

St Anthony's and St Mark's

31st May 2020 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Psalm 103

Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

Sick

Baby Emma Burnett, Robert Blair, Frank Daly, Jeanette Henderson, David Richards

Recently Dead

Steve Bailey, Josephine McLeod, William Beattie, Isabel McLaughlin (online funeral Mass Wed 10am), Margaret Glen

Anniversaries

Bishop Joseph Devine, Jim Markey, John and Julia Conway

Reflection on the Readings

Acts highlights all the different nationalities hearing about the marvels of God in their own language. For this to happen, Jesus sent the Advocate. The disciples were then empowered to be witnesses to the many things Jesus had still to teach them. We are similarly empowered with this Spirit today.

Children's Mass

Every second Sunday the prayers etc of the Mass will be tailored for children and they will be encouraged to participate from their own homes. This Sunday's 1pm Mass will be one such Mass. Grown-ups are welcome too!

Camglen Radio

Our local radio station is broadcasting a weekly hour of worship on a Sunday at 3pm. This may be particularly welcome to those who don't have access to the internet so pass it on. The frequency is 107.9FM.

St Columbkille's

Congratulations to Fr Mournian who is the new parish priest of St Columbkille's. Fr Pat stays on as his assistant. Presumably the emphasis will change from Peru to Marks and Spencer!

Prayer Intentions

These can be given in to the church by phoning St Mark's house or by email.

Children's Rosary

If you missed the children praying the Rosary you can find it in our YouTube page and to go directly there [click here](#).

Novena to St Anthony

The novena continues to be prayed every Tuesday evening after Mass.

Parish Contributions

Until now, I have not encouraged you to make your weekly donation to the church, although some have continued to do so. I am still aware that some people might be struggling financially so you should not give anything to the church if this is a burden.

However, as we look to open the churches again at some point, we do have to consider the financial cost. As well as the day-to-day running there will be further costs connected to:

- handwashing, regular disinfecting etc;
- also, there was a certain outlay to pay for equipment to stream Masses from St Mark's: in the long-term this will continue, and we will also look at doing the same from St Anthony's, and this will have cost implications;
- and I also intend to have large TV screens in each church that will (among other things) remove the need for hymn books etc.

I am therefore inviting you (if you can) to make your weekly offering online or place it through the door of the church in St Mark's. To get details of how to pay online [click here](#) to go to the Home page of our website. If you are dropping money at St Mark's please ring the bell: it would be nice to have a distanced chat! Mgr. O'Hare is being shielded in St Anthony's so no-one there should answer the door. You can also save it up for when the churches reopen.

Please let me emphasise: if this were to put you under a burden then do not make an offering!

Re-Opening of Churches

We do not yet know when this will happen or exactly how, but it is time to start thinking about what will need to be done. Below are some thoughts of mine to get you thinking.

Firstly, please do not assume we know things you do not! I do not know when churches will open beyond what you see in the news. There are tentative moves to see how we can open up and what must be in place, but nothing definite yet.

Capacity of Churches

With everyone 2 metres apart that means we can only use every 3rd pew. This would allow:

- 56 in St Anthony's
- 50 in St Mark's

With every 3rd pew filled (assuming family groups) we could stretch to:

- 190 in St Anthony's
- 120 in St Mark's

But bear in mind that pews in St Anthony's can take around 14 people so it is unlikely they could be filled.

Private Prayer

For this we would need volunteers to open the churches, steward them and disinfect them.

Services

For this people would possibly have to "book" their place in advance so that there are not too many. We need to think how this can be done and someone needs to coordinate it. It cannot only be done through the internet as this disadvantages some.

We would also need volunteers to steward and disinfect the churches.

So again we have to think about how to do this.

Hands-free

I intend having TV screens fitted in both churches that will allow words for hymns etc to be displayed. This will be straightforward in St Anthony's so I will press ahead with it. The shape of St Mark's makes it a little more complicated so that will need more thought.

Streaming of Masses

This will continue from St Mark's for some time. In fact, I would like to continue it in perpetuity. I would then also look at setting up the same thing in St Anthony's. There are some people who will not be able to attend a service for some time so we should keep this going.

These are just some thoughts and I am sure that they will set off others in your heads. So please come back with your own ideas.

HYMNS FOR VIGIL MASS

Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come,
From thy bright heav'nly throne,
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand
His promise teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

Psalm

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.
Open my heart, O come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord.
O fill me with living water.

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people*

Lord, how I thirst, O Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life, and love and hope,
O fill me with living water.

Lord, I am blind. O Lord, I can't see!
Stretch out your hand, O Lord, comfort me.
Lead me your way in truth and in light,
O fill me with living water.

Communion

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Final Hymn

O guide our minds with thy blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which never decays
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peach unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee the eternal Son,
And thee, the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son;
The same to thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

HYMNS FOR CHILDREN'S MASS

Opening Hymn

This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day,
When he rose again ...

This is the day , this is the day,
When the Spirit came ...

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, Peace you bring to us;
We worship you, we give you thanks, We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord, Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One, And you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son, Glory, Holy Spirit,
To you we raise our hands up high, We glorify your name.

Communion Hymn

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy And the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.

Final Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free, Walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity, Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all, Walk, walk in the light;
The dead were wakened by his call, Walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me, Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see, Walk, walk in the light.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYERS TO OUR BLESSED LADY

First Prayer:

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot receive you Sacramentally now,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though you were already there,
I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you.

Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Online Masses (Youtube Channel CatholicG73)

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 1pm

Monday 1pm

Tues 7pm (with Novena to St Anthony)

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Online Rosary

Tues & Sat 1pm

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