

The Domestic Church

We often speak of the 'Domestic Church' that is the Catholic Home. As we all struggle with the tensions and frustrations of confinement let us ensure that we are doing all we can to create a prayerful environment within our homes. Nurturing more thoughtfulness in our treatment of one another will be essential. With patience and compassion let us accompany one another on the journey ahead. We are still in the early days of what will be a rather lengthy undertaking. I encourage you to establish a time for shared family prayer. This will be especially important for our children. Our young candidates for the sacraments stand in particular need of guidance and support. A daily structure for prayer is crucial. I often remind people that a consistent structure of daily prayer is far more fruitful than the employment of sporadic bursts of spiritual enthusiasm.

Some Reminders.

Read regularly the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in the presence of God.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to harbour the harbourless; to visit the sick; to visit the imprisoned; to bury the dead.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy: to counsel the doubtful; to instruct the ignorant; to admonish sinners; to comfort the afflicted; to forgive offences; to bear wrongs patiently; to pray for the living and the dead.

Dates for your Diary

Due to difficulties in establishing a live-streaming capability at the Cathedral, it has been decided that the Archbishop will celebrate the liturgy of Holy Week at St Mary of the Angels.

5th April	Palm Sunday
9th April	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
10th April	Good Friday, The Liturgy of the Passion
11th April	Easter Vigil,
12th April	Easter Sunday

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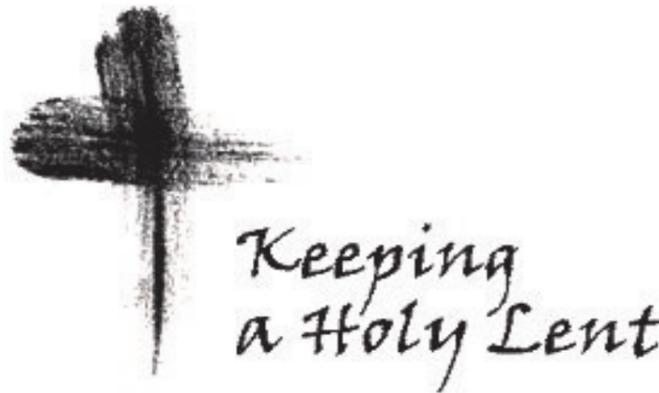
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29th March 4th April 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle A

Holy Family Masses

Mgr Maguire will celebrate a private Mass each day at Holy Family church. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 23rd March, Holy Family will no longer be open for private prayer.

St Mary's Masses

There will be no longer be any public access to the church until COVID restrictions are lifted.

Funerals are regrettably now only permitted for immediate family at the graveside or crematorium chapel. Public Memorial Masses may be celebrated following the lifting of restrictions.

Fifth Sunday of Lent (29th March)

10.00 Stephen Sullivan

12.00 Repose of the souls of Patricia, Yvonne & Edward Best

Monday 30th

9.30 Sr Maureen Kelly

Tuesday 31st

9.30 Carlos Velasco & Dianne Brain (separate intentions offered by each priest)

No 12.15 Mass due to the funerals of Mr Frederick Haines & Mr Patrick Cadogan (Graveside & Crematorium chapel)

7pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday 1st April

9.30 Muscat & Kift family

12.15 Intention of Thomas family

Funeral of Mr Bernard Hopkins

Thursday 2nd April

9.30 Bella & Henry

12.15 Lena Brittle (Anniversary)

Funeral of Mr John McCarthy

7pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday 3rd April

9.30 Estevad Chau

12.15- Catherine Watkins

Saturday 4th April

12.15 Jo Webber

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10.00 John Salmon

12.00 William & Katherine Skinner

Evening Prayer (Vespers) live-streamed 7pm daily including Tuesday & Thursday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass pages

At the heart of this Sunday's Gospel is a double reproach. When Jesus finally arrives at the home of his deceased friend Lazarus, the dead man's sisters, Martha & Mary each chide him with the same words: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died." In Martha's case, the reproach is followed by an expression of great confidence: "I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you".

It is the gentleness of Jesus that allows Martha to speak so freely; it is his power that allows her to speak with such confidence. The two aspects of Martha's conversation with the Lord capture something of the pattern of Christian prayer; addressing the Lord with frankness and with confident expectation.

Jesus responds by raising Lazarus from the dead. This miracle is a partial one, as Lazarus will die again. But it points to and promises the future resurrection of all the dead; it invites us to be confident in this promise.

Here again, something of the pattern of discipleship is captured: our faith invites us to turn to God for help with life's challenges but we also know that death, for each and every one of us, is inevitable. Lazarus emerged from the tomb bound in burial clothes but on the day of his resurrection, Jesus left his burial clothes behind in the tomb. Yes, our discipleship offers us ongoing guidance; it rolls stones away from tombs; it offers hope and consolation. But not until we share in the resurrection of Christ himself will we know the fullness of what our faith promises.

Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the following who died recently:

Mr Frederick Haines– The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March.

Mr Patrick Cadogan The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March.

Mr Bernard Hopkins The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st April

Mr John McCarthy- The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd April.

Mrs Nora Dooley- The funeral will be celebrated on Monday 6th April.

Mrs Patricia Bunce- The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 7th April.

Volunteering news

I am grateful to Fr.Nicholas for collating the details of parishioners who have volunteered to assist with food distribution etc.. Attending to the needs of the most vulnerable is so important at this time. Now that central and local government have provided mechanisms for coordinating this work, our volunteers have been directed to follow those channels. The current situation has revealed quite starkly the age profile of our parish volunteers. Of those who have been through our parish or church agency safeguarding procedures, the vast majority are over 60 with nearly half over 70. This age profile excludes many of our current volunteers from offering direct support because of their own vulnerabilities. The willingness of nearly 700,000 people to volunteer in the midst of current need reveals that there is still so much good will abounding across our society. Perhaps, when we emerge from the crisis, many people with a younger age profile will consider stepping forward in service to our parish and wider community

Message from Pope Francis to the Universal Church.

On Friday 27th March at 5.00.pm GMT the Holy Father presided over a period of Eucharistic Adoration in Saint Peter's Square. There was no congregation of the lay faithful due to the restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

This STATIO ORBIS was broadcast as widely as possible to enable the faithful to participate. The Holy Father imparted an URBI ET ORBI (to the City and to the World) Blessing and conceded a Plenary Indulgence to all the persons who participated in the prayers.

Ordinarily, a Plenary Indulgence can be obtained through the offering of prescribed prayers combined with a worthy reception of Holy Communion. These are extraordinary times and it is impossible to fulfil the normal requirements for such a Plenary Indulgence. It is also impossible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation other than 'in extremis'. However, it should be remembered that the offering of a perfect act of contrition together with a firm purpose of amendment, attached to a clear intention to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as is possible, constitutes a true and real penance which can bestow freedom from the burden of serious sin.

Even though we are experiencing the most severe disruption to our sacramental lives we should remind ourselves that the channels of grace are not closed to the soul that desires spiritual communion with God.

Just as much as we strive to protect our physical and mental health we should ensure that we attend to our spiritual well-being. In this 'Year of the Word' we should be swift in going to the Sacred Scriptures for nourishment and guidance. As we enter Passiontide and prepare for the Sacred Triduum let us be close and faithful companions of the Lord as he journeys to Jerusalem.

Financial Matters

I am very conscious that parishioners will be facing significant financial uncertainty. The finances of both parishes are in a very healthy condition and there is no danger of us failing to cover our costs. Last week I suggested that people could collect their gift aid envelopes from the Priory. This is no longer possible, of course, and we will have to await a change in circumstances before any distribution can take place.

A number of parishioners have asked for information concerning the establishment of standing orders. If you wish to receive information, then please email the parish and we can send a pack which includes relevant declaration forms. You may be able to establish a standing order directly with your bank. Our bank details are as follows:

Sort code: 20-18-23 (for both)
St Mary's Acc No: 03285375
Holy Family Acc No: 63656861

Dudley Hurley

We ask that Dudley, a well-known stalwart of Holy Family parish, is kept very much in our prayers after being admitted to hospital with a serious illness.

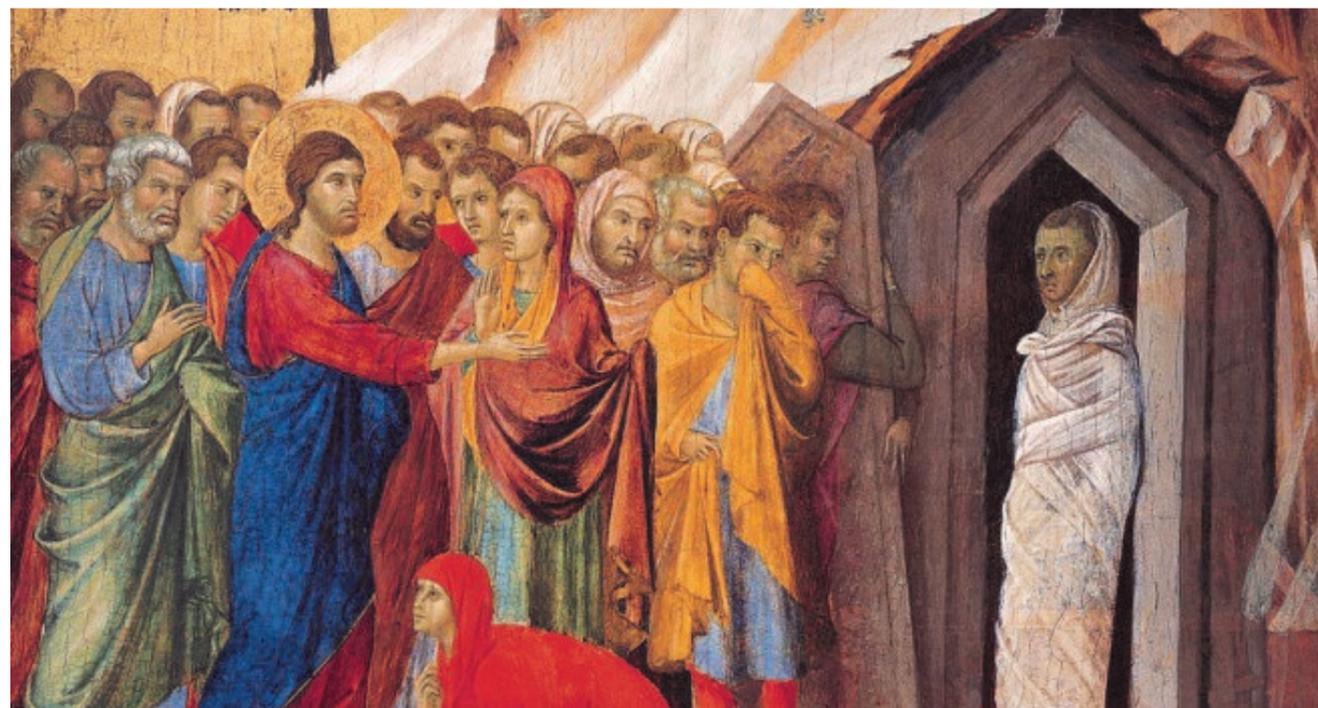
Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Susanna, Chris Collins, Hanna Marengi, May Dalet, Linda Mantle, Dudley Hurley

St. Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jean Hayman, Heugette Skinner, Will Johnson, Ivan Sadka, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward. Doreen Utley Maria Sullivan.

A Prayer shared by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Dear Guardian Angel, Go for me to the Church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: what I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen



Live-streaming of Masses at St Mary's

Go to www.cardiffwestcatholics.org.uk and scroll down to the bottom of the "home" page. There, you will find a window with the Live-Stream. Click in the bottom right hand corner to bring up to full screen size and click the "Play" > arrow. When the microphones are on (as they should be during liturgies), whatever is being broadcast from the sanctuary should be clearly audible. During Mass, it will be possible to follow along with the responses from home, and at the point that the priest receives the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, you can make a prayer of Spiritual Communion.