

JOINING IN MASS DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

You can access **live-streamed Mass** by doing the following:
On computer, laptop, tablet or smart-phone – just go to www.firhouseparish.ie and on the **Home** page click on:

JOIN MASS LIVE

Then click on this image of the front of our church . . . and you're in!



UPDATED WEEKLY LIVE-STREAMED MASS TIMES

Monday – Saturday: 10.00am (*Tuesday Prayer Service*)

Weekend: Saturday (*vigil*) 6.00.pm & Sunday 9.30.am & 11.30.am

UPDATED CHURCH VISITS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday 10.40am – 12.00pm

Saturday 10.40am – 11.30am

Sunday Cancelled for now

Eucharistic Adoration 10.40am – 11.30am, Fridays

Any further Parish information or updates due to changes in Covid 19 restriction levels will be on the Parish Website and Facebook page as they arise.



Given the restricted access to our church due to Covid 19 please retain this information and share as widely as you can with other parishioners. Thank you!



Whenever you are in prayer - God is there!



CHRISTMAS 2020

“THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME ON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU. SO THE HOLY ONE TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD.” Luke 1:35.

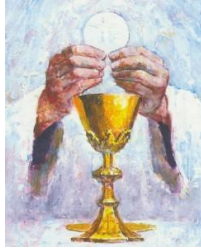


“TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD.”

OUR CHRISTMAS 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

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2020 - ONLINE ONLY**Thursday 24th Morning Mass: 10.00.a.m.****LIVE-STREAMED CHRISTMAS MASSES****Christmas Eve****Family Mass: 6.00.p.m.****Night Mass: 9.00.p.m.****Christmas Day****Morning Mass: 9.30.a.m.****Morning Mass: 11.30.a.m.****Saturday 26th (St. Stephen's Day)****Morning Mass: 10.00.a.m.****Sunday 27th December****Vigil Mass: 6.00.p.m. (Saturday)****Morning Mass: 9.30.a.m.****Morning Mass: 11.30.a.m.****Weekdays****Mon. 28th & Wed. 30th & Thur. 31st December****Morning Mass: 10.00.a.m.****(Tuesday 29th – Prayer Service: 10.00.a.m.)****New Year's Day – Friday, 1st January****Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
World Day of Peace Mass: 10.00.a.m.****GIVING "... TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S ..." – THANK YOU!**

We would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere "Thank you!" to all who, despite these really difficult times, continue to contribute to the collections necessary (a) for our parish to continue to provide the services it does and (b) for various diocesan services to continue and all our priests to have an income.

- (a) Our Parish Family Offering, paid via the Weekly Envelope Collection or by Standing Order is used to pay for heat, light, photocopying, staff wages, church maintenance etc. in our parish. *(If you do not currently contribute to this collection please consider doing so. You can get a box of envelopes or arrange a Standing Order through the Parish Office).*
- (b) The Diocesan Common Fund (Support for Priests) and Share Collections can now be paid using the special envelopes available on tables in the Church (or any other envelope). These, as well as envelopes for Christmas and Easter Dues/Offerings, can be collected, and returned with Donations, during private prayer time in the Church and deposited in the 'Envelope Collection Boxes' near the Church doors or in the Parish Office or Presbytery 1.

All contributions can now also be paid via the **Donate** button on the parish website – www.firhouseparish.ie where, from the comfort of your own home you can also find Parish Office contact details and details of various supports and services our parish offers you.

THANK YOU!

A huge "Thank You" to Jackie and Ann in the Parish Office and Tommy, our Sacristan and Caretaker who work very hard every day so we can provide the maximum possible service to parishioners in these unprecedented times of restriction and even full lockdown.

PARISH GROUPS PUTTING FAITH INTO PRACTICE

Check out what our various volunteer groups do in normal times by clicking "About Us" on the **Home** page 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 3.00.p.m. Telephone: (01) 4524702.

DO YOU NEED HELP DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS?

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.

SONGS OF FAITH – SONG OF THE WEEK

*For a different uplifting modern faith song video with lyrics each week, sometimes shown against a beautiful scenic background and great to share with family members, go to www.firhouseparish.ie and click on **Faith Supports** or click directly on the*

Song of the Week



AMAZING PRAYER YOU CAN JOIN AND SHARE - FROM HOME

New to our website, thanks to great work by Gráinne McGuinness, we now have a very interesting **Prayer Space** that includes a range of videos to help you if you are confined to home or if you cannot access our church because of the Covid 19 virus or any other reason. You can play these videos on your computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet and join in these prayers. They include:

HOLY ROSARY video selection

The **Rosary** became a lifeline during the Penal Laws in Ireland, when access to Holy Mass was virtually impossible, helping to preserve the faith until Catholic Emancipation (1829). Now, with limited access to Holy Mass due to the Covid 19 virus we can still pray the Rosary and meditate on its mysteries with the help of these videos.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS video selection

The **Stations of the Cross** are often prayed during Lent but can be very helpful at any time to appreciate the depth of God's love for us.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET video selection

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is God's gift to us through St. Faustina of Poland – to seek God's help or express sorrow for sin.

Wherever you are in prayer – God is there!



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November 2020

Dear Parishioner,

Greetings of the upcoming Christmas Season to you! We have been in very strange and anxious times since early spring with Covid-19 and are very uncertain how the situation will evolve over the next number of months. Yet, we once again prepare ourselves to celebrate the great Christmas Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, even with the limitations and restrictions that will be in place this year with whatever Level we will be experiencing, not really knowing as I am writing this letter.

As a Christian people we can always be aware of the presence of the Lord with us. We are a people of faith and hope, and hopefully there are better times ahead. We keep in mind all who have been affected with Covid-19.

If you have recently moved into this parish and wish to have your name(s) added to our Parish Database, or if you wish to have your details deleted, please contact the Parish Office.

With every good wish, be careful and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Reilly

Fr Peter Reilly PP



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 (normally open till 3.00.p.m. on weekdays with access via the Parish Office – see P.8. for times during Covid restrictions) 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.