



Church of St. Vincent De Paul, Marino, D09 KN83

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25th April 2021

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GOOD SHEPARD SUNDAY

This Sunday is a day of Prayer for Vocations

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The image of the Good Shepherd is profoundly reassuring. We hear it today in John's gospel and elsewhere in the Bible. It evokes a tremendous feeling of being cared for—the consolation of faith. Even in these difficult days, we need such reassurance. At the same time, the metaphor is used in a dissonant way: no regular shepherd, however caring, gives his life for his sheep! Cosy familiarity can dull the sense of shock: what is going on here? The gentle pastoral language suddenly gives way to sacrifice, as the shepherd becomes the Lamb of God.

PRAYER:

Jesus our shepherd, we know your care for us was costly as you laid down your life and took it up again. Help us to know again “the great events that gave us new life” in you, that we may hear you and follow you in all we do. Let it be done to me according to your Word. May I rejoice in the blessedness of hearing your Word and keeping it? Speak Lord; your servant is listening.

CONFIRMATION

Our next Mass in preparation for Confirmation will be celebrated this Sun at 12.30pm. Please keep the Confirmation boys and girls in your prayers as they continue their journey towards Confirmation day. The church will open for private prayer at the slightly later time of 2pm.

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

We are all familiar with the Stations of the Cross but how about the Stations of the Resurrection? It was the custom in the Early Church to use the time between Easter and Pentecost to reflect on 14 Stations of the Resurrection - 14 joyful & inspiring events that happened to Jesus and his companions after the Resurrection. See the website for info. on how to pray these for adults and the Children's Corner for how to pray them with children.

CHILDRENS CORNER

Children's Corner continues to focus on the amazing stories surrounding Jesus' resurrection and his appearances to his friends.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Our new Archbishop, Dermot Farrell, has just established a Task Force for Building the Archdiocese of Tomorrow. It will operate under the title of: 'Building Hope' and is tasked with supporting parishes to undertake radical renewal as we emerge from the pandemic, so no small task! Details of the brief and composition of the Task Force are available on the diocesan website. Please keep the Task Force and its vital work in your prayers over the next few months!

EASTER DUES

The priests of the parish are grateful for the receipt of Easter Dues. Easter dues envelopes may be placed in the safes at the back of the Church or handed into the Sacristy.

MASS TIMES:

Sundays: 11.00 a.m. via webcam. Weekdays 10.00 a.m. via webcam. The Church will be open for Private Prayer from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on week days and 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m. on Sundays.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for all in the parish who are seriously ill.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Don Holmes

MONTHS MIND:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lena, Michael & James Casey

Theresa Flannery

Deceased Members of Nolan & McCabe Families

Frank Craig

Margaret Murphy

Natalie Forde