

CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

DUE TO MEASURES INTRODUCED BY HEALTHCARE AUTHORITIES LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC INDOOR GATHERINGS, MASSES IN OUR CHURCHES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ST. MARY'S & ST. MOCHONOG'S CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EACH DAY FROM 10.00AM—4PM.

MASS IS TRANSMITTED EACH DAY VIA WEB-CAM in VARIOUS CHURCHES. SEE DUBLIN DIOCESEN WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

OUTREACH: Two support groups have just been set up by local volunteers to help people who are isolated due to the present health crisis and need help with food shopping ,prescription and medication collection.

If you would like to volunteer for Kilmacanogue ring David Rafferty 086 3805627 and for Enniskerry ring Melanie Corrigan 0833642439 for full details. If you need assistance yourself or know somebody who does please ring either of the

We pray for all Mothers on this Mother's Day. May they feel love and the love they have given be returned to them on this day. Jesus says—'Just as a mother cannot forsake her children neither will God forsake you'.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a 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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Parishioners are invited to click through to our **Lenten Sacred Space** on the parish website.

Enniskerryparish.ie .There are some lovely reflections and links on the website during Lent.

Bishop Barron on You Tube gives some excellent mediations during this time—they are worth watching.

Serving the Common Good

As people of faith we are called to face the fears of this moment with a courage not our own and with a generous heart. God is with his people in good times and bad. Like believers in every age we say: 'If I should walk in The Valley of Darkness no evil would I fear for You are there'. In our hour of trial Jesus calls on us, his followers, to serve the common good by taking responsibility for each other and to prioritise the most vulnerable in our community ahead of our own individual wants and aspirations. At this time our first concern has to be for the elderly, the ill and those with underlying medical conditions.

Prayer for our protection

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus.

Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.



Please check out our Parish Website Enniskerryparish.ie for all information regarding Masses online, prayers for corona virus and notices from the Parish

Mass is transmitted each day by webcam in the Dublin Diocese. See Dublindiocese.ie. RTÉ NEWS NOW are broadcasting Mass on weekdays at 10.30am .

Prayer for protection during Pandemic. We pray especially for all those who are ill, their families, health care workers and officials working to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Pope Francis urges the faithful to pray and fast for a quick and positive resolution of the current pandemic and for compassion and kindness to prevail in the hearts of all as we care for those in need.

Dear Creator of the World,

We come before you asking your mercy on us to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

We pray for those already infected with coronavirus that they may receive prompt, effective and compassionate medical care that will restore them to health.

We pray your protection and grace for all medical professionals who are courageously treating those infected with coronavirus. May they be shielded, strengthened and guided as they administer healing treatments and care.

We pray your protection over those most vulnerable to disease, for our babies, our children, our elders, our poor, disabled and those weakened by other health conditions.

We pray for those under quarantine that they might be comforted by your presence and protected from disease, anxiety and fear.

We pray for our public healthcare leaders and government agencies that they might be informed and well prepared as they deal with the coronavirus. Grant them the resources and manpower they need to use their wisdom in the best interest of public health.

We pray for the researchers who are tracking the course of the coronavirus. May they uncover patterns that will help us understand how to stay healthy.

We pray for those searching for treatments, cures and vaccines. May you guide them, reveal new ideas and accelerate their discoveries to fight this disease.

We pray for the communities, areas and countries hardest hit by coronavirus. Restore their sense of wellbeing and community. Sustain them, comfort them and give them hope.

We pray for all whose lives are disrupted by the coronavirus. We pray for families who have been separated and for those whose livelihoods have been jeopardized.

We look to you, Oh God, praying that the spread of the coronavirus will be halted and that many lives might be spared.

We pray that through this crisis you may draw us closer to you, grow our compassion and increase our knowledge.

Thank you that you are the Great Physician who not only heals us but who is a very present help in our time of need as the Bible tells us that you "Took up all our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matthew 8 :17) Thank you for hearing our prayer.

Amen