

It happened in April

St. John Paul II, died on 2nd April 2005.

John Paul - Latin Johannes Paulus, original name Karol Józef Wojtyła, (born May 18, 1920, Wadowice, Poland—beatified May 1, 2011; canonized April 27, 2014; feast day October 22), the bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church (1978–2005), the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first from a Slavic country. His pontificate of more than 26 years was the third longest in history. As part of his effort to promote greater understanding between nations and between religions, he undertook numerous trips abroad, travelling far greater distances than had all other popes combined, and he extended his influence beyond the church by campaigning against political oppression and criticizing the materialism of the West. He also issued several unprecedented apologies to groups that historically had been wronged by Catholics, most notably Jews and Muslims. His Polish nationalism and his emphasis on nonviolent political activism aided the Solidarity movement in communist Poland in the 1980s and ultimately contributed to the peaceful dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. More generally, John Paul used his influence among Catholics and throughout the world to advance the recognition of human dignity and to deter the use of violence.

Do not abandon yourselves to despair.

We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song

Saint John Paul II



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Saints of the Week

Wed 1 April St Ceallach (Celsus), bishop.
Thurs 2 April St Francis of Paola, hermit.
Sat 4 April St Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church.

O Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry for help reach you.
Do not turn away your face from me when I am in trouble;
bend down and listen to me,
when I call, be quick to answer me!

Psalm 102



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 March
11.30

Jimmy and Kitty Meagher (Anv)
Louis Crowe (Anv)
James and Kathleen Dobbyn (Anv)
Eveline Butler (Month's mind)
Hugh and Margaret McGinn (Anv)

Sat 4th April
10.00

Anne Keating (Anv)



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02/01, 1998, 1970 CCD

GLP

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Recently Deceased

Molly Griffin
Des Muldoon
Robbie Peters
Mary Fogarty
Liam Fogarty
Tadgh Kenny
May they rest in peace



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**March 29th,
2020
5th Sunday of
Lent**

“Come out!” He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts,



With no collections being take up at present at Sunday Mass, it

is very important that we continue to support our priests especially in these most difficult times.

1st Collection at Mass (Common Fund)

This collection is for the support of the priests, including sick and retired priests within the Diocese.

2nd Collection at Mass (Share Collection)

The Share Collection provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishop's Conference.

There are two ways to continue your contributions

1. Place envelopes in the church safe marked 1st collection - 2nd collection.
2. Log onto Dublin Diocese website and click the DONATE button on the home page.

MASS ARRANGEMENTS: (Webcam only)

Mondays to Saturdays

10.00 am Webcam

Sun 11.30 am Webcam

Webcam accessible either via parish website or churchservices.tv site

CONFESSIONS:

Confessions will be available by appointment with Fr. Kieran.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon while the Church remains closed. (Except for funerals)
Parishioners may engage in Adoration by Webcam and we encourage everyone to pray for an end to the disease.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
And I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
Receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You
Amen..

St. Thomas Aquinas defined Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

FIRST READING

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel.
(Ezk 37: 12-24)

PSALM

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
(Ps 129)

SECOND READING

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God.
(Rm 8:8-11)

GOSPEL

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Martha and Mary, and he was ill.
(Jn 11: 1-45)

The basis of this practice was explained by Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, Ecclesia de Eucharistia: In the Eucharist, "unlike any other sacrament, the mystery [of communion] is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union." Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual communion," which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. St. Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you" [The Way of Perfection, Ch. 35.]