



Our parish and school communities are eagerly and prayerfully preparing for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on our Confirmation candidates next Tuesday, 25 August 2020.

The past number of months of isolation, of upheaval and of uncertainty have caused our Confirmation candidates to find echoes of the isolation, upheaval and uncertainty which confronted the Apostles after the betrayal, crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The priests of the parish have prepared some additional resources for parents/guardians and sponsors in preparation for Tuesday's Confirmation Ceremony. **We are particularly keen that they learn the responses by heart which are marked in bold text** – especially the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the dialogue with the bishop. We also ask that they explore honestly and sincerely the invitation to take the Confirmation pledge.

www.navanparish.ie/preparing-for-confirmation-2020/



Next Tuesday's gathering of our Confirmation pupils will be their first (and last) time to be together as a school group since mid-March. They have grown up together over the past eight years in Primary School. As a parish community, we express our gratitude to all in our parish schools who have supported their journey of faith to this stage.

From Tuesday onwards, the Confirmed pupils will be asked to take a greater personal responsibility for their Catholic identity. This faith will be expressed in thought, prayer and action in the years ahead and we assure them of our prayers and support as they navigate the years ahead.

Mass Schedule:

*St Mary's: 6pm [Sat Vigil]
9am, 11am, 1pm [Sun]*

*St Oliver's: 7pm [Vigil]
8am, 10am, 12noon [Sun]*

Parish Office Hours

*Monday: 11am - 5pm
Tuesday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
[Lunch break daily from 1pm - 2pm]
Telephone: 046 902 7518
email: office@navanparish.ie*



*Monday - Saturday
9:30am (St Mary's)
Monday - Friday
7:30pm (St Oliver's)*

PRIEST ON DUTY: Fr Robert McCabe
FUNERAL DUTY: Fr Declan Hurley

"Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord!"

Last week the Bishops' Conference recommended and encouraged the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of physical distancing. Some people, for good reasons, are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in contexts where it is normally mandatory. Those same reasons apply when people come to Mass and should, of course, be respected.

The wearing of face coverings has not been made mandatory during public worship (e.g at Mass). This is, in part, due to the fact that, as churches, we are committed to maintaining physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, etc.

It remains our responsibility, however, to ensure that all who gather to worship in our Churches are kept safe. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can offer protection to the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbours.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be suspended on Tuesday of next week due to the celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Monday:** 5pm -6pm;
- Thursday:** 5pm - 6pm;
- Friday:** 4pm - 5pm & 5pm - 6pm;
- Saturday:** 3pm - 4pm;
- Sunday:** 2pm - 3pm

Contact: 046-907 0596



FEAST DAYS NEXT WEEK:

- Monday:** St. Bartholomew
- Thursday:** St. Monica
- Friday:** St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

RECENTLY BAPTISED

- Archie Ashton Barry**
- Grace Marie Clare Heavy**
- Aristeya Marija Staraityte**
- Kayden Sean Carpenter Duke**
- Alana Evie Burns**
- Seoidín Éabha Morrissey**
- Amber Rose Lawrence**

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

John Armstrong, St. Patrick' Terrace
Imelda Cassidy, Drumconrath

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Dates and times will be announced in line with government and health authority guidelines. Parents of candidates can enrol for email updates via sacraments@navanparish.ie

CONFESSIONS A confession area has been created in St. Mary's church. **ALL welcome** to celebrate God's mercy on Saturdays 12 noon - 1pm. Confessions in St Oliver's Church on Saturdays after the 7pm Mass.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a Baptism, please contact the Parish at office@navanparish.ie or 046 - 902 7518.

ALTAR SERVERS: We invite parents/guardians to contact the Parish Office to plan a return to duties.

To receive our parish bulletin by email, register at www.navanparish.ie/bulletin

Supporting Meals-on-Wheels: Anonymous €50; €150; €40

Supporting St. Vincent de Paul: €500 from **Noelle Ratty & Mary Smyth**, proceeds of making masks;

For parishioners who do not have internet, **Daily Mass** is on RTÉ News Now on Saorview 21 or Sky 521. *If you have appreciated the public broadcast of Mass, we encourage you to drop a note of thanks to The Religious Department, RTE, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.*

ACCORD free and confidential **Relationships Support Phone Line** offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic: **01 531 3331**

Navan Meals on Wheels is seeking applications for the position of Relief Kitchen Assistant to cover periods of sick leave and holiday leave.

Please send a letter and C.V. to The Chairperson, Navan Meals on Wheels, c/o St Mary's Parish Office, The Fairgreen, Navan, Co Meath, C15 X0A3 on or before Friday 28 August 2020.

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 23 - 29 AUGUST 2020

We invite families and neighbours of those listed below to join us via the webcam at the time arranged.

Saturday: St. Mary's 6:00pm Helen Moran, Commons Road (Month's Mind)

Sunday: St. Mary's 11:00am Patrick Pearse, Claremont Estate (First Anniversary)

St. Mary's 1:00pm Michael Reynolds, Abbeygrove (First Anniversary)

Tuesday is Confirmation Day for the Sixth Class pupils in our parish. Praise God!

Thursday: St. Mary's 9:30am Divine Mercy devotions before Mass

Saturday: St. Mary's 9:30am Anniversaries: Jacqueline McDonagh – John, Auden & Madeline O'Reilly – Joan Auden – Francie & Tera McDonagh – Paddy & Mary O'Connor – Ita Keyes Lowther – dec mem Devaney fam – Jimmie Watters & Joseph Mahon – Maisie Caffrey – Tom & Rose Kerr – Frank Lallaway – Michael & Mary Fox – Tom & Billy Swords – John & Jim Fitzgerald – Mary 'Maimie' McLoughlin (2) – Mary Monaghan – Sean Kelly – Moira Sheils – Mick & Molly Sheils – Patrick & Kathleen Sheils – Jack & Bridie Keogan – Joe Monaghan – Liam Spillane – Donna Spillane

Saturday: St. Mary's 6:00pm Paul Murray, St. Brigid's Villas (Month's Mind)

St. Oliver's 7:00pm Ann Smith, Graigs Lane, (First Anniversary)

Sunday: St. Oliver's 10:00am John Noel Foley, Blackcastle Estate (First Anniversary)

St. Mary's 11:00am Alice Mulvany, Trim Road (First Anniversary)

St. Mary's 1:00pm Pearl Forde, Parnell Park (First Anniversary)

St. Oliver's 2:00pm African Catholics' Community Mass

Masses requested: Elsie & Dessie Lallaway – Jenny Hurley – Sonny, Julia & Tommy Rogers – Jack & Mary Kelly – John & Wade Fitzpatrick – Peggy Murray (2) – Michael, Mary & Mickey Clifford – Michael, Mary & David Curley – Michael Mahon & Mary Rogers née Mahon – Teresa, Patrick, Jimmy & Anne Ratty

Sincere thanks to our Parishioners who delivered envelopes from Last Sunday's collection or who contributed by Standing Order last week. Thanks also to our online viewers and the new "virtual" parishioners who have made donations to support the running costs of the parish via www.paypal.me/NavanParish.

Contributions to last Sunday's collections from envelopes handed in at the Parish Office

Basket collection: €4,222

Development Fund: €2,020

August Offerings €859

COMMUNITY & LOCAL NOTICES

Sports Clubs and Community Groups in Meath (delivering sport & physical activity) COVID-19 Club Small Grants of up to €1,500 through **Meath Local Sports Partnership (LSP)**. See www.meathsports.ie or call 046-906 7337.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: is open seven days a week, 8:00am – 8:00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Dowdstown Counselling Services offer counselling on a wide range of issues.

You can contact us on 046 903 1196. Website: dowdstowncounsellingservices.com

St Vincent de Paul Confidential line: 1800 677 777

Junior and Leaving Higher Maths Classes start in Sept in Navan Ed Centre. Tel (086) 4076495