

NEWSLETTER

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FAITH IN DIFFICULT TIMES

We are a people of faith and to pose the question 'do you believe?', does not call us to pray the Creed, but to open our lives to the one we believe in, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus 'threw his life' into doing the Father's will – part obedience, part endurance but most of all Jesus set his heart to trust in God. He is our example in these difficult times.

Coronavirus has brought us to a crossroads. While the virus may not visit our door, yet 'we know not the day nor the hour'. We need to take every precaution and we owe it to the wider community to do so. This community is best described as 'church', God's people.

As believers we are people of courage. Strange as it may seem, Covid-19 is the opportunity to renew the face of the earth, and the church. By doing so, we will set a firm foundation for the future local church – people and services.

GENEROSITY APPRECIATED

We are very grateful for the generous donations received in recent months.

Offerings received: March : €2115; April €535; May €5810. Easter Dues 2020: €9305. All your kind and generous support is much appreciated. Thank you!!

GOOD NEWS: OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS ?

A government announcement was expected, giving the green light to resume celebrating Public Mass again. The Taoiseach Mr. Varadkar did announce that we can re-open for public Masses from 29th June.

Previously, Bishop Brendan Kelly reminded us of the need to comply with a guidance document (29 pages) requiring us to make satisfactory arrangements for re-opening. We must sign –off on the necessary form to indicate we have fulfilled all the conditions attached (p.29)

VOLUNTEERS

Last Sunday, we appealed for volunteers to help us. Thank you for the great response : we were delighted.

According to our calculations, taking into account the need for social distancing of 2 metres that we could accommodate a minimum of 80. We could deal with that.

BAD NEWS: BOMBSHELL

The Taoiseach also imposed a strict limit of 50 max for an indoor gathering: this has to include priest, singer, reader, eucharistic minister, collectors, ushers etc.

Now we have to meet and work out how we do this, probably with some booking system, like when you go to the hairdresser. We will have to inform you and devise how to implement an unpleasant restriction.

The information will appear on our website on Thurs next. Cf. dominicanscladdagh.ie.

We will announce it at webcam daily Mass. In the meantime we thank you for your great support and patience.

Please don't phone Parish Office (091 582884) yet for information.