“Always be prepared to give an account of the hope which is in you! (1 Peter 3: 15)

Like the rest of the world, our community here in White’s Cross had to adapt to a very different way of life which the pandemic levied upon us. Our little Chapel of Adoration, Divine Master Centre and the Liturgical Centre, usually hubs of prayerful activity and gatherings, have become somewhat subdued. Sadly, we also had to stop our daily Mass and the Adoration Programme, bearing in mind that many of our friends and visitors, including our own Sisters, are in an older and vulnerable category. However, we look forward in hope! We see many new people who pop in to say a prayer whilst out for their “5km walk”, many prayer intentions and petitions of thanksgiving are left in our prayer basket, people simply being grateful for life, family, faith, friends and community. As Sisters, it has given us time to appreciate and re-think our mission and our outreach to people and to remember that as Disciples of the Divine Master, we are called to be contemplative in action and active in contemplation! We are grateful for so many of you who support us in our mission through the Chapel and the Liturgical Centre, especially since we have been closed for most of 2020 and to date in 2021. One of the new initiatives we share with you is the launch of our new website for our Liturgical Centre: www.liturgical-centre.ie on 25th of March 2021, where we hope we can continue to serve you through this ministry. Whilst you may not see us as often in the Parish or here in our Divine Master Centre, please be assured we are praying each day for you and your families. May our Lenten journey in the wilderness bring forth abundant fruits of Easter joy and glory! Sr. M. Louise pddm, Disciples of the Divine Master.

Our Pastoral Centre continues to remain closed due to current Covid 19 restrictions. We are very hopeful that we will be back up and running sometime later this year and that we will all be reunited again. In the meantime, we would like to wish all our wonderful Volunteers, Groups, Activities and visitors a very Happy and Healthy Easter. Please stay safe until we all meet again. Foxrock Pastoral Centre Team.

We are pleased to provide each household with a copy of the Easter Triduum booklet. The Easter Ceremonies will all take place in the Church and will be available online only. They will be accessible on the Parish Webcam and we hope that the missalettes will help you to enter into the Ceremonies with us. Small bottles of Blessed Easter water will be available for collection from the Contact Point in the Church from Easter Monday onwards.

Paul and Grainne 45 Years of Marriage
We Celebrate You!

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

May the Joy, Love and Peace of the risen Lord fill your hearts and homes this Easter.

Fr Kieran

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ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL

A New Springtime in the Church - Dublin's new Archbishop said at his installation Mass on Tuesday 2 February that he is “happy to embrace this new mission. I come to you with hope in my heart. It is not a naive hope that everything will be better tomorrow, but a hope born of a conviction that transcends these difficult days, and a hope that transcends the limits of our own capabilities.”

He continued: “Faith is not an invitation to put up with life’s difficulties and frustrations. Rather, faith asks us to see these as a time of grace. This time - both in the crisis that is the global pandemic and in the many crises confronting the Church - with all its frustration and fear, is rich with possibilities, already carrying the future, overflowing with Christ.”

Archbishop Farrell stressed that all Catholics were responsible for the success of the Church’s mission in the Dublin archdiocese. He stressed the active participation of the laity becomes essential in these times and referenced St John Henry Newman that “The Church would seem foolish without them”.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell was born in 1954, the eldest of seven children, and was ordained in 1980. We welcome Archbishop Farrell and look forward to a new Springtime in our Church. It will be a challenging time for the Archbishop, bishops, priests and all of us - the People of God. With prayer and good humour, with love and continued generosity in volunteering in our Parish, we will thrive together.

RENEWAL OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has entered into a process of renewal. Sincere thanks to Sr. Rionach Donlon (Secretary), Clare McNally and John McKeon who have recently retired from the Council. We are deeply grateful to them for their commitment and hard work during their terms on the PPC. We welcome to the Council Sr. Louise O’Rourke from the Community of the Disciples of the Divine Master and Muireann Regan who is one of our teachers from the Hollypark Boys School. We are looking forward to working together in the time ahead. The process of renewal of the PPC will continue throughout this year and we will keep parishioners updated on developments.

SR WINIFRIDE - LORETO MISSION PERU

So many of us will remember Sr. Winifride, head of Loreto College Foxrock for many years. She runs an active Mission in Peru and as a Parish we have always supported her with a collection in our Church on Holy Thursday. Last year for the first time in thirty-five years, we were unable to hold this collection due to the first Lockdown. This year the sisters need our help more than ever so we have launched a “GoFundMe” campaign where we can all help as much as we can. This collection will be run online on a fully secure “GoFundMe” page. If you are in any way uncomfortable with donating online we ask that you put whatever you can in an envelope clearly marked “Sr Winifride Peru” and drop it into the Loreto Education Centre (the old convent building). There’s lots of news about what the Sisters are doing with your donations supporting their local community on this donation page and we will be featuring stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages in the coming days. Please give generously as the Sisters and their community desperately need our help!

Go to:  http://bit.ly/SrWinifridePeru  (simply type this into your web browser and follow the on screen instructions)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

During the Government and Public Health restrictions due to Covid-19, all Masses and Church Services will be accessible online by webcam ONLY.

You can connect either at: www.foxrockparish.ie www.churchservices.tv/foxrock

Holy Week

Monday 29 March:
10.00am Mass
10.30am Adoration
11.00am Lectio Divina
12.00 noon Prayer of the Church
5.15pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 30 March:
10.00am Mass
10.30am Adoration
12.00 noon Prayer of the Church
7.00pm Service of Reconciliation (Prayer Group)

Wednesday 31 March:
10.00am Mass
10.30am Adoration
12.00 noon Prayer of the Church
7.00pm Tenebrae in memory of those who died due to Covid-19

Holy Thursday:
10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday:
10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
12.00 noon Children’s Stations of the Cross (Family Mass Group)
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7.00pm Prayer around the Cross (Lectio Divina Group)

Holy Saturday:
10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church
10.30am Service of Reconciliation
9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday:  
10.00am Family Mass - Zoom and Webcam blend
11.30am Mass of the Resurrection

CELEBRATING LOVE

The icon of the Holy Trinity was drawn by Russian painter Andrew Rublev in the early Fifteenth Century. It was inspired by the old Testament story in Genesis 18 1-8. Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent in the heat of the day by the Oak of Mamre and saw three men coming towards him who were later revealed to be angels. When he saw them, Abraham ran to greet them and he offered them hospitality. He ordered a servant boy to prepare a choice calf for them and to wait on them under a tree as they ate. One of the angels told Abraham that Sarah would soon give birth to a son.

The image depicts three angels sitting at a table. In the background there is a house supposedly Abraham’s house, a tree, the Oak of Mamre and a mountain Mount Moriah. The figures are arranged so that the lines of their bodies form a full circle. Consensus on the interpretation of the of the icon is that the three angels represent the Blessed Trinity.

The Blessed Trinity is the expression of the complete and eternal love of God for humanity. The intimate relationship between Father, Son and Spirit includes every human being. In the Icon, you may notice that there is room for another person – you and me. There is always room at God’s table and in the heart of God for each one of us. For that reason, we used the Icon of the Trinity on Sunday 14 February, the day we designated for the “Celebrating Love.” We celebrate every aspect of God’s love for us every day in the Eucharist, when even in absence, God’s love transcends all boundaries to draw us to his table and deeply into his heart of love.