

Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are at home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
Lord Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Week & the Easter Triduum, 2020



“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, suddenly two men in radiant apparel stood beside them. As the women bowed their faces to the ground in terror, the two men asked them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

OUR EASTER WISH FOR YOU

**“May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.”** (Ps 115:15)

*Fr. Peter Reilly P.P., the Parish Pastoral Council
and all our Parish Volunteer Teams*

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2020 – ONLINE ONLY

PALM SUNDAY – 5th April

11.00.a.m: Mass & Eucharistic Adoration until 1.00.p.m. (via Webcam & Internet). **No Vigil Mass.** Palm will be blessed for collection from the church when the current restrictions have eased.



Monday 6th April

10.00.a.m: Mass & Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30.a.m. (via Webcam & Internet).

7.30.p.m: *Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT take place. (Pope Francis' "Urbi et Orbi" blessing and reconciliation ceremony of 25/03/20 can be revisited over the Internet).*

Tuesday 7th April

10.30.a.m: Mass via "RTE News Now" T.V.

Wednesday 8th April

10.00.a.m: Mass and Stations of the Cross (via Webcam & Internet).



EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – 9th April

8.00.p.m: Mass of the Lord's Supper & Prayer Before Altar of Repose (via Webcam & Internet). This Mass marks the original Institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the "Last Supper."



9.30.p.m. "Watch One Hour With Me" (via Webcam & Internet) – An hour of scripture, reflection and prayer.



GOOD FRIDAY – 10th April

12.00.p.m: Stations of the Cross (via Webcam & Internet).

3.00.p.m: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (via Webcam & Internet).



HOLY SATURDAY – 11th April

10.30.a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT take place.

9.00.p.m: **EASTER VIGIL MASS** (via Webcam & Internet). This Mass celebrates the Resurrection from the dead of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ at Easter.



EASTER SUNDAY – 12th April

11.00.a.m. **EASTER MASS** and **Eucharistic Adoration until 1.00.p.m.** (via Webcam & Internet)

EASTER WEEK

Monday 13th – Saturday 18th April except for Tuesday 14th

10.00.a.m. Mass and Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30.a.m. (via Webcam & Internet).

Tuesday 14th April

10.30.a.m: Mass via "RTE News Now" T.V.

MASS DURING TIME OF RESTRICTED ACCESS

Due to current restrictions, physical attendance at Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Firhouse Parish is suspended until further notice. **However, you may participate in Mass and Easter Ceremonies as they happen, remotely by way of the Parish Webcam, on various smart phones, tablets (e.g. ipad), laptops and computers if you Google, or just click below, on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-mount-carmel> at the time of the Mass or Ceremony.** (You can also view Mass at 10.30.a.m. on the "RTE News Now" T.V.).

Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration (via Webcam & Internet) so people can tune in for private prayer, on:

Monday & Wednesday to Saturday 10.30.a.m. – 11.30.a.m.

Sundays 11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Any further Parish information or updates will be on the Parish Website and Facebook page as they arise.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH AND CHURCH!



Whether you are a returning prodigal or a practising parishioner, whether sad or joyful, disillusioned or hopeful, agnostic or assured, nervous or relaxed –

Jesus welcomes you . . . and so do we!

PARISH FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Featuring the Gárda Band



This concert took place on 30th January in the parish church. The large attendance enjoyed a great night. The band members were delighted with the positive response they received and said they'd be back. A big "thank you" to all who attended and all who helped on the night.

WOULD GOD UPSET NATURE TO ANSWER PRAYER?

When Jesus prayed the storm was calmed, the sick were healed, the dead were raised to life. Easy for Him you might think! But when St. Paul and Silas were in jail they too prayed earnestly and an unexpected earthquake damaged the prison and the gates opened and freed them. So when faced with natural events like fires, floods, viruses or whatever – ***LET US PRAY!***

PARISH GROUPS PUTTING FAITH INTO PRACTICE



Check out what our various volunteer groups do by visiting the parish website at www.firhouseparish.ie/

If you would like to receive help from any of these groups or to help them in their work, please contact the parish office Monday – Friday, 9.30.a.m. to 3.30.p.m. Telephone: (01) 4524702.

THANK YOU!

A huge "Thank You!" to our office and caretaker staff and all our volunteers who work for you in the Parish of Firhouse.

THE 9th STATION – JESUS FALLS THE 3rd TIME



This last fall is devastating. Jesus can barely proceed to the end. Summoning all his remaining strength supported by his inner trust in God, Jesus still collapses under the weight of the cross. His executioners look at him as a broken man, pathetic yet paying a price he deserves. Yet somehow he gets up to complete the final stage of the climb up the hill of crucifixion to certain death. Why?

He does this so you and I won't have to pay the price for our past sins! He pays the price for us so we can turn back to God!

Real Presence! or Empty Symbol?

Please consult Bishop Robert Barron's brilliant but simple six-minute video on Facebook or by going into YouTube and doing a search for:



"Bishop Barron on Catholics Misunderstanding the Eucharist"

Normal Weekday Morning Prayer Opportunities



Eucharistic Adoration: (for approx. 1 hour.)
After the 10.00.a.m. Mass on Fridays.

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Mondays after 10.00.a.m. Mass for 7 minutes.

Rosary for anyone who would like to join in:
Monday - Saturday after the 10.00.a.m. Mass or Prayer Service for approx. 15 minutes.



Normal Weekday Evening Prayer Opportunities

Rosary for Renewal of Faith, Vocations & Life:
Mondays at 6.00.p.m. - entry via the Parish Office gate.

Occasional Evening Events: During Lent we had evening Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays. The regular Legion of Mary monthly evening prayer meeting also takes place on Tuesdays. Please check out the Firhouse Parish website at www.firhouseparish.ie/ from time to time for further faith-supporting evening opportunities.

Whenever you are in prayer – God is always there!

10 Ways

To Help Your Child or Grandchild Grow in Faith

1. Create a Prayer Place in your child's bedroom.
2. Pray Grace Before and/or After Meals.
3. Make the Sign of the Cross when you pass a church.
4. Visit your family grave and pray for people who have died.
5. Place a holy water font at the front door and bless yourself as you leave the house (and keep it topped up with holy water, available free in the church).
6. Say Morning and/or Night Prayers.
7. Visit the church at a quiet time (open till 3.30.p.m. via parish office on weekdays) and chat to your child about what they see.
8. Read a story with your child and emphasise the Christian values found in it.
9. Do acts of kindness with your child.
10. Visit a religious site or a place that is religiously significant for your family.



Why?

1. Done with gentleness and creativity this can offer a quiet place for prayer, and also for sighs of anxiety or frustration, and can include supports like a holy book, picture or crucifix.
2. This reminds children to appreciate and to be thankful.
3. The Blessed Sacrament, the Body of Christ, consecrated by God with the help of the priest at Holy Mass, is present in the tabernacle in the church. Inside the church we also genuflect for the same reason.
4. This reminds us all that we pass through this life as pilgrims and that our deceased loved ones, having already done so, now enjoy a glorious, new everlasting life with the Lord.
5. This reminds us to be thankful to God for His many blessings and to ask Him to keep us safe from all evil or accident when we are out and about.
6. This reminds us that Jesus Christ is with us first and last each day and it helps us to be open to his gentle voice all day long.
7. We all need quiet time outs. Learning to be at ease inside a church can be very helpful for prayer and especially for whenever we have to face the inevitable hard times in life.
8. In a world where media often suggest that there is no real truth and that our comfort is all that has value, reading a good story with your child can show that we are 'called to greatness, not just to comfort' (*Pope Benedict XVI*) reinforcing children's idealism, altruism and appreciation of heroism.
9. We all learn best by 'doing' and to be real our Christian faith must be expressed in continuous acts of kindness, as much for our own sake as for the sake of those we may help, so our children can benefit from this both ways.
10. True religion is really about being conscious of our deep connectedness to God for whom 'our hearts are made.' These visits remind us that today peace, happiness, effectiveness and growth depend as much on our relationship with God as they did on the 'faith of our fathers' in the past.

NORMAL PARISH MASS TIMES (*Attendance currently suspended*)

SUNDAYS: Saturday (*Vigil*) Mass 6.00.p.m.
Morning Masses: (9.30.a.m.) & 11.00.a.m.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: Monday & All Saints: 10.00.a.m. & 7.30.p.m.
Tue – Sat: 7.30.p.m. (*Vigil*) & 10.00.a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: (*Vigil, but not on a Sunday*) 7.30.p.m.
Morning Masses: (9.30.a.m.) & 11.00.a.m.

WEEKDAYS: Mon. & Wed. to Sat.: 10.00.a.m. (*subject to change*)
Tue: Prayer Service (*except on Holydays of Obligation*).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Normally twice a month, one Sat. and one Sun. of each month at 12.30.p.m. – please check with Parish Office for exact dates. A Baptism Preparation Meeting will take place before the Baptism Ceremony, which both parents need to attend, in the Sacristy Meeting Room (*please enter by the Parish Office Door*). Attendance confirms the proposed date for the Baptism of a child. Non-attendance results in rearranging the Baptism date.

Please give **at least 4 weeks' notice** to the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: You will need to contact the Priest of your **Parish of Residence** (*where you are presently living*) at the same time you are booking the Church and Reception Venue for your Marriage, or at least six months before the wedding date, to begin completing the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry. This is irrespective of what Church will be the wedding venue. Independently you also need to contact the Civil Registrar of Marriages.

Marriage Preparation Course: It is essential that you do a Marriage Preparation Course. Booking a Marriage Preparation Course should happen at the same time as booking the Church for your Wedding Day. We at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Parish of Firhouse, recommend:

- **'Accord'** at 01 4784400 or at www.accord.ie
- **'Together'** Catholic Pre-Marriage Course at 01 2964257 or at www.together.ie

A copy of the Certificate of Attendance will need to be included with your Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form.

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DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are elderly, disabled or self-isolating you may not be able to go out to get important and necessary supplies.

We have volunteers who will help if needed.

If you need help please contact the Firhouse Parish Office at 01 4524702 with your Name, Address and Phone No.

To Share in Mass/Easter Ceremonies by Smartphone.

To set up an app on your smart phone or tablet (or computer or laptop) giving instant access to live streaming of normally public events like Holy Mass from the Firhouse Parish Church without having to go through Google and/or the parish website you can do the following:

1. On your smart phone Google Firhouse Parish, select it and click on "Website" (or go to www.firhouseparish.ie).
2. From the parish website Home page click on "Watch Mass Live" (this may take more than one attempt). This transfers you to "mcnmedia.tv," the live streaming company.
3. Click on the three small parallel lines on the upper right of your screen and you will be offered options.
4. Click on the "Add Page To" option and you will be offered further options.
5. Click on "Home Screen" option for your phone (for a computer or laptop you would click on "Bookmarks").
6. You will be offered a long title. Delete all but the last word - "Firhouse" and add the word "Church."
7. Click on "Add." The task is now completed.

When you back out of everything and return to your phone's Home screen the app will be among your other apps, a small grey square with "Firhouse Church" written below it (on a computer or laptop it will appear, probably at the bottom, on your list of bookmarks). Click on it when there is live streaming of Mass or other public events and you'll get straight in. If nothing is being streamed at the time, you'll be told that.

Given the restricted access to our church due to the Covid 19 coronavirus pandemic, please share this information as widely as you can with other parishioners.