

9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Edenderry

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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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Love is the Answer

Young couples in love promise each other that their love for each other will never die. Older onlookers may raise a cynical eyebrow. Of course there are lots of older couples in our community who are still very much in love after years and years of marriage, but for every marriage that succeeds another falls by the wayside. The problem with our love for each other is that subconsciously it can be conditional. We can love a partner who is young and beautiful, but will our love survive when that partner is old and toothless and out of shape? We can love a partner who is successful and dynamic and rich, but will our love stagnate when that same partner is out of work, weary and penniless? We might love a partner who is always cheerful and makes us smile, but will our love fade if that partner becomes clinically depressed or seriously ill? When problems rear their head, does love walk out of the door? We wouldn't like to admit it at the outset of a relationship, but human love tends to be conditional. God's love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today's gospel Jesus says, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love..." does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God's commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn? The important thing for us to understand is that God's love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. Human love, especially if we are a little immature, can be something we simply bestow on each other. God's love is a state of being. God's love is simply there and doesn't go away. It's us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God's love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God's commandments isn't about following a list of strict rules in return for God's love, it's about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way. Of course, those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven't done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline "This I command you ... to love one another." The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all-important question. "Is God's love for me, and my love for neighbour pointing out the answer?"



MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

READERS

10am. Mon 10th May — Dave Mulligan

EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

READERS

7pm. Sat 15th May – Lynn Johns

11:30am. Sun 16th May – Michael Daly

Church is open every day until 8pm

Community Notices

Please note: the Parish Office is open the usual times next week.. Mon - Wed & Fri (10am to 12 noon). if you would like to book a Mass or have any queries please call **Stephanie @ 086 3954046 /**

Mary @ 085 1434132

email: edenderryparishcentre@gmail.com.

From Monday 17th May the Parish Office will be back open Mon to Fri (9:30am to 1pm).

You are requested to sanitise your hands on entering and exiting the Parish Office. Face coverings must be wore. Only 1 person

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

Weekly Envelope Box: can be picked up in the Parish Office.

Vincent de Paul Shop Edenderry: will open on Wednesday 5th May and Saturday 8th May from 12 noon to 2pm for **Clothes Donations Only.**



PARISH LOTTO DRAW

**RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON
Wednesday 5th May 2021**

NUMBERS DRAWN

03

08

12

29

No Jackpot Winner

29 Matched 3's won €35 each

1 local Winner

Caroline O' Driscoll C/O Parish Office

Next Week's Jackpot €14,000

**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. ❤️**



*In three words, I can sum up everything I've
learned about life.....It goes on*



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

Callum Liam Nolan

Aoibheann Cummins

David Anthony McNamee

Danny Colgan

*During the month of May in honour of Our Lady
Queen of the May the Rosary will be recited each
Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm in St
Mary's Church, Edenderry.*

*This week our rosary will be on webcam only,
from next week the public will be welcome.*

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Mary McCann; John Delaney

Sunday 11:30am: Mary Hurst; Andrew & Eileen Costelloe; grandson Fergal Farrell

Monday 10am: James, Elizabeth, Mary & James Jnr Gowran

Tuesday 10am:

Wednesday 10am: Mass Card Intentions

Thursday 10am:

Friday 10am:

Saturday 7pm: Ann Swaine, Months mind Mass; Stasys Peskys, 1st
Anniversary; Thomas (Tom) Gorman, 1st Anniversary; Michael Pringle, 1st
Anniversary;

Sunday 10am:

Sunday 11:30am: Tony Furey; Baby Grace McCarthy



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

*Maisie, Frank, Edward &
Dominic Slevin*

Lily Davy

*Deceased members of the Slevin &
O'Neill families*

Philomena McNaboe

Re-Opening of our Church

Arising from the Government's announcement regarding the easing of restrictions on religious services from May 10th, it is with great relief and joy, that we can announce the following:

Mass Times:

Weekday Masses at 10am (Monday to Friday).

Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass) at: 7pm

Sunday at: 10am and 11:30am

Please note:

- For Saturday/ Sunday Masses please enter and leave the church through the same of, one of the 4 entrances.
- Social distancing and sanitation guidelines are to be adhered to.
- The church will be subdivided into 4 distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- Please follow directions from our ushers.
- Each section having its own entrance/exit route
- There are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, for example the distribution of Holy Communion
- Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- Please wear a mask, even if you are vaccinated.
- The church basket collection cannot be carried out – please place your donation in the Church Collection Boxes at the entrance doors.

Funerals:

Numbers at funeral services (and Weddings) is capped at 50 regardless of size of premises.

Baptisms:

Individual Baptisms will continue with a maximum of 6 people in attendance.

Cemetery Sunday: Outdoor Worship is not permitted in line with Government restrictions and therefore the Mass in the Cemetery will not take place on Sunday 6th June as planned.

Statement regarding Celebrations of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

All of us warmly welcome the return to public worship on Monday 10th May announced yesterday evening. It has been a long lockdown journey since St. Stephen's Day last December and any return must be gentle and gradual and strictly adhere to the governments guidelines as advised by NPHEIT.

I know there is concern around celebrating the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The government guidelines about the return to public worship specifically advise that *'other religious ceremonies such as Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time.*' I know that this is disappointing news.

Given the latest advice from the government I am now asking that parishes do not proceed with planning for May/June and do not set any new dates until further clarity is offered.

If you have already set dates please inform parents that these are, for now, suspended. I will keep you informed if the situation changes in the coming weeks but I believe that it is important that this information is communicated as soon as possible, while I am also aware that things can change at very short notice.

With regard to the celebration of Baptisms they are permissible, but always adhering to the guidelines - and for now celebrated only as a single family celebration (not multiple baptisms) with a maximum of six in attendance.

A reminder that there is absolutely no expiry date on sacraments. While our society is opening up the pandemic is still with us and we must remain vigilant. Let us do all we can to continue to encourage the preparation programmes and to keep the hearts up of the children and young people as they continue to await the sacraments.

Bishop Denis

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.

Gloria.....

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always adhere to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (10:25-26)

A reading from the acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. Response:

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *Response*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. *Response*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. *Response*

SECOND READING:(4:7-10)

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent

into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (15:9-17)

Priest: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not 'choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Priest: **The Gospel of the Lord**

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your-mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

The monthly St Pio Rosary: will be recited in St Mary's Church Edenderry on Monday evening 10th May at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend in person our rosary will be on webcam at edenderryparish.ie. If you are available why not join us in prayer for 30 minutes.