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**STATEMENT BY THE NORTHERN
IRELAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Re-opening of Churches for public
worship.**

Following on-going consultation between representatives of the Churches, the Executive Office and our public health authorities, and in light of the most recent review of lockdown provisions by the NI Executive yesterday, the Northern Catholic Bishops are pleased to announce that, where possible, there can be a cautious return to public worship for the faithful from **Friday 26th March**, in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

We would ask people to wear masks at all church services. For us this will include Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings and Funerals etc. Exceptions for people who have a medical condition and cannot wear a mask and young children.

Please sanitize your hands when you enter the church.

No kneeling during Mass.

Please remain in your seat until the stewards tell when to move into line for communion.

It is not necessary to sanitize your hands again when queuing for Holy Communion, as this disrupts the 2-meter distancing.

It is not necessary to reverence the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle as you are carrying the Blessed Sacrament after receiving Holy Communion.

Please do not stop at the altar to pray or light candles, you may come in after Mass and do this.

No standing at the back of the chapel or in the porch during Mass.

FUNERALS: No more than 25 persons are allowed into the church. No more than 25 persons are permitted at the committal service at the graveside.

WEDDINGS: No more than 25 persons allowed in the church.

**WALKING WITH JESUS ALONG THE VIA
DOLOROSA
SUNDAY LENTEN PROGRAMME**
Please join us at **3.00 pm. via our
webcam.** Please use the leaflet that
accompanied last weeks bulletin.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm.

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's: Sun. 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception: Sat. 7.15 pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick's: Mon. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Tues. 7.00 am. & 10.00 am. Wed. 10.00 & 7.30 pm. Thurs. 7.00 am. & 10.00 am. all via the webcam.

Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am. *the chapel is open.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Jacqueline O'Hara today Sun. 21st March at 11.30 am. in St. Patrick's. *Via the webcam.*

For John T. Mullan on Fri. 26th March at 7.00 pm. in St. Matthew's.

For Jim Friel on Sat. 27th March at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's

S.V.P. - HELPLINE: 079 279 299 23

THE ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs. at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church. *Via the webcam.*

Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am. *the chapel is open.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Patrick's: Wednesday after 10.00 am. Mass. *Via the webcam.* Friday after 10.00 am. Mass, *the chapel is open.*

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S:

Sat. 10.30 - 11.00 am. & 5.15 - 5.50 pm.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Fionn Christopher Hazlett, Ard-na-Smol and Marc Anthony Grieve, Ard-na-Smol.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **April: Sun. 4th, Sat. 10th, 17th & 24th.** (*Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.*

- **Two weeks notice must be given.**
- **Only 10 persons (including children) per family in the church.**
- **There will be only individual baptisms.**

MONTHS MIND &

ALL ANNIVERSARY MASSES

As our churches have reopened, Months Mind & All Anniversary Masses will take place during the week at the 10.00 am. Mass or in the evening. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Gentle meditation on a Mon. at 6.30 pm. Please go to mcnmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £1,868

Thank you to all who contributed.

THANK YOU - For an anonymous donation of £300 towards the chapel.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - *Lotto No's: 9, 11, 28 & 29.* Lucky Dip: Barry McNicholl. Jackpot £2,850.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for private prayer. **Please note! Only 8 persons allowed in the chapel at any one time.** Seats/chairs has been marked/placed were you must sit, please do not move the chairs. *Please sanitize your hands when you come into the chapel for private prayer.*

**TROCAIRE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
21 MARCH 2021**

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?

2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.

3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention