 19 & Church" on www.dcu.ie or contact bernadette.sweetman@dcu.ie.