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**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Sat 01/05/21	12:30 CTK	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	Bill Rice (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM		Eileen Zegiestowski (RIP)	
Sun 02/05/21	10:00 CTK		Sheila Cassidy (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Joan & Eric Fielding (RIP)	
Mon 03/05/21	08:00 Con.		<b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Feast</b>	Margaret Day (RIP-Birthday)
	09:30 Mon.			Lily McDonald
	12:00 CTK			James Fisher (Anni.)
Tue 04/05/21	09:30 Mon.		<b>English Martyrs, Feast</b>	Raymond & Linda Postings (RIP)
	12:00 CTK			Pearl (Margaret) Holder (RIP)
Wed 05/05/21	08:00 Con.		<b>Easter Feria</b>	Anne McNamee (RIP)
	09:30 Mon.	The Murtagh family (RIP)		
	12:00 CTK	William Donnelly (RIP) (Anni. 300403)		
Thu 06/05/21	09:30 Mon.	<b>Easter Feria</b>	The Postings family (RIP)	
	<b>10:30 CTK</b>		<b>Alice Feeney (McKeown) (Requiem)</b>	
Fri 07/05/21	10:30 Mon.	<b>Easter Feria</b>	Josie Deasy	
	12:00 CTK		Audrey Vickers	
Sat 08/05/21	12:30 CTK	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	Denis & Lawrence Stapleton (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM		Yanis Erglis & Dipiro family (RIP)	
Sun 09/05/21	10:00 CTK		Tembui Martha Etta (Anni.)	
	11:30 OLAM		Hannah & Tony Whelton (RIP)	

**First Holy Communion Masses** for Christ the King children will be on Saturday 15/05/21. The 12:30pm mass is, therefore, moved to 2:30pm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, John Butler, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie.

**RIP:** Please pray for Doreen Davies, Grace Deane, and Kathleen Eustace (nee Ferris) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DO NOT** come if you are infected with the virus or are sick.  
You must **SOCIALLY DISTANCE** (1m+) whilst in Church and wear a mask.  
**STEWARDS** will welcome you, and give instructions.  
The **TOILETS** will **NOT** be open for use.

... A celebrity was asked on a T.V. religious programme about the place of religion on his life, and if he could easily do without it, and he answered, "Yes, maybe, but then it is always a guide to help one keep in line." For him religion was a code to help him regulate his conduct. People of that mindset often want religion to be mummified, like a static signpost in their lives. But, if it means anything, Christianity must be a living, a vibrant force in one's life. Not only does Christ live on in the community of believers, but through them, he carries on his mission of ministering to people in need of his mercy and love.

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If you see Christianity as a code — "you must do this, you must avoid that, you must be present at this Mass" — is one often heard — then it is possible to begin to credit your account before God by claiming, "I attend Mass, I observe this law, I have progressed so much on the way you require of me." It is possible to reach the stage where you begin to see yourself as being perfect, with no further need of a saviour. But, alas, such an assessment of one's standing before God is precisely that of the Pharisees, of whom Christ said to his listeners, "I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:20). True Christianity is the vision of ourselves as being encompassed by God's love, that despite our faults, God loves us to the point of foolishness, to the point of death on a cross. If we believe in Christ, God is ready to regard us as his children and friends. Friends do not ask for literal commands, but from their personal acquaintance with the one that loves them, they try and understand his half-words. From love of him they try and anticipate his wishes.

If we see our lives as a response to the immense love God has for us, then there will no longer be constraint. Rather will religion have a liberating effect in our lives. We will enjoy what scripture describes as "the liberty of the children of God." But then again, so great is the love of God for us that we will see our efforts at responding to that love as always falling short of what we desire. The trouble with those who see their lives as blameless is that they have limited vision. They do not raise their eyes above themselves. Why should we continue to strive after something which seems beyond us? The answer from St Augustine is that we must do so because we have an inbuilt need for God, and nothing short of him will ever satisfy that inner seeking which is with us all our lives.

(<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/05/may-2-2021-fifth-sunday-of-easter/>)

#### **Please pray for**

1. the children who are prepared for the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation in our two Primary Schools. May their faith be properly nurtured and fruitful.
2. Those who are making important decisions in their life, especially Alice O'Toole.

#### **Prayer Intentions for the month of May**

**02/05/21** - *"As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us"*

**09/05/21** - *"We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"*

**16/05/21** - *"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"*

**23/05/21** - *"As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us"*

**30/05/21** - *"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"*

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