

IT'S A DAD KIND OF THINGHAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



It's a dad kind of thing to protect you,
And see that the world treats you right.
To offer his willing assistance,
Any hour of the day or the night.
It's a dad kind of thing to stand by you,
If one of your bubbles should burst.
To make sure you know you're important,
And know that, with him, you come first.
To give you his all but still wonder,
If there's something more he could do...
It's a dad kind of thing to keep showing,
That he'll always be there for you.

Author Unknown

LOUGH DERG - THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM AFAR

During the month of June, Lough Derg is offering opportunities to have an experience of retreat and pilgrimage from wherever you are. Online Retreat Days continue from 27 – 29 June 2020. You can join this Three-Day Pilgrimage from afar, along with the Prior and team. To register for this historic event and for full details of what is happening during June go to www.loughderg.live Tel: 0 (0353) 71 9861518 or Email: info@loughderg.org

Support Line for Older People ALONE national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024. More information email: fionnuala.ennis@limelight.ie

PALMERSTOWN CEMETERY MASS

Palmerstown Cemetery Mass was due to be celebrated on Sunday, 21 June 2020. However, we have been advised by The Glasnevin Trust that due to the measures introduced by Department of Health, **Cemetery Masses are cancelled.**

Parish Bulletin
**The Parish of St Philomena,
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**LIVE WEBCAM STEAMING FACILITY
IN ST PHILOMENA'S PARISH**

Canon Tony will be celebrating Mass in our Church via webcam. Please click onto our website www.palmerstownparish.com to view same.

Please note the webcam will be turned on 5 mins before ceremonies and will be switched off immediately after each ceremony in compliance with GDPR Legislation.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon.
**Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10am on
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.**

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Dear Parishioner

I hope this letter finds you well in these strange times.

Who would have thought in January that we would be facing into a global pandemic called Covid-19 which has affected every aspect of our lives! Over the past months, we as a parish have lost family and friends to Covid-19. We have faced so many challenges both emotionally and in respect of our faith – not being able to visit our family/friends at home or in nursing homes, sit with a loved one when they are sick in hospital or during their last moments, attend funerals to support our family and friends through their grief. The closing of our Church has caused suffering to many people during these difficult months.

Under the Government guidelines, we have been advised that we may reopen St Philomena's Church on 29 June 2020. However, this must be done in strict compliance with the guidelines of the Government and Department of Health. The Irish Episcopal Conference of Bishops has issued a Framework Document for a Return to the Public Celebration of Mass and in compliance with this framework our Church will open under the following conditions:-

1. In parishes where there are a number of Churches (and Chapel of Ease), the Framework is recommending that the larger Church opens initially, (i.e. St Philomena's Church). Therefore, for the moment, St Philomena's Church will open for Weekday Mass as usual. Sunday Masses will be 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening with Mass on Sunday at 12 noon.
2. The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being.
3. Parishioners who are vulnerable or unwell, especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate via webcam, social media, television, or radio. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus in accordance with public health advice. Masses can be viewed from our Church's website: www.palmerstownparish.com.

4. The Department of Health has advised that people should maintain physical distance from each other (currently at least 2 meters). This would mean that the maximum number of people St Philomena's Church can accommodate for Mass is 75 people – 60 people in the main body of the church and 15 in the gallery. These numbers must be strictly adhered to. On this basis, we would like to remind you that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed and, therefore, you might consider spreading the participation in Mass across the week.
5. We would ask parishioners attending Mass to please sanitize their hands on entering the Church and we would encourage the wearing of face masks.
6. The use of Sunday Mass Missalettes and hymn sheets is not permitted for the moment. Therefore, to assist our parishioners, we have on sale The Sunday Missal (The order of Mass for Sundays and Holy Days for the three-year lectionary cycle). Copies will be available to buy on Monday, 29 June, from the sacristy in the Church before during and after Masses at a cost €13.00.
7. The use of Holy Water fonts is not permitted for the foreseeable future.
8. We would also ask that parishioners please observe social distancing on entering and exiting the Church and while outside in the Church grounds.

Your co-operation in adhering to the above guidelines would be greatly appreciated and will ensure a smooth transition to the opening-up of our church.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown, our finances have more or less collapsed since mid-March 2020. During this period, we were due to send out our new Family Giving Envelopes and our Easter Dues Envelopes. Unfortunately, this did not happen with the lockdown restrictions, however, we still have to pay our bills.

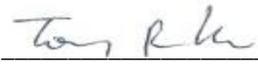
I am appealing to your generosity and asking that if you could please contribute to the Family Giving Envelopes and Easter Dues, I would be most grateful. The Easter Dues go towards the support of all the priests of the Diocese including sick and retired priests and are a main source of support for the priests of the Diocese.

I am acutely aware that this has been a very difficult time for us all and realise that many families are facing financial hardship and I would greatly appreciate any support you can give.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely our parishioners who have continued to make contributions by dropping envelopes into my house, through electronic banking, standing orders and through our new Easy Payment Plus Donation Button on our website.

I look forward to being able to reopen the church on Monday, 29 June 2020 and to welcoming you back.

Wishing every blessing on your family


Canon Tony Reilly