

## NEWSLETTER (2) March 2021

### MASS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

During the continuing 'lockdown' we are not allowed to have the public present for any religious services- so Mass is only available on Webcam: [www.dominicanscladdagh.ie](http://www.dominicanscladdagh.ie); also on MCN Media-tv

Sunday Mass: 7.20am; 10.00am and 12.00noon (Polish at 5.00pm)

Weekdays: 7.20am (except Sat); 10.00am

Morning Prayer: daily 9.40am (Sun 9.30am) Evening Prayer and Rosary daily at 6.45pm

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross replaces Rosary!

### SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> March: Fourth Sunday Lent;

#### MOTHERS' DAY

Pope Francis, writing in 'Let us Dream' ( 'A Path to a Better Future') compliments women's gifts as they are engaged in the management of their households ( *ama de casa*):

*'Management of households is no mean feat; they have to do many different things at once, reconciling different interests, being flexible and having a kind of canniness. They have to speak three languages at the same time; that of mind, that of the heart, and that of the hands.'*

Take a break from the wilderness of Lent to celebrate and acknowledge the blessings of mothers!!

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY (Wed 17<sup>th</sup>)

Mass: 7.20am; 10.00am and 12.00noon (NB!). (Only on Webcam!)

Sad that we have another St. Patrick's Day without our public celebrations, parades etc.

### FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH (Fri 19<sup>th</sup>)

Pope Francis has designated this year (2021) as a Year of St. Joseph.

Pope Francis Prayer to St. Joseph (Printed below) is available on cards at the statue of St. Joseph in Claddagh Church.

### PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK 2021

Another Holy Week behind closed doors: ceremonies will be available on Webcam.

Details of times and ceremonies will be posted here shortly.

### FIFTY YEARS A PARISH

(Excerpt from Letter of Fr. Albert O Beirne, OP first Parish Priest, on the occasion of the formal establishment of the Parish at the invitation of Bishop Michael Browne)

*"Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1971 is a date to be remembered in the history of the Irish Dominican Province: for on that day the new Parish of St. Mary's, Claddagh, Galway came into being. For almost five centuries Dominican Priests and Brothers have been associated with the people of Claddagh in the whole area of Pastoral work and the sacramental life of the Church.... The Parish comprises what is regarded as the traditional area of the Claddagh, as well as half of Fr. Griffin Rd, a small area between Dominic St and the Claddagh and a new housing estate called Whitestrand Rd and Whitestrand Pk: the number of houses is 470!*

### CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS?

When we emerge from the present lockdown, we will invite Parishioners and Faith Community to join us in marking this landmark- hopefully with a series of events!

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son: in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.