

21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Edenderry

# Link Up



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**Daily Mass**  
10am  
(No 10am Mass on day of funeral)

**Saturday**  
7p.m.

**Sunday**  
10a.m. & 11:30am

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## Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls

‘Eat drink and be merry .....for tomorrow we die.’ In a life or death situation, human nature would always prompt us to hold on to life no matter what the consequences, but in today’s gospel a grain of wheat is used to teach us a valuable lesson. The selfless grain of wheat falls and dies to enable a fresh harvest. What point is there in choosing life, if that life boils down to nothing more than self preservation? On the other hand, what great value death, if that sacrifice gives others life. Many of us fail to understand why Jesus perceived the necessity of going to Jerusalem where he knew he would die. Wouldn’t it have made more sense for him to bypass Jerusalem and carry on teaching into his dotage? Jesus however, isn’t about to compromise his purpose. Jesus determines to give his life so others can find true life. This is what Christianity is all about. Jesus teaches us that we must ‘die to self’ before we can be of any use to God. Letting one’s own ambition die to be replaced by God’ plans for us? ‘Dying to self’? Could we be blamed for not feeling enthused? How many of us really see the wisdom in ditching our own exciting life plans to go around being holy? Perhaps we need to think again about how exciting our ambitions really are. Perhaps sacrificing our own agenda and recognising God’s plan in our lives could be the best and most exciting thing that ever happened to us. Perhaps sacrificing something of ourselves for a greater purpose could put us in touch with who we really are. “Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die.” This epitomizes everything as Christians we are not!



## MASS ROTAS

### EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

#### READERS

10am. Mon 22nd Mar — Dave Mulligan

### EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

#### READERS

7pm. Sat 27th Mar – Gerry Raleigh

11:30am. Sun 28th Mar – Caroline McNamee

## Community Notices

**Please note:** the Parish Office is closed due to the new level 5 restrictions. Masses will go ahead via Webcam.. if you would like to book a Mass or have any queries please call

**Stephanie @** 086 3954046 /

**Mary @** 085 1434132

**email:** edenderryparishcentre@gmail.com.

**Mass Cards:** If you would like to purchase a Mass card, Stephanie will be in the Office on Monday - Wednesday & Friday mornings from 10am to 11:30am. Please ring the doorbell.

**Baptisms:** a simple reminder that baptisms may continue during this more restrictive phase, The attendance at each baptism is strictly limited to six.

**Affordable Live-in Homecare:** provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

**Weekly Envelope Box:** can be picked up in the Parish Office on Mon - Wed - Fri morning from 10am to 11:30am:

**Daffodil Day:** Friday Mar 26th, due to Covid this years Daffodil will be virtual.. If you want to support daffodil day you can do so online

<http://www.cancer.ie/daffodilshop> or if you would like to donate go to

[www.daffodilday-virtualcollection.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/ica-edenderry-daffodil-day](http://www.daffodilday-virtualcollection.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/ica-edenderry-daffodil-day)



### *Failte*

**We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Ciara Ashleigh O' Sullivan*



## PARISH LOTTO DRAW

**RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON  
Tuesday 16th March 2021**

### NUMBERS DRAWN

06

17

20

22

**€18,000 Jackpot Winner  
Joan Walshe Clonbullogue Parish  
17 Matched 3's won €59 each**

**No local Winner**

**Next Week's Jackpot €10,000**

**1800 247 247 is a direct  
phone line to Pieta or  
text HELP to 51444.  
They are here to help and  
support you or someone  
you love and care for. ❤️**



*Prayer is a state of mind where an amazing exchange happens! We hand over our worries to God, and He hands over His blessings to us.*



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

*Patsy Mangan,  
Kinnefad*

*May he Rest in Peace.  
Our Sympathy to his family*

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** John Judge; Aidan O' Connell; Brid Fenton

**Sunday 11:30am:** Michael Forde

**Monday 10am:**

**Tuesday 10am:**

**Wednesday 10am:** Mary O' Brien; John Knight

**Thursday 10pm:** Legion of Mary

**Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions**

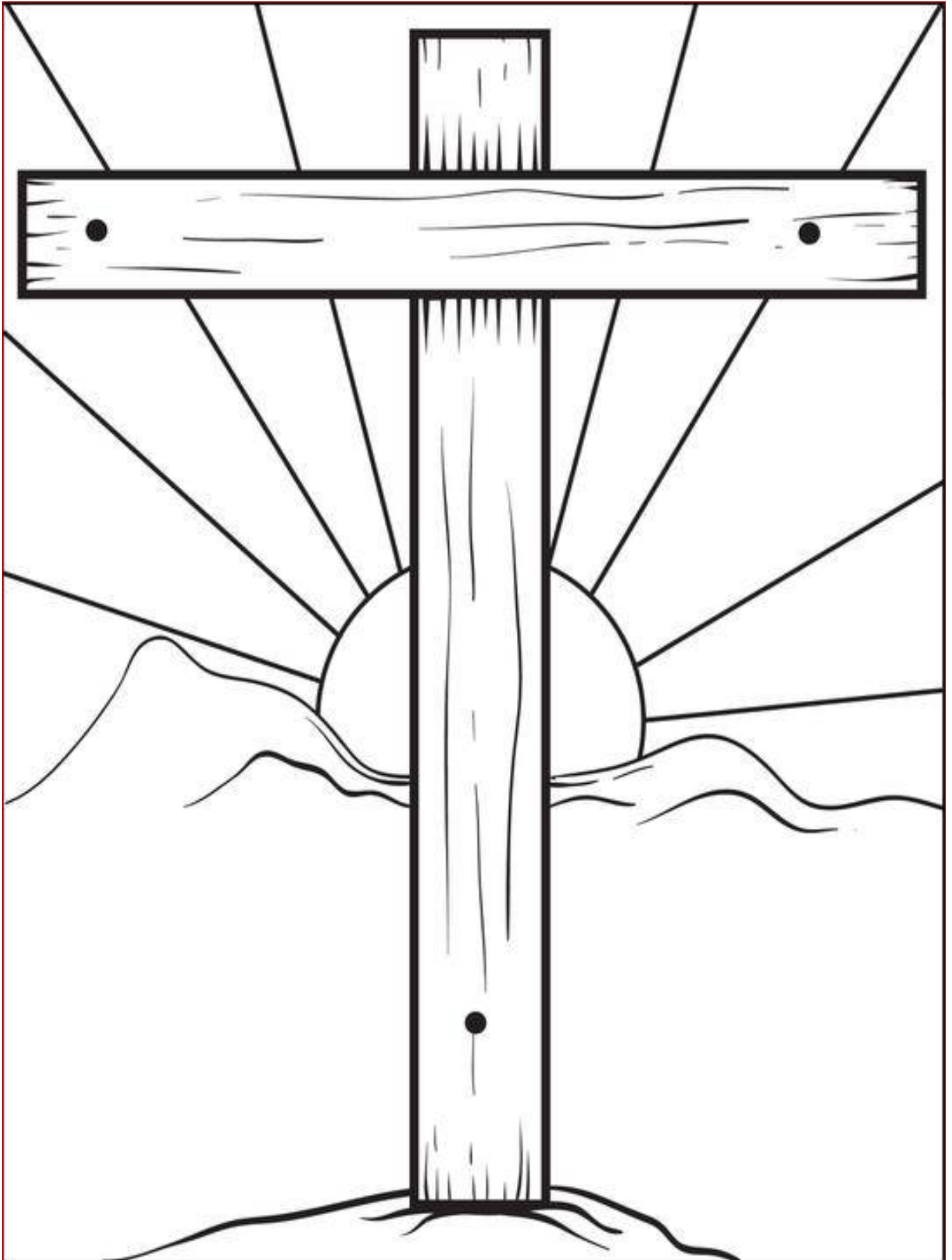
**Saturday 7pm:** James Walsh'; Lizzie O' Grady; John & Mary O' Connor

**Sunday 11:30am:** Ken Collins, Months mind Mass; Andy Farrell



*We Pray for the following  
whose Anniversary occurs  
around this time.*

# Prayer Corner



**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*  
**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**PENITENTIAL ACT** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God, your love for us is new and strong every day of our lives, as the earth receives water. May your love grow within us, so that our lives mirror the love you have for your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**FIRST READING (31:31-34)**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: A pure heart create for me, O God. Response**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *Response*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *Response*
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. *Response*

**SECOND READING: (5:7-9)**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

**The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ !  
If anyone serves me, says the Lord, they must*

*follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory and praise to you, O Christ !*

**THE GOSPEL (Jn 12:20-30)**

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you*

**People:** **And with your Spirit**

**A reading from the Gospel according to John.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If anyone serves me, they must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**Priest: The Gospel of the Lord**

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We give you bread and wine that they may become the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you ourselves that we may be filled with the life Jesus, the life of love, justice and forgiveness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord, God, in baptism you promised you would always be with us. We ask you now to help us in everything in our lives, particularly in study, work, friendship and family. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen